



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**BULLETIN 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**  
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**Venue:** Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm

[www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz)

8<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup>  
 APRIL 2011

District Conference –  
 at The Trusts  
 Stadium, Henderson

10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**NZ SBD Finals**

16<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup>  
 APRIL 2011

RYLA

27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
 2011

Dr Roger Grace  
 QSM and Marine  
 Biologist

7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Massey Matters  
 Treasure Hunt

18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Challenge Camp  
 dinner

### APRIL: MAGAZINE MONTH

#### FUTURE EVENTS

WED 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

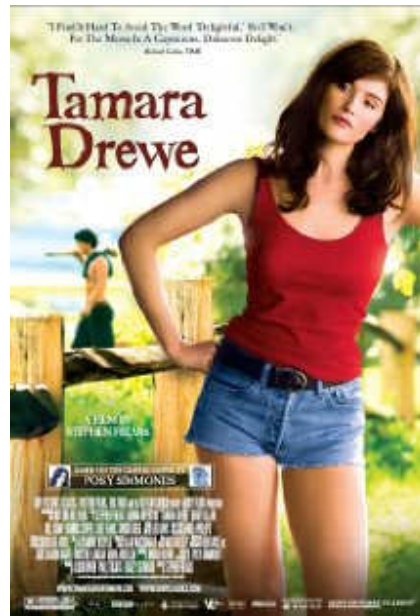
Club Night

WED 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Movie Night!

We have been banned from the Stadium on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to some big function (what is more important than us?) Derek has therefore arranged a movie night. As usual partners, friends of our Club, past members... all welcome.

Date:	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
Time:	6pm
Venue:	Westwind Theatre 177 Riversdale Road, Avondale
Event:	Roast beef dinner and ice cream in a cone followed by movie "Tamara Drewe" – an English Comedy
Cost:	\$25
Drinks:	BYO (plus bring glasses – plastic disposable ones provided)



A young newspaper writer returns to her hometown in the English countryside, where her childhood home is being prepped for sale.

**DIRECTOR:**

[Stephen Frears](#)

**WRITERS:**

[Posy Simmonds](#) (graphic novel), [Moira Buffini](#) (screenplay)

**STARS:**

[Gemma Arterton](#), [Luke Evans](#) and [Dominic Cooper](#)

## THIS WEEK

### JOINT MEETING: HENDERSON



Rotarians from District 9910 Area 6 (Kumeu, West Harbour, Waitakere, Henderson and New Lynn) turned out in force to welcome the GSE (Group Study Exchange) students from Iowa.

The team arrived in New Zealand on 16<sup>th</sup> March and they are here till the 15<sup>th</sup> April. During this time they stay with different Rotary groups around the District and have a fairly intense time with various vocational trips, site seeing trips, Rotary meetings and the Conference this weekend.

## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - SOAPBOX DERBY FINALS

The Soapbox Derby season is nearly over and the Club Secretary may start thinking of Secretarial affairs again sometime in the near future...

The Finals day will start at 9am with a Parade of Champions and racing will begin at 10am. Full details at [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

Six teams from three schools in West Auckland will compete and all are working hard to ensure they do their absolute best on the day. Cars have been re-tweaked, two of the cars have been repainted and the kids have been practicing whenever possible.

The new rule of "one car, one driver" for the Finals added to the stress for the managers but they are coping admirably.

### Riverhead:

Shawn Dyer has rebuilt the Scouts car after their crash and will use this one as their second vehicle. Shawn has also been of invaluable help setting up not only the Waitakere cars but offering help to teams at the other race centres.



### Sponsors:

- Fumacare;
- Shewee;
- Kumeu Indoor Sports



### Sponsors:

- North Auckland Caravans;
- Harkins House Haulage;
- Avondale Blasting and Coatings

**Waitakere:**

The Waitakere car hasn't looked quite the same since its crash last year and a number of their stickers were coming loose. Louise Grevel's goal of re-painting for next year has been brought forward and they hope to shave milliseconds off their time with the new streamlined body.

