

## Broadbase International Newsletter – December 2008

In this suitably festive Christmas edition of our newsletter we'd like to let you know what our hours are over the Christmas and New Year period, and take a look at what you need to know about Christmas food in New Zealand.

### Broadbase International Holiday Season Hours

The Broadbase Christchurch office will be closed from December 23 and re-opening on January 12, but Jeremy will be [checking his email](#) throughout and will also have his mobile phone handy if you have any urgent queries, (+64) 21 498 058 from overseas or 021 498 058 from within New Zealand.

Steve is heading back to the UK from December 17 to January 29. Please contact Jeremy if you have any questions over this period, as Steve will not be checking his email regularly.

### Christmas Cooking New Zealand Style

If it is your first Christmas in New Zealand, you may be interested to hear that:

- Kiwis generally enjoy a hot roast meal on Christmas day; it is not generally a really hot day, so this is not as crazy as it sounds.
- Ham is very popular in New Zealand for the festive meal. Most hams are sold pre-cooked, so do not need the hours boiling that UK gammon does - you just need to glaze and re-heat them, [which can even be done on the BBQ if you have a lid](#).
- New Zealand does not have single and double cream as in the UK. Standard New Zealand cream has a 35% fat content, while double cream in the UK has a 48% fat content. You can use NZ standard (red top) cream for whipping, pouring and cooking in the same way as double cream, but the closest NZ cream equivalent for spooning is thickened cream with a 40% fat content, which has gelatine added. UK single cream has a 18% fat content, similar to "lite" cream in NZ if you are converting UK recipes. Lite creams cannot be whipped.
- NZ and UK use the same standard 250ml cup, 5ml teaspoon and 15ml tablespoon. Just to be difficult, Australians use a 20ml tablespoon, so double-check any recipes you use from Australian books and magazines.
- If you are asked to "bring a plate" to a function in New Zealand, that means a plate of finger food to share.

### Until next month then...

Wishing you and your family all the very best for the festive season, whether you are spending it in New Zealand, the UK, or somewhere else. Please feel free to contact [Jeremy](#) or [Steve](#) any time if you have any questions about the financial side of life in New Zealand.

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