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Check out our website
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Some other websites you may like to check out -
www.vwownersclub.co.nz
www.audi.com
www.volkswagen.com



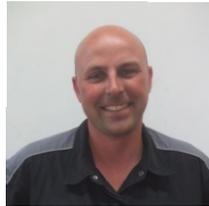
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- ◆ Technicians trained in - **VW... Audi ... Mercedes ... BMW**

Reminder from Vagn :



If you are planning to hitch up your caravan, boat, trailer or horse float, and head off for a well-deserved summer break, here are a few things you may like to think about before you take off. Firstly check the lights, indicators and brake lights. It is important to have the correct towbar for the vehicle and the job you wish it to do, as well as the correct

fitting to the vehicle. Second hand towbars are generally not a wise option. Inadequate tow couplings or safety chains can lead to serious - even fatal - accidents. Towbars come in varying grades and specifications and must be matched to the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

And don't forget to increase the distance between you and the car in front of you. Extra weight means extra distance is needed to stop.

Needless to say, don't forget the car itself. If it is working under increased loading, it will need to be in tip top condition. Let us complete that pre-holiday **FULL VEHICLE SERVICE** so you can have a 'trouble-free' journey.

For all of December, we are offering 10% off all FULL SERVICES on your Audi, Volkswagen or Skoda.

Happy holidays - from the 'Team' at Qualitat



Qualitat European Motors

Proud to be associated with, and sponsoring the 2011 VW Nationals to be held at Easter 2011 and based at Orewa.

Celebrating 21 years of supporting this great event in the calendar of any self-respecting VW enthusiast.

For more details visit
<http://www.vwnationals.co.nz/>



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**News from Spares -**

We still have some of the 1600 Twinport VW factory long-block motors available. These motors may not always be readily available, so if you are doing a 'restoration project' why not *act now*, and avoid disappointment later.

ATTENTION:

**VW Air-cooled customers:
Available now -
New 1600 Twinport VW
factory long-block motors.**

****** December Special ******

**Book your VW, Audi or Skoda for a
FULL Service for December**

RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT



Only if you mention you saw this ad in the newsletter!
Conditions apply

**Warrant of Fitness reminders by email:**

For customers who would like to receive their *warrant of fitness reminders* by email instead of by post - please contact us on

office@qualitat.co.nz

Please ensure you supply your - **full name**
car registration number
email address.

Have you ever wondered what happens to your old tyres?

Last year an EU Directive banned the disposal of almost all tyres in landfill sites. How long will it be before we too, have similar restrictions in place? So what can you do with old car tyres?

Tyre reprocessing is becoming a new and emerging industry. Just as well, as there is a limit to how many painted tyre swans any garden can take, and how many potatoes one needs to grow inside the built up tyres.

Overseas, some are recycled into such products as carpet underlay, or road surfaces. Granulated tyres are used as mulch instead of bark. It doesn't rob plants of moisture, pests don't breed in it, and it's good for drainage. They never need replacing like bark, and evidently cats and dogs do not like it as a loo. Already sounds like a good idea! (May be a good little business for someone to pick up on).

Some countries - Israel, USA, Australia, and Philippines have laid down tyres in the sea to form artificial reefs. Any potentially toxic materials appear to be stabilised by the underwater environment. As well as providing a habitat for fish, and other marine life, seaweed grows happily on the tyre reefs.

Above the ground, old tyres are also used to make "rubber rocks" for building coastal defences.



Above - tyre bales being used to build up an embankment for either a river, or as a coastal wall.

100% Recycled Materials.

Playground surfaces based on rubber granules are a softer, safer option than previously used surfaces. Athletic tracks are also being finished with this type of surface.

Some uses you could try yourself around your own property are -

Raised planting beds -

great for potatoes, and other plants like rhubarb.

Car tyre swing

Boat bumper

Children's adventure playground -

just add your imagination for this one.

Sand pits -

larger tractor tyres are best for this.

Mini greenhouse -

just cover with a piece of clear polythene to create a mini propagator.

Composter or Wormery -

just stack and fill, removing one tyre at a time from the top when using the contents into your garden.

An interesting web site to consider, should you be unfortunate enough to have your car stolen, or suspect you may have spotted one that may be, is -

www.spotter.co.nz

This web site offers rewards starting from \$150 for information leading to the recovery of stolen vehicles. They work with several insurance companies, and the police are also showing an interest in the results of this novel recovery method.

Keep your eyes open!!

Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspections

Qualitat offers a comprehensive pre-purchase inspection service so you can be informed about your next purchase.

Pre -purchase inspection is priced at \$180.00 incl. g.s.t.

Free W.O.F check

If you have a **FULL** service when you have a Warrant of Fitness check done you will receive a free WOF check worth \$45.00 plus g.s.t.

Phone (09) 579 3710 now, for an appointment.

FREE OFFER

What's in a finish?

It seems that the flat matte finish is becoming the latest fashion look for some cars. Shiny just doesn't cut it anymore.

The flat matte finish (or gleam-free) is considered to be a little bit more aggressive (or some would say less pretentious) and is proving popular with some of the younger generation.

So far, BMW, Audi, Mercedes Benz, Fiat, Peugeot and Lamborghini have taken this trend seriously enough to start producing cars for this niche market. Porsche is not yet convinced of the quality of this finish, and is not yet following this lead. This new dull aggressive image also adds a fairly large \$ value to the end product.

BMW steps into the hybrid supercar market. The most obvious change will be doors that open upwards. Also being developed is a battery-powered Megacity Vehicle which is aimed at meeting the tougher environmental regulations that are coming into place.

BMW is also investing heavily in a new carbon-fibre factory in the US to reduce the use of steel, which is 50% heavier than carbon-fibre.

Second-generation Beetle.

Volkswagen is about to release its second-generation Beetle. It is placing less emphasis on the retro appeal and more on dynamics.

This means that the overall visual design changes will be more obvious than in the first-generation model.

There will also be other changes to the Beetle, like a re-worked chassis with wider tracks and a slightly longer wheelbase, which should offer a better ride.

This latest Beetle will be built in Mexico at VW's Puebla plant where the VW Jetta is also produced.



October was Breast cancer awareness month and Qualitat in support of this annual event displayed pink model Volkswagens.

Holiday Hours -
Our holiday hours are as follows:

Friday 24 December	Parts ONLY 8am - 12 noon Workshop CLOSED
Saturday 25 December to Tuesday 28 December	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 December	Parts and Workshop 8am - 4.30pm
Thursday 30 December	Parts and Workshop 8am - 4.30pm
Friday 31 December	Parts and Workshop 8am - 3.00pm
Saturday 1 January to Tuesday 4 January	CLOSED
Wednesday 5th January	Normal hours resume

**Have a
wonderful
Christmas
and a Happy
New
Year
from the
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