



## Merry Christmas!

Not long to go until Christmas so if you're heading away on a summer holiday, make sure you check not only the tyres (including the spare!) on your car, but also all your "other" vehicle. Andrew talks about that in his Tyre Tips. →

If you are needing tyres before your summer holiday, check out our specials for December. Whether you're wanting something top of the range for your vehicle that goes out of town regularly, or a budget option for the shopping basket that just zips around town - we'll have something to suit.

Georgia is coming home from Christchurch for Christmas which will be great. Now that Drew is living in London it will be very strange not having the whole family at home. He and his partner Sally have settled in well, got a nice flat and both working at jobs they love. A potential white Christmas will be a novelty for them. They've even had snow already!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noël, Feliz Navidad, Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Manuia le kirisimasi, Frohe Weihnachten, Nollaig Chridheil, Glædelig jul!

Take care and as always, drive safe,  
Andrew, Anita, Georgia & Drew Simmonds, and all the team

## Simmo's Tyre Tips

Holidays are nearly here! It's that time of year again where we prepare for the holiday season. Some of our boat trailers, caravans, jet skis, camper vans and garden trailers etc have sat idle for a few months or more, so now is the time to run a critical eye over them.

Tyres deteriorate in the high UV sun we have here in NZ, and can end up with weather cracking. Tyres like this have a tendency to fail badly leaving you stranded if you don't carry a spare or with a job you don't need on the side of the road.

Another hidden problem can be wheel bearings on your trailer; these can deteriorate while parked up. A bad bearing can completely fail while driving and if this happens you lose the whole wheel and hub assembly which could end your trip. So our advice is to check everything, or if you're not sure, bring in your trailer etc and we can cast a professional eye over it and give you a heads up on any potential problems.



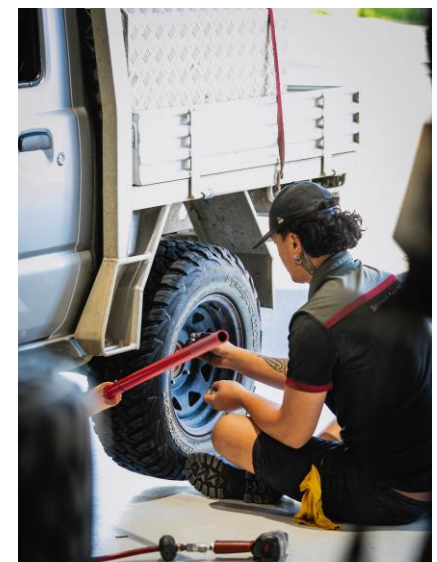
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## Holiday trading hours

HOLIDAY HOURS	
Wednesday 24 December	7.30am to 1pm
Thursday 25 December	CLOSED
Friday 26 December	CLOSED
Saturday 27 December	8.30am to 12 noon
Sunday 28 December	CLOSED
Monday 29 December	7.30am to 5pm
Tuesday 30 December	7.30am to 5pm
Wednesday 31 December	7.30am to 1pm
Thursday 1 January	CLOSED
Friday 2 January	CLOSED
Saturday 3 January	CLOSED
Sunday 4 January	CLOSED
Monday 5 January USUAL TRADING HOURS RESUME	

## Workshop floor painting

We have organized for our workshop floor to be painted over the holiday period so we will be closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January as well to enable it to cure properly and be ready to drive on for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.





## From the archives...

When you pop in, you'll see an old newspaper cutting from 2000 that a lovely customer dropped off for us. Not only have tyre sizes got much bigger in the last 25 years but prices have changed a lot too! Mind you so have Anita & Andrew in the last 25 years!



Waaaay back when, Firestone used to have a tyre called the "Cavallino". We had one of our long time customers call in with one of these on his trailer which had unfortunately perished and was no longer fit for purpose. Anita was hoping it was a fabric tyre that we could make a tyre swing out of, but unfortunately for her it was a steel belted radial. Tyre swings that are the cut out version are definitely getting rarer! Now it's the good ol' rope around the tyre version! Plenty of us have played on those over the years 😊 (the ultimate in recycling!)



## December specials



## Special ends 31 December.

If you're needing tyres, check out our website for more info:

[www.simmondstyres.co.nz](http://www.simmondstyres.co.nz)

We can get you sorted before your summer holiday.

## Tyrewise

You might have seen the ads on TV for Tyrewise and the recycling that's happening with NZ's end of life tyres. If you would like more information, go to:

<https://www.tyrewise.co.nz/a-fine-use-for-recycled-tyres>

They have a few case studies of interest.

## Christmas Crack



## Lucy's recipe – Best Ever Christmas Crack

Lucy has made this lots of times and brought us some in to try. A lovely treat to have for the visitors over the holiday season.

### Ingredients

6 Arnott's Salada Original Crispbread  
160g (1 cup lightly packed) brown sugar  
125g salted butter, chopped  
2 x 180g blocks dark chocolate, melted  
100g white chocolate, melted  
50g green and red M&M minis  
Silver cachous, to decorate

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 deg C. Line a 20cmx30cm slice pan with baking paper, allowing the paper to overhang the 2 long sides. Place crispbread over the base of the prepared pan in an even layer.
2. Combine the sugar and butter in a small saucepan. Cook, stirring over medium heat until butter melts and the mixture is smooth. Bring to the boil. Cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until thickened.
3. Pour the sugar mixture evenly over the crispbread. Place in the oven and bake for 5 minutes or until sugar mixture is bubbling
4. Pour the dark chocolate over the crispbread and use a palette knife to smooth. Set aside until set.
5. Drizzle over white chocolate and sprinkle with M&M's and cachous. Set aside until set completely. Break into pieces to serve.

You can store this Christmas Crack in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 10 days, but it is best fresh.