They have borrowed the Future Cuisine car from Swanson Primary as their second vehicle and Barry Hinton has shaken his head over the wheel alignment and tweaked it all up



(Before repaint photo)

Sponsors:

- First National;
- Treehouse Print;
- Smith & Partners;
- Swanson Medical Centre;
- Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers;
- Sean Quinn Barrister;
- Kumeu Computer Services;
- Power Forklifts;
- Pirtek

<Note: this entry caused some re-design of both our database and the one for the Finals to ensure all sponsors printed. More space, 8 point font...>



Sponsors:

- Future Cuisine  
(Suppliers of excellent mussels and the like.  
Very tasty)

**Taupaki:**

Our own David Butler stepped in to mentor the Taupaki team due to a lack of parent volunteers. Due to his kids doing extraordinarily well in our race he now has not one but two cars to manage in the Finals! This has kept him very, very busy for the last month.

Massey High kindly loaned them the MD Aluminium car for the day and Shawn Dyer has helped David set both cars up to peak racing level.

It is fortunate that Taupaki also have a practice car. One practice didn't go as well as expected and a spot of rebuilding was required (the driver was shaken but unharmed)





Sponsors:

- Douglas Pharmaceuticals  
(The "Hairy Lemon" car)



Sponsors:

- MD Aluminium  
(A Swanson firm who specialize in windows and doors – the aluminium variety)

All three team managers have been working hard and in unified harmony to ensure that once again "West is Best". Roll on Sunday...



Our very hard working team managers:

Shawn Dyer, Barry Hinton and Rotarian David Butler have worked together as a great team



Shawn and Barry also have sons Henry and Zach in the Demo Masters Car races (they have raced at each of the Race Centres and will compete again on both Saturday and Sunday)

## SOAPBOX DERBIES CONTINUED...

### RODNEY TIMES

Shawn has been doing a great job getting his team (and Waitakere Rotary) mentioned in the local newspapers. This article appeared in the Rodney Times this week:



**Neck and neck:** Driver Reece "Hawk" Cook, front, and John "Ninja" Tulloch, left, will compete against 24 other finalists this Sunday in the New Zealand finals, after winning the Waitakere Rotary Soapbox Derby at Westgate. The New Zealand winner will race in Akron in the United States in July.

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Riverhead School's soapbox derby winners will compete neck and neck at the New Zealand finals at Stanmore Bay this Sunday.  
Drivers Reece "Hawk" Cook and John "Ninja"

Tulloch drove the school to a win for the second consecutive year at the annual Waitakere City Rotary derby competition at Massey.  
Both Reece and John will compete against 24 other finalists from four race centres for a chance to represent New Zealand at the World Finals in Akron, United States, in July.  
Former Riverhead School pupil Henry Dyer finished second in the international category at the Akron races last year.  
The Hibiscus Coast Rotary club's soapbox competition is at Brightside Rd, Stanmore Bay, this Saturday.  
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And our Club members think it is all over. Northcote held their race on Saturday and Alan and I turned up to give them a hand and photograph them at work.

The Whangaparaoa race is on this Saturday with the NZ Finals are on Sunday. Details for the weekend, and a selected few photos from the 3 races to date, are on our website [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

<By the time the Finals are over I should have in excess of 2,000 photos. Club night with slide show and full commentary anyone? Shall I contact Kent and suggest it?>

### NORTHCOTE RACE: SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2011

Odd moment of the day: A public bus driver decided to ignore the "Road Closed" sign, got out at the traffic island, moved the cones and came up to the bottom of the track asking to be let through. A minor matter - the Finish banner was too low to let him pass.

Races were delayed whilst he turned his 13 metre bus on a 13 metre wide road to return the way he came. The Race Commentator promptly announced "The bus has been disqualified"

Mainfreight are a major sponsor of the event providing heavily subsidized shipping costs for the NZ car to go to the States and come back with our various spare parts for all the Race Centres. This benefits all the Race Centres



















### THE FINGER – OR LACK OF ONE



Whilst at Northcote Rotary one of their Rotarians came up to us, held out his hand and said, "Kerry took my finger to Australia in his pocket". Naturally we instantly knew who he was.

If you haven't heard the story – ask Kerry for details.

### ROTARY DOWNUNDER

The April edition of Rotary Downunder is available on their website:  
<http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub/>

### TERRI'S PHOTO UPDATE



*I got a full page spread all to myself!!! That made my day. :)*

*We also got a letter from Buckingham Palace saying how much the Prince liked his visit. I'm sure it's just his PR department, but still cool.*

<Some months ago Terri sent an email after a text only Bulletin saying "Where's the photos?? I like the photos...">

...Are there enough in this bulletin for you Terri?>



Remember our combined West Auckland Rotary Charity walk, organized by West Harbour Rotary, on the Unfinished Motorway in Feb 2010?  
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/our-fundraisers/walk-west>

# New motorway ahead of schedule

A bike/walk down the \$220 million Hobsonville motorway may be considered before it opens in September.

One was held at about half-way involving community groups and schools, although much of the going was rough.

Plans for the opening, six months ahead of schedule, are in the early stages, the NZ Transport Agency says.

Construction on the State Highway 18 Hobsonville deviation and SH16 Brigham Creek extension motorway project was expected to be finished in early 2012.

The earlier opening is great news, the agency's Auckland state highways manager Tommy Parker says.

"Winter weather may still have an impact on construction deadlines as we work towards placing the final surfacing, but we are optimistic that we can meet the September target," Mr Parker says.

"The project will have a significant impact on congestion in north-west Auckland and will shorten travel times for people and freight between the west and the North Shore and make journeys more reliable and safer," he says.

"Traffic on Hobsonville Rd is expected to reduce from almost 40,000 to 6550 daily when the motorway opens."

Mr Parker says access will also be improved to the



**September completion:** Looking east along SH18 Hobsonville deviation from the SH16/SH18 flyover. Plans for the opening are in the early stages but could include another bike/walk day before the traffic starts.  
 Photo: NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

expanding Rodney area, and the motorway has been designed to cope with expected urban growth in north-west Auckland.

The project has two motorway components.

One is a 6km four-lane Hobsonville motorway connecting to the Upper Harbour

Bridge and Greenhithe sections of SH18 with the northwestern motorway, SH16, to the west, and the 3km four-lane extension of the northwestern from Westgate to a new roundabout at Brigham Creek Rd. Direct access from the motorway to the new

Hobsonville Point housing development is being created at the new Squadron Drive interchange.

The development aims to build 3000 homes, new primary and secondary schools and community facilities progressively over the next 10 to 15 years.

Mr Parker says a combination of construction innovation and a fine summer enabled contractors HEB Construction and project designers Aurecon to bring completion forward, although plenty of work remains.

During the next few months the final surface on

Traffic on Hobsonville Rd is expected to reduce from almost 40,000 to 6550 daily when the motorway opens.

Tommy Parker

the new motorway lanes will be laid, noise walls and road signs put up and 200,000 native shrubs and trees planted.

Minor tie-in and intersection work will be done after the motorway is opened.

The project completes the northern stretch of the western ring route and brings the finish of the new motorway one stage closer to being completed by 2020. The alternative route will improve links between Manukau in the south, Auckland International Airport, Waitakere and the North Shore, and ease congestion on the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

The NZTA is now seeking planning permission and resource consents from a board of inquiry to complete the final section of the route - the Waterview connection and associated improvements to the northwestern motorway.

Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/hobsonville](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/hobsonville) for more information.

**RAFFLE  
PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner:

Statistics:

**ROTARY 4 WAY TEST**

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

1. *Is it the **TRUTH**?*
2. *Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?*
4. *Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?*

**Cousin George: I've taken a vow of poverty. To ANNOY me, send MONEY.**

**NEXT WEEKS MEETING DUTIES:**

Squire	Graham
Squire	? (missed one)
Greeter	Bob
Grace	Domenic
Introduction	Phyllis
Thanks	Cedric
Parting Thought	Mike
Dealer	Derek
Joker	Roger
Joker	Linda

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:**

Present:	Jim A, Bob B, Linda C, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Sheena S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Phyllis A, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Terry H, Monique M, Cedric M, Jennice M, Graham N, John R (last minute visit to A & E)
Missing in Action:	Peter S,
Guests:	Noel Cooper
Make Ups:	Graham (Trees for Survival Planting)
Attendance:	12/24 50%

**SUNSHINE FUND:**

Raffle:	\$
Fines:	\$

**APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:**

[apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) or ph 8109 589  
No later than **12 noon** on the **Monday** prior to the meeting  
Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!

**WEB SITE ADDRESSES:**

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