

# WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
34 Glen Road  
Ranui

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

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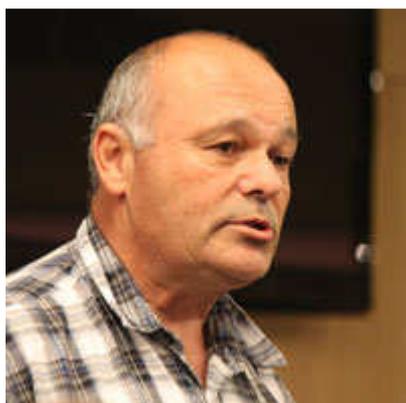
## FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

### NEXT MEETING

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
**Event:** Soapbox Derby Briefing

## THIS WEEK: CLUB NIGHT

Once a month we hold Club Nights – a time for committees to meet and everyone to catch up with what our Club members are doing in Rotary



JOHN – VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR AND SERGEANT

Vocational are about to interview RYLA candidates and are thinking about planning a Vocational Visit to somewhere interesting and different



PHYLLIS – COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

The community garden is in hand and there is talk of a joint Rotary/Lions project upgrading the Ranui Community House

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### CALENDAR

**MARCH: LITERACY MONTH**  
MON12/3/12  
*Board Meeting*

14/3/12

Soapbox Derby Briefing

**18/3/12**

**!\*SOAPBOX DERBY\*!**

### AFTER SBD...

Is there life?  
Quite probably, check the website.

### 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?



## SHEENA – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH) DIRECTOR

The Club has paid for a physically challenged camper to attend the forthcoming Challenge Camp. There are two sources of students for this: a local one or one recommended by the Club organizing the camp (e.g. a Kelston Deaf student). The committee are still assessing this one.

Dictionaries for 9 year olds: On temporary hold at the moment whilst our Area 6 Clubs work out who does which school.

## KERRY – INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Plans are firming up for the trip to Vanuatu in May. Heather met the Assistant Governor for Vanuatu at PETS in the weekend, mentioned the project and passed on Kerry's contact details. They have been communicating.

Kerry has also received a lot of interest in this project from a Dunedin Rotary Club. If any of our members want to participate in this project let Kerry know NOW.

## PATRICK - CLUB SERVICE

One or two ideas regarding attracting members to our great Club were floated in committee. More later.

## VISITORS

Tonight's visitors consisted of... <drum roll>

- Jim's cousin visiting Jim from Australia
- Gabriel Almeida, our new IYE student here from Brazil. Gabriel is here for 5 days then off to Norfolk Island for 3 months. He will then return to us for 6 months
- Jeff – a prospective member and
- Albert – a prospective member



Gabriel and Jeff



Albert

## SOAPBOX DERBY

Don't panic. But if you see the SBD Project Manager sitting under a bush with a bottle of gin singing to her self... do not disturb and move on quietly.

The Met Service forecast is currently "showers with north easterlies". Normally I would take this as a good sign as they have been completely wrong for the last 2 years for all 5 Auckland races, but Ken Ring's book says the same thing... and he was right for the last 2 years for all 5 Auckland race! We'll see what happens.

## NEIGHBOURS' LETTERS DELIVERY

Heather visited all the shops in Westgate Drive on Wednesday – The Leisure Centre, Placemakers and down to the Storage Box and Outlet Stores - with neighbours' letters giving info about the derby. As we do have an impact on their trading on the day we do try to make it up to them with promotion, and part of the reason for doing it this week was to give them time to sort out what they wanted us to say.

If anyone is out that way doing some shopping – don't forget to mention that you heard about them through the derby!

The Outlet Stores do have some great cheap deals and are well worth a visit. The Storage Box has all sorts of items from chilly bins to foam squabs. A few weeks ago we bought our new boxes for the parts storage from them and a few other small derby items from E-Things next door.

Sheena and a grandchild along with Graham and Karen and John have kindly offered to deliver the other residents in the Westgate Drive area next week.

## PARKING ON THE DAY



The Salvation Army have offered parking in their paddock for a gold coin donation. We request that people use this and support the Sallies.

The retail workers usually park on the side roads and Westgate Drive. With the public car park at the bottom half closed due to a tower construction and us using the road they are under pressure.

## SOAPBOX DERBY PRIZES

