

TyreTalk

Incorporating: The Tyre General Christchurch, Neumann's Tyre Service Ashburton, The Tyre General South Canterbury Tyre Retreaders (ChCh) Ltd, Tyre General Blenheim, Tyre General Nelson and Motueka Tyres

New Branch Opening

In early December Neumann's Tyres in Ashburton completed the redevelopment on the site in Wills St where Len Neumann started business in 1946

A large crowd of staff, customers and wholesalers representatives joined the crowd for the official opening. People arrived from all over New Zealand and also from Bandag in Australia to celebrate the new milestone in Neumann's Tyre Group history.



Alan & Ian with their families on the night of the official opening.

Wally Outred spoke on behalf of all of the wholesalers having known the Neumann family for in excess of 25 years and commented that he did not think that there was a better tyre facility anywhere else in New Zealand.

Alan Neumann spoke on behalf of the family and outlined the challenges of nearly 60 years in getting to the finishing line with the culmination of the new building. Allister Rooney and the Ashburton Mayor spoke on behalf of customers, Neumann's Tyre Group Associates and the people of the Mid Canterbury area of which the Neumann family were



Bruce Bendsorp and Don Hayes cut the official ribbon.

proud to part of. Allister Rooney as their past accountant also gave some insight into how his company had enjoyed working with both Alan & Ian and he felt very honoured to be given the opportunity to say a few words.

The official opening was completed with Bruce Bendsorp as the longest serving employee in Ashburton and Don Hayes who is the oldest surviving member from when Len Neumann started his business cutting the official ribbon to complete the great occasion.

The guests at the Opening included Greg Nielsen from Bandag Manufacturing in Brisbane who is seen with Ben Wilshire from Neumann's Tyres in Ashburton.



The Three P's

Welcome to our mid year edition of Tyre Talk. Since our last newsletter our region has suffered quite dramatically in many areas of peoples personal lives along with impact on business in a wide part of Canterbury.

Within our group we have had people who have had their lives changed but this has not changed the way they have performed during the challenging times.

We would like to personally pass on our thanks to all of our staff on the way they have responded to all of the challenges that have been put in front of them in the last 9 months on the work front and the sales results have shown us that they have done the hard yards.

As is mentioned in the newsletter our retread factory has had its own challenges and we must congratulate them on their efforts as well in producing a world renowned product. The product performance of the Bandag product is showing though in the current tyre market where it

is still recognized as the market leader in delivering the lowest cost per kilometre. Our headline of the 3 P's is obviously the key to the philosophy we have in running our business and bringing the key benefits to you The Customer.

1. People

We cannot do without good people

2. Performance

The way our people service you the customer is what we base our performance on

3. Product

Our key to succeeding in the tyre market

The right tyre on the right rim at the right price will do the right job

By the time our next newsletter comes out we will be World Champions. Go The All Blacks!

Kind Regards, Alan & Ian Neumann

Pressure on Christchurch Retread Plant

An unprecedented demand for truck retreads has seen the Christchurch retread plant extend their working hours to a six day week, along with increasing staff members by 3 people. The earthquake in February slowed production for 72 hours but the market place appears to want more retreads than ever before. A lot of discussion as to why this is happening has taken place with some suggestions being made that with new tyre prices rising along with some perceived new tyre shortages from Asia after the earthquake in Japan that it has caused the retread market demand to rise.



The backlog waiting for space in the factory.

Mixed Competition Touch Rugby 2011 Winners

The Tyre General in Christchurch entered a team into the Barrington touch competition over the summer period and enjoyed a very successful season which resulted in them playing 14 games for a 11 win, 2 draw result. The team who played as the Bandag Bullets beat the Brougham Burglars by 22 to 11 in the final. Team members were Scott Marriott, Chad Tairea, Mandy Kimber, Donna Dent, John Kaukura, Ching Chung, Amelia Phillips, Nicki Marriott, Ronnie Dent.



Chad Tairea, Donna Dent and Scott Marriott show off the winning trophy.

The environmental impact on retreading more tyres should also not be overlooked and Tyre Retreaders is part of an industry that is always looking to ensure that its impact on the environment is kept to a minimum.

New Distribution Truck and Trailer

The contractors for Tyre Retreaders (ChCh) Ltd have recently commissioned a new truck and trailer for the South Island wide distribution of retreads out of the Christchurch plant.

The new unit piloted by Mark Shaw (The Hat) goes south of Christchurch on Mondays and Tuesdays and then leaves for Blenheim and Nelson on the Wednesday returning via the West Coast.



Loaded up and ready to go.

Planking comes to the Tyre Industry

Bob Reid showed that planking is not just for the young when he showed off his skill when he was changing some earthmover tyres during May.



Bandag Bob having a rest?

Humour

A very elderly couple were celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands they walked back to their old school, it was not locked so they entered and found an old desk they'd shared where Andy had carved "I love you Sally."

On their way back home a bag of money fell out of an armoured car practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and not sure what to do with it they took it home. There she counted the money "fifty thousand dollars" Andy said. We've got to give it back. Sally said "Finders Keepers". She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday. Sally said no Andy said "She's lying she hid it up in the attic" Sally said don't believe him he's getting senile.

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said tell us the story from the beginning. Andy said Well when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday

"The first police officer turned to his partner and said were outta here."

A man in London walked into the produce section of his local Tesco's supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask the manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room the boy said to the manager Some crazy old bugger wants to buy half a head of lettuce.

As he finished his sentence he turned around to find that the man was standing right behind him so he quickly added "and this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half".

The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the boy I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, We like people who can think on their feet here, where are you from son

"New Zealand sir" replied the boy

"Why did you leave New Zealand" the manager asked?

The boy said "Sir there's nothing but whores and rugby players there"

"Is that right" replied the manager "my wife is from New Zealand" Really replied the boy "who'd she play for."

Staff Changes

Tyre Retreaders

We welcome Jeremy Barltrop, Ramene Fisher-Webber, Tainui Fisher, Ronald Jones, Hamish Philip, Simon Ray and Anthony Singer

Ashburton

Jason Laking, Vinnie Neumann

Christchurch

Scott Walker has been promoted to Service Manager after being on a fleet service run prior to his appointment.

Staff Retirement

Tyre Retreaders lost one of their long serving staff members earlier in the year due to ill health. Billy Nutira had worked for Bandag and The Tyre General for in excess of 30 years.

At the time of writing the newsletter Billy was having a prosthetic leg fitted and his long term goal is to be back hitting a golf ball by the end of 2011 and if he is able to get back to full mobility 2012 could see him return to work on some light duties.

We will give you an update in our next newsletter



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