

# SIMMONDS TYRES

BRIDGESTONE Firestone

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## Welcome to Spring!

Last month Anita and Andrew had a week in the South Island with friends and were able to spend some time with Georgia in Queenstown. The boys were on their motorbikes but the girls flew down then hired a car. We all had to travel through some snow flurries at Macraes Flat (near Hyde) but luckily it wasn't a major. Andrew loves getting away down South on his motorbike, and although it's always a quick trip there and back it's a good break with friends and family.

Drew has left Bridgestone and is now working for Würth in Wellington and loving it. Anita caught up with Drew a couple of weeks ago there. Had a great weekend - it's always good to see the kids!

Winter was a wet one and it seems that all over NZ potholes are a recurring theme. We have never had so many damaged wheels and tyres coming in after hitting one of these monsters that are lurking around! One day we had TEN cars come in with damage after hitting a biggie up on the Mamakus. Be ultra careful when driving and do your best to avoid them. Read Simmo's Tyre Tips over the page.

Cheers! Andrew & Anita,  
Georgia & Drew Simmonds,  
James, Will, Justin & Te Hira

## Tyres fit for a king....

We've got some "majestic" specials this month. Either call us on 073490034 or pop in with your car and we can get tyres sussed for you quick smart. With the spring driving conditions (fine one minute and squally showers the next) you want to make sure that your tyres are in good nick.

## Current Offers

Buy 1 Get 1 Half Price on  
selected Bridgestone car,  
and 4x4 tyres and  
Firestone 4x4/SUV and  
van tyres

Valid until 4pm 31st  
October 2022.



## Staff News



L-R Will, Justin, Simmo, Anita,  
James & Te Hira

We'd like to congratulate Te Hira and Terina on the birth of their beautiful baby girl recently. Will and Hester's baby is due soon and he will be away for a while with his family.

Some of you may recall Malcolm Denham who worked with us right at the very beginning and features in our anniversary book. Malcolm passed away recently after a short illness. We'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge an amazing man who was an immensely hard worker, who was always on the go and organising all his friends to get involved in his next plan. He and Andrew had worked together at Firestone on Te Ngae Road when we first moved to Rotorua in 1988 and we have remained friends ever since. He will be sorely missed and our condolences go to his family.



## Simmo's Tyre Tips – Potholes and the damage they can do...

With the condition of our roads at the moment you need to be extra vigilant as to what you drive over, through, or round. Some of the potholes on the roads have potential to seriously damage the wheels, tyres and suspension on your vehicle. We have seen over the winter months dozens of damaged wheels and tyres due to this – which costs a lot of money to put right. Wheels have cracks and large dents requiring an engineer to straighten them; wheel alignments need doing too as suspension components can be bent or put out of specification if hit hard enough. A lot of this damage gets picked up at WOF time which causes delays and inconvenience. So when you're out there driving stay alert and try not to drive over potholes if you can help it. Cheers, Simmo



Justin holding up a wheel broken in half after hitting a large pothole.

## Office revamp

We've started revamping our Reception area. After 25 years it's time to "retire" it. We're firm believers in using local businesses who also use us. Adlam Painters have given us a fresh new look on all the interior spaces. Vandyks have installed new carpet and Lee Bros are building us a custom desk which is being installed at the end of the month. It means that James and the guys will have their own space to sit down with customers and work out mag and tyre deals, show them images and make it a whole lot more comfortable for everyone. We can't wait! (Anita may or may not have put her foot down that it was now her turn to keep up to date with equipment...!) Stand by for photos in the summer newsletter!



## Baileys Chocolate Cheesecake

When Anita was a teenager, her mum, Alison, used to make the most delicious no-bake Baileys Chocolate Cheesecake for a special dessert. It was a typical 70's dessert and she hasn't been able to find the same recipe again, but this one is pretty darn close. Super easy and all you need to do to make it gluten-free is swap out the digestive biscuits for a GF option.

### Ingredients

100g butter  
250g digestive biscuits, crushed (I use chocolate wafers)  
100g plain chocolate  
50ml cream  
150g white chocolate  
100ml Baileys © or other cream liqueur  
250g Philadelphia cream cheese

### Method

(Prep 20 minutes. Extra time 3 hours, setting)

1. Gently melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the crushed biscuits and mix until the butter has been fully absorbed. Press the mixture in the bottom of a springform tin and leave in the fridge to set.
2. In the meantime, melt the plain chocolate in a bowl placed on top of a saucepan with hot water. Make sure there is a gap between the bowl and the hot water and the water is not boiling as too hot a temperature would spoil the chocolate.
3. Once the chocolate is melted, add the cream, mix well and leave on the side. Melt the white chocolate using the same technique. Mix the dark chocolate with the white one, slowly adding Baileys ©.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk the cream cheese, add the chocolate mixture and beat for a couple of minutes until smooth and fluffy.
5. Place the mixture on top of the biscuit base and leave in the fridge to set for at least 3 hours. I tend to leave it overnight.
6. Decorate as desired – either whipped cream, chocolate shavings or even chocolate sauce and berries!

See picture on the left for decoration inspiration!

