



Simmonds Tyres

BRIDGESTONE Firestone



Winter 2020

Kia ora and welcome to our Winter newsletter.

The world has changed since our last newsletter – coronavirus has altered all our lives. While Andrew, Anita and Drew were doing essential work under Level 4 lockdown, it meant in the afternoons we were all able to do the jobs and hobbies that we usually don't have time for! Andrew and Georgia restored an old XR600 motorbike that had been in pieces for literally years.

We have been extremely busy since we came back under Level 3, which we think is a reflection of everyone getting out and doing stuff. We've had very interesting conversations with people about their take on everything, and everyone agrees we all need to see more of our own beautiful country. Just make sure your tyres are in good nick before you head out of town 😊.

Georgia has nearly finished her Masters of Environmental Management and is busy job hunting. Drew's graduation from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Commerce was delayed due to COVID but we're really happy that it's now going to happen in September. Now to get a job that doesn't involve fitting tyres for the old man 😊.

Keep healthy, drive safe and we look forward to seeing you again in store.

Take care everyone, Andrew & Anita, Georgia & Drew Simmonds, James, Bruce, Jason & Will

HAVE A "STAYCATION"

School holidays are here, so if you're planning on taking the family out of town, check your tyres first. If you're needing tyres, we have our Bridgestone and Firestone tyres on sale. (Usual T's & C's apply). Give us a call on 07 3490034 with your tyre size and we'll get you sorted.



SALE ENDS 31 JULY 2020



Bring in your AA Smartfuel card when you make any purchase with us to earn fuel discounts at BP.

S.I.M.M.O. REMINDERS

Due to the rising costs of postage, we no longer send reminders out by mail. However we can text or email them to you. Call Anita on 3490034 or email anita@simmondstyres.co.nz and we can get that sorted for you.

STAFF PROFILE

JAMES MARSTERS

We had our 23rd birthday in June, as well as our Service Manager, James Marsters', 10 year anniversary with us while we were in lockdown.

James is the man who will sort out your mag wheel and tyre needs – he's passionate not only about making your vehicle look great, but ensuring that what we do is right. We frequently have people come in that have bought a set of wheels online, only to find that they won't actually fit their vehicle as the offset is wrong (despite what the seller might be telling them....). If you're thinking about giving your car or 4WD a facelift, come in and talk to James first. Better to get it right first time than make an online purchase you may regret!



James Marsters, Service Manager

ROAD HAZARD WARRANTY

Did you know that you can purchase our Road Hazard Warranty for Bridgestone, Firestone, Supercat and Dayton tyres? For 10% of the cost of the tyre you can get free puncture repairs, free replacement if the tyre can't be repaired for the first 12 months or 12,000km (whichever comes first) and pro rata replacement after that. If you like the sound of that, ask about it when you come in store. T's and C's apply.



WEAR LIFE GUARANTEE

We offer this 50,000km guarantee on the Bridgestone Serenity tyre when you purchase 4 and a wheel alignment at the same time. These tyres come with extra tread so if you're wanting a tyre that's going to give you great mileage we would recommend you look at these. Again, T's & C's apply.



SIMMO'S TYRE TIPS – MAINTENANCE

Just a few basic checks to make on your vehicles on a semi regular basis.

Tuesday night driving home to Hamurana this week, Anita and myself decided to count the number of vehicles with faulty headlights heading toward us, (and bearing in mind this was just one direction of traffic), there were 20 vehicles with faulty lights; usually one not working. So it would be a good idea every now and then to check that your lights all round are working including indicators, park lights etc. The WOF man will pick these faults up, but with longer WOF intervals a problem can easily go unnoticed.

Tyres should be checked too, especially front tyres. The majority of smaller cars are front wheel drive and wear their front tyres twice as fast on the front. Turn your front wheels on full lock and check the inside tread area as it is hard to see with the wheels straight. You can spot a potential wheel alignment issue too.

Batteries can be another issue too during the lockdown period. A lot of batteries went flat through lack of use. If you are not using your vehicle for an extended time it's a good idea to put a trickle charger on the battery to maintain it because if a battery is constantly going flat then being recharged it will fail in fairly quick time.

Cheers, Simmo



GLUTEN FREE FLATBREAD

While Georgia was home over lockdown we were trying all sorts of different meals. Georgia would make her gluten free flatbread and we'd have a mezze platter with harissa spiced chicken pieces, tzatziki, hummus, haloumi and whatever other bits and pieces we felt like. This recipe is from Tasty and there's a video of the method as well <https://tasty.co/recipe/4-ingredient-gluten-free-dough-flatbread>

Ingredients for 6 servings

1 cup full-fat greek yogurt (285 g)
2 cups gluten-free flour blend (250 g), plus more for flouring
2 teaspoons baking powder
salt, as desired

Preparation

In a large bowl, mix together the yogurt, gluten-free flour blend, baking powder, and salt until a dough forms.

Transfer the dough to a lightly-floured surface and flatten into an 8-inch (20 cm) disk.

Cut the disk into 4 equal parts and flatten each part to about ¼ inch (6 mm) thick.

Very carefully transfer the dough pieces to a nonstick pan preheated over medium heat.

Cook each side of the flatbread until well browned.

Enjoy!

(Picture left is not our mezze platter but a good example of one with flatbreads, feta, tzatziki, dolmades, roasted peppers, olives, hummus, artichoke hearts... only limited by your imagination!)

