

# SIMMONDS TYRES

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## Welcome to our Spring edition

It's been a busy year for us so far as everyone seems to be "out there doing it" and wearing out tyres. Which made us think, so read further on about our summer photo competition.

We've had some interesting conversations this year with people while they're waiting for their car to be done. And when they're ready to go, the usual comment is "Oh it's done already? That was quick!"

(Well we do have the fastest tyre fitter in NZ here courtesy of James! And the rest of the boys are no slouches either...) It's the great unknown with Covid, and we are all hoping that we can avoid any further lockdowns. If we do go into Level 4 again, be assured that we have our phones diverted to Andrew's mobile phone so you can still get hold of us for any emergency work.

But enough about Covid - we're all "tired" of it (ok a little Dad joke there...) Now that it's spring, everyone's starting to think about summer holidays.

We are still experiencing some stock shortages so it's a good idea to check your tyres now and if you they'll need replacing before heading off on your summer trip, order them in now. We can backorder tyres for you and you'll be all set for December!

## Weather/road watch

Spring weather can be all over the show - lovely fine days mixed up with squally showers and very wet roads. Combined with the potholes around Rotorua, it can make for treacherous driving. Try to avoid the potholes as you can damage a rim or even wreck a tyre. If you have hit a pothole, it's a good idea to get a wheel alignment and tyre check done afterwards.



## WORKSHOP FLOOR RECOATING

It was meant to be happening over Labour Weekend but because Auckland is still in lockdown and that's where the contractor is coming from, it's been put on hold. But we've been told we are "first cab off the rank" when they can travel to Rotorua, so it may be a situation when we are going to be closed on a Saturday at short notice. We will keep you posted.

We're looking forward to having a bright, shiny, clean floor!

## Simmo's Tyre Tips

Does your car's steering wheel vibrate in your hands while driving at highway speeds? If so, you may have a wheel balance issue. Vehicles these days have reasonably light suspension components so when there is a balance issue it will manifest itself with the steering wheel shaking in your hand at highway speeds. We balance wheels with either stick on strips of weight for alloy rims or bang on weights if wheels are standard steel type. What is actually happening when your wheels are rotating is that the heavy spot on the tyre and rim combination is trying to lift the wheel through centrifugal force off the road when it reaches the top, then pushing down at the bottom of the wheel's rotation. The amount of force generated by only 35 grams of imbalance at 100kph is approximately 8 kilograms trying to lift the wheel up then down in rapid succession and this in turn transmits through the steering to you as a vibration or shake. A problem than can seem like balance i.e., your steering wheel shakes at slow speeds and seems to get better the faster you go is more than likely a tyre that is coming apart (separating) and needs to be replaced. The steering wheel will wobble at slow speed and turn into a vibration at faster speeds.

If you're not sure if it's a balance issue or tyre issue, just bring your car in and we can take it for a quick test drive and inspect the tyres to figure out what the problem is.

## Young driver safety



James and his teenage son, Bennett, recently did the Driver Directions programme for young drivers. It was a very worthwhile programme and James thoroughly recommends it for your teenage driver.

Driver Directions is a practical, 1-day programme that gives young drivers an opportunity to upskill on important aspects of driving in a safe off-road environment under the watchful eye of their parent/caregiver. Young drivers are guided through a variety of skill based activities such as:

- Braking
- Parking, reversing and low speed manoeuvres
- Emergency reactions/awareness
- Stopping distances
- Crash avoidance / hazard detection
- Vehicle maintenance

The course is held in Mamaku from 9am-3.30pm on two dates each school holidays; lunch is provided and the course is FREE of charge. Participation requires a young person who holds a learners or restricted licence to attend in a car, accompanied by someone who has held a full licence for at least 2 years.

The next courses are being held on 20 & 21 April 2022. To register and find out more information go to [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-services/safeandsustainablejourneys/roadsafety/young-driver-programmes](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-services/safeandsustainablejourneys/roadsafety/young-driver-programmes)

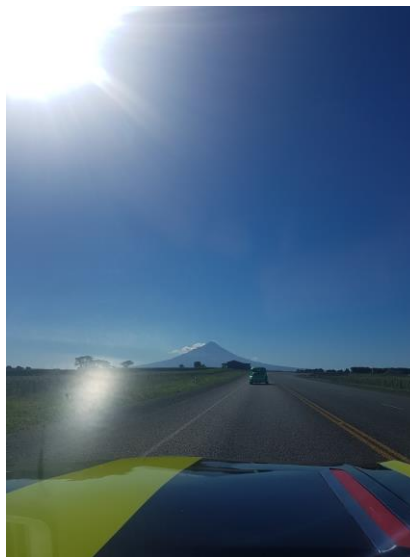
## Summer Photo Competition

A few weeks ago, Anita was talking to Georgia in Christchurch when Georgia noticed that there was a car in front of her with our Simmonds Tyres sticker on the back windscreen. Which is pretty cool, and got us thinking. In the spirit of how everyone's travelling around our beautiful country this year, we'd like to invite you to send us a photograph of your car in whatever location you end up in this summer. It could be your 4WD on a beach with the kontiki out, or on a layby overlooking one of the southern lakes... You're only limited by your imagination. The only condition is that it's got to show your tyres and our sticker on the back windscreen. If you need a sticker call in and grab one from the front counter.

Of course there's a prize - the best photo will win \$100 Prezzy Card so you can use it wherever you like.

Send your photo to [anita@simmondstyres.co.nz](mailto:anita@simmondstyres.co.nz).

Entries close 31 January 2022 so you have plenty of time to get it to us. Bring it on!



Have a great day, drive safe and we look forward to seeing you in store soon.

Andrew & Anita, Georgia & Drew Simmonds  
James Marsters, Bruce Henderson, Will Flanagan & Justin Walmsley

## Ena's Scotch Rolls

Andrew's mother is Scots and always makes the best rolls. Excuse the Imperial measurements!

### Ingredients

- 1 oz compressed yeast
- 1 tsp sugar
- 5 fluid oz vegetable oil (i.e. rice bran or canola oil)
- 1.5 pints milk & water
- 3 lb flour
- 1 tsp salt

### Method

Mash yeast and sugar in a 2 litre jug until it liquefies. Add the oil and milk/water mix.

In a large bowl add the flour and salt. Make a well in the centre and pour in the yeast mixture.

Stir until it comes together in a stiff dough, cover with a damp tea towel and put somewhere warm to rise until double in bulk. (It will take about 2-3 hours).

Once it's risen, punch down and put onto a floured bench. Have 2 x floured trays ready. Cut dough into pieces (makes 16 rolls or 2 x loaves). If making rolls, shape as per the picture and place on trays. Leave to rise until half the size again. Glaze with egg wash, sprinkle with sesame or poppy seeds if liked. Cook in a very hot oven with rack slightly above half way. Rolls will take 15 minutes, loaves about 25 minutes.

When cooked, leave to cool on a wire rack so that they don't sweat and go soggy.

