



# ANDAR

60 YEARS OF ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE



## Stand alone success but integral to ANDAR

An integral part of the ANDAR business, The Front Store evolved out of the original engineering business. Initially set up to stock materials and parts to service the needs of the very busy engineering workshop, the local community quickly became aware that they could source the parts they required from ANDAR too.

This local demand grew right from the early days and while the exact date that The Front Store started trading as a separate identity is not actually known, an engineering store was established in 1970 on the Seadown Road site.

Since this time The Front Store has grown into a successful standalone business in its own right employing 17 staff, across three stores - Washdyke, Timaru Port and Ashburton - serving a diverse range of customers from Rakaia to the Waitaki Valley.

The Washdyke branch has grown up among a thriving industrial area, servicing manufacturing, agricultural and local process industries to the north of Timaru. Set up in 2005, the Ritchie Street branch is located within the Timaru Port servicing providing, heavy industry, fishing fleets and the needs of the agricultural market to the south of Timaru.

The latest addition to The Front Store family, CM Engineering Supplies, was purchased by ANDAR in 2006 and operates from a site in Moore Street, Ashburton. A well established business, CM Engineering Supplies services a market dominated by heavy industry, a broad agricultural base, manufacturing, a large number of cropping farms and expanding processing factories.

The Front Store lays claim to carrying the largest range of engineering sup-

plies in Canterbury. The business has been built on a philosophy of carrying a broad range, providing excellent customer service and being able to source almost anything to meet a need.

With a slogan that says 'Seriously Good Gear' the company has a reputation of supplying good quality, built to last. Supporting this is the commitment to the core products of bearings and seals, chain and sprockets, v-belts and pulleys, fasteners and a large range of hand tools, power tools, air tools, trailer parts and industrial gearboxes.

Established alongside an engineering workshop, The Front Store is unique in its ability to provide solutions to customer problems. Sales manager Clayton Holland believes that there is nothing better than working with your customers: "A lot of our business is built around keeping people's

plant and machinery running and we understand the importance of getting the right part, on time and at the right price," he says.

The business operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week - after hours service is provided for those urgent breakdowns.

"Each branch carries a slightly different range of stock to suit their local market and it is this flexibility that allows us to react quickly and service our customer's needs," Clayton said.

With over 190 years of experience within the The Front Store and CM Engineering Supplies teams they are proud to be a part of Canterbury's engineering history and look forward to being a bigger part in its future.



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