

THE GIFT OF AN ORGANISED CHRISTMAS

When you think of Christmas, do you think of fun times and celebrations with loved ones, or groan at the thought of all the things you need to do? This Christmas, focus on the good times and get organised with these handy tips for the festive season from The Australasian Association of Professional Organisers (AAPO).

OUT WITH THE OLD

Involve the family and complete a pre-Christmas clean out. Clear out unwanted toys, clothes and accessories. Donate items in good condition to a local charity.

PLAY SANTA

Draft a list of gift suggestions for everyone you wish to buy for. Do some research by browsing store catalogues, websites or make phone calls so you know exactly where to go.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Start planning the menu and pre-order your ham from the local butcher to pick up on Christmas Eve. Purchase many of the pantry items early to spread the cost and store them in a separate area in the pantry.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Make your holiday arrangements early to avoid disappointment and pay less. When packing your bags, create a list in advance and give yourself plenty of time to pack well.

WELCOME YOUR GUESTS

This time of year means visitors and overnight guests. Prepare the spare room for overnight guests. Add finishing touches like fresh flowers, a fragranced candle, bedside lamp and an alarm clock for their comfort. PN

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