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Check out our website
www.qualitat.co.nz

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



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- ◆ Repairers of all vehicles
- ◆ Technicians trained in - **VW... Audi ... Mercedes ... BMW**



Reminder from Vagn :

At Qualitat, we offer a **QUALITY TRUE FULL SERVICE**. A lot of newly opened, fast turn around workshops are springing up around town, offering really cheap services. Be wary, these services can be virtually only a lube service and NOT a Full comprehensive Service. Remember, you only get what you pay for. Most late model Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda require specific oils and filters and if not used, can lead to expensive repairs. For a list of what our Full Service entails, check on our website www.qualitat.co.nz click on **Ser-vices** and then the Full Service check list link. Vehicles up to 1998, Full Services should be carried out every 10,000 km, and vehicles 1999 and later, every 15,000 km or every 12 months. Because our Full Service is such a comprehensive check, Qualitat has an ongoing special when Full Services are carried out in our workshop. We do not charge the Warrant of Fitness fee if your W.O.F. is carried out at the same time as a Full Service - another saving for you when having a Qualitat Full Service. For an estimate on a Full Service on your car, please phone through to our service department with your vehicle's chassis number and we will be more than happy to give you a price and arrange a booking.

Our website www.qualitat.co.nz also displays a monthly workshop special and parts special.

Remember, Qualitat for quality service and repairs.

I wish you safe motoring.

Vagn Dyson - Workshop Manager

It seems like the **VW Nationals** recently held in Orewa at Easter was so successful that on the Sunday **Show and Shine**, they had to close the domain gates when the number of cars reached 206, leaving about 50 cars on the outside in the street and carpark. Even the rain obliged by only coming at night.



Car of the Show - (left) Karmann Ghia belonging to Peter and Chris Hastelow, and (right) receiving the Francis Baptist trophy at the prize giving.

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News from Parts -

Welcome . . .



Shane started in Qualitat's Parts department in April 2011.

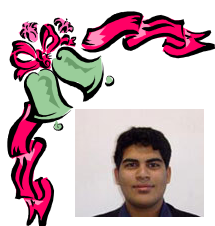
Shane has a passion for Japanese performance cars, and in his free time, plays computer games competitively, and looks after his aquarium.

New Role -



Many of you will have dealt with **Alaster** on the phone or counter. Alaster is taking on a new role at Qualitat. He is going out on the road visiting and looking after our many trade customers. We have created this new position as Qualitat is always looking at improving its service to our many valued customers.

If you are a trade customer, look out for Alaster, alternatively, please contact us and we will organise a visit from him.



News from the Workshop



Dirk, who has been with Qualitat since 2006, recently married Rebecca.

Naturally enough his chosen mode of transport was a Kombi.

Congratulations Dirk and Rebecca

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.



Retro Kombi

64 years after the original Bulli (Kombi) was sketched on a notepad by Dutch Volkswagen importer Ben Pon, making it the world's first van - Volkswagen is keeping the dream alive with its latest version of the Volkswagen Bulli as displayed recently at the Geneva Motor Show.

Although at this stage, it is a retro-inspired concept, it will of course be very different from the original vehicle. To begin with, it will be powered by a pure electric drive-train, but it is expected petrol and diesel variants will follow. It has been hinted that this new model will be built alongside the next-generation Beetle in Mexico.

The new Kombi will use Volkswagen Group's new modular underpinnings, meaning the van can be stretched, downsized, slimmed down or widened depending on the tastes of the market in which it will be sold. Clever.

It accelerates from 0 - 62 mph in 11.5 seconds. The engine is under the bonnet, instead of in the rear. Comfortable seating for 6 can very quickly be transformed into a compact camper. On the inside, whilst there is no tachometer (not necessary with an electric motor), there is an iPad docking station and a telephone, trip computer, and media centre. There is also no gear lever. A rotary knob selects park, reverse, neutral and drive.

An advertising slogan in the 70's claimed "*Not just a vehicle, more a way of life*". Many of you have managed to live this 'way of life' and your lives have been enriched in ways only known to you.

If this sounds like the vehicle for you, there will unfortunately be a little wait, as it is not expected to appear before 2014. Price unknown!



However, what is available now - is the **VW Amarok pickup.**



Well priced at \$43,000 - it has been dubbed "The Thinking Man's Ute"

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BMW - going electric!

By 2014 BMW aims to sell at least 30,000 units of its i3 electric vehicle. They are hoping to reach a totally new group of customers - city dwellers. They are hoping that cities will offer tax reductions for such vehicles, making them more attractive to city folk. They have even bought a share of the smartphone app *My City Way*, in the hope that people will become interested in car sharing. They will be built at BMW's plant in Leipzig, Germany. It is to be known as the Megacity Vehicle - due for release in September.



For electric cars to be successful, recharging needs to be readily available and fast. Researchers have developed a battery that charges up to 100 times faster than existing types. However there is still a lot of work to be done before it reaches the market.

This technology can also be applied to cell phone and laptop power devices, making recharging just a fraction of the time it now takes.

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.

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

Can your Car be Hacked?

By now we all know that our computers can be hacked, and it is necessary to take preventative steps to minimise these risks.

However, have we stopped to think about all of the microprocessors and their functions in the modern car of today's world. Microprocessors direct braking, acceleration, and even the horn these days. Some cars are fitted with Vehicle Disablement. Researches have created a program to disable brakes and stop the engine. Even tire pressure can be controlled by monitoring systems. Scary stuff.

It seems the most important thing to bear in mind is going to reputable dealers and repair shops. It is possible for unscrupulous garages to manipulate your car's computer systems, making it appear you need repairs that aren't actually warranted.

Another good reason to choose your Servicing Dealer with great care.

Charles Goodyear accidentally discovered the rubber vulcanizing process. He patented the process, but could not come up with any practical uses for it and died penniless in 1860.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was named after him.

Goodrich was a company that was started in 1896. It also has many firsts to its credit:

- ◆ First synthetic rubber tire
- ◆ First tubeless tire
- ◆ First space saver spare
- ◆ First 'run flat' tire
- ◆ First American-made radial tire

TRIVIA

1. What does SUV stand for?
2. Amarok is the new Volkswagen ute, but what does Amarok mean?
3. Which car company introduced the three point seatbelt in 1959?
4. What was the first European car to sell a million vehicles a year?
5. What was the price per barrel of crude petroleum in 1901?
A. 5 cents. B. 25 cents. C. \$1.00. D. \$1.50

TAXI !! - you have got to be kidding.

1954 BMW - seen in Matata in the Bay of Plenty. Believe it or not, it looks like its function in life was as a Taxi, surely not in New Zealand. The luggage space seems to be somewhat limited, not to mention the passenger seating!!



1. Sports Utility Vehicle
2. Amarok is Inuit for - Wolf.
3. Volvo
4. Volkswagen Beetle
5. A - 5 cents.

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