



Simmonds Tyres

BRIDGESTONE Firestone



Spring 2016

Kia ora - why not grab a cuppa and take 5 minutes to read our Spring newsletter...

Every change of season brings something new to consider - home and garden maintenance like having to mow lawns or the yearly spring clean. With your car it's going from a beautiful warm fine day to cold squally showers that suddenly flood the road. That makes it more difficult for your tyres - what works fine on a dry road may not handle so well in slippery wet conditions. Remember also if we get some rain after a few days of warm fine weather it can make the roads pretty slippery.

We've also got our most popular sale on again - "Buy 1 get the 2nd half price" on selected Bridgestone car and 4WD tyres. Sale is on until 23 September and only while stocks last. Call us on 3490034 with your tyre size and we can let you know how much you can save!

That's all for now - take care and have a great day, Anita & Andrew, Georgia & Drew Simmonds, James Marsters, Bruce Henderson & Jason Walker

Pink Caps on Sale now

PINK YOUR RIDE
BUY YOUR PINK TYRE VALVE CAPS FOR \$2 EACH.

100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEW ZEALAND BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION. AVAILABLE AT SIMMONDS TYRES.



We have the Bridgestone pink valve caps on sale again now to raise funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. They are \$2 each and all proceeds go to the Foundation. And with (ta da) Christmas just around the corner, these pink caps make great little presents or stocking fillers. Get in quick!

Reminder...

Now's a good time to go out and check your tyres and wheel alignment sticker to see if you're due to come back and see us.



If you're not sure, just pop in to see us on the corner of Ranolf & Eruera Streets and we'll take a look for you.

Staff (Family) News

Georgia turned 21 in August - considering she wasn't even 2 years old when we opened, Simmonds Firestone has been a huge part of her life. She's helped out in the office and been our "gofer" during holidays, and it was great to have our boys at her 21st celebrations. She's over halfway through her BSc (majoring in Environmental Science and minoring in Earth Science) at Massey in Palmerston North and wants to specialise in Hydrology - growing up around the Rotorua lakes has had a huge impact on her!

Drew only has a couple more months at JPC, and then he will be off to university as well next year. So we'll lose our extra Saturday person at work, but also means that Anita & Andrew will have a very quiet house without children or exchange students - and a bit more free time!



Anita, Drew, Georgia & Andrew at Georgia's 21st birthday

Corn Fritters (see recipe)



Health & Safety

We pride ourselves on the fact that in over 19 years of trading we have never had a serious accident (touch wood!) and we want to continue that for the next 19 years! In order to help us with that, we appreciate it if you understand our request to remain out of the workshop area while we're working on your car.



Silage Tyres

If you're interested in getting some of our old tyres for your silage stacks, give Andrew a call on 3490034 and we can possibly even deliver a load or two to you.



Georgia's Corn Fritters

The one thing Georgia wanted from us for her 21st birthday was her own recipe book filled with handwritten recipes from Anita. It took quite a few nights of writing (proper cursive - none of this printing or typewritten stuff!) One of the recipes Georgia requested was Anita's recipe for Corn Fritters. They're perfect using leftover corn on the cob (and with summer on the way there'll be plenty of that around!)

Ingredients

2 eggs

1 large dollop sour cream

Either corn cut from 3 large cooked corn cobs or 6 small cobbettes, or

1 x tin sweetcorn, drained (not creamed)

1 tsp salt

1/2 cup self rising flour (**you may need more if there's lots of corn come off the cobs!**)

Pinch cayenne pepper

Sprinkle chilli flakes

1/4 cup grated cheese

Milk to make thick batter

Rice bran or canola oil

Optional - 1 tbsp chopped fresh coriander

Method

In a small bowl, whisk eggs and sour cream together and set aside. In another bowl, sift flour, salt, cayenne pepper together, add chilli flakes and grated cheese and mix. If using coriander, add now. Add corn kernels and coat with flour. Add egg mix and sufficient milk to make a thick batter that will hold onto the corn.

Heat oil in an electric frypan (better to control heat) - oil should be deep enough to come slightly up the sides of the fritter. Drop large spoonfuls of mix into hot oil, and cook on a medium heat until bubbles appear on fritter and looking dryish on top. Flip over and cook other side. Place on warm plate with handee towels to absorb excess oil.

Serve with bacon, avocado, tomato and your favourite relish for an awesome Sunday brunch. Also goes well with Sweet Thai Chilli sauce!

Simmo's Tyre Tips

Spring is here now and it's that time of year when it's a good idea to have a look at the boat trailer, garden trailer, caravan tyres etc to assess their condition: whether they are inflated properly, good amount of tread, and not cracked or damaged.

The last thing you need on your holidays is tyres letting you down, so spend 5 minutes and have a good look at them. If you're not sure, bring your trailer in and we can inflate the tyres to the correct pressure and assess condition for you.

Do you have a spare wheel for your trailer? This can be a real problem with older trailers as a lot of the rims used on them are obsolete and extremely difficult to get. But with some forward notice we may be able to help find a spare rim. (Saves getting stranded on the side of the road with no spare!)

With older trailers another good idea is to pull the tyres off and give the rims a birthday sandblast if required, and paint (I've just done wheels on my own trailer). That way they will last a whole lot longer and won't give you issues ie rust flakes causing punctures in tubes. Just bring the wheels in - we can strip them apart and organise blasting and painting too if you like. Call in and see me if you need some help getting this done.

Anyway happy days from us - summer's coming!
Simmo

For more tyre tips, go to our website: www.simmondsfirestone.co.nz/simmos-tyre-tips

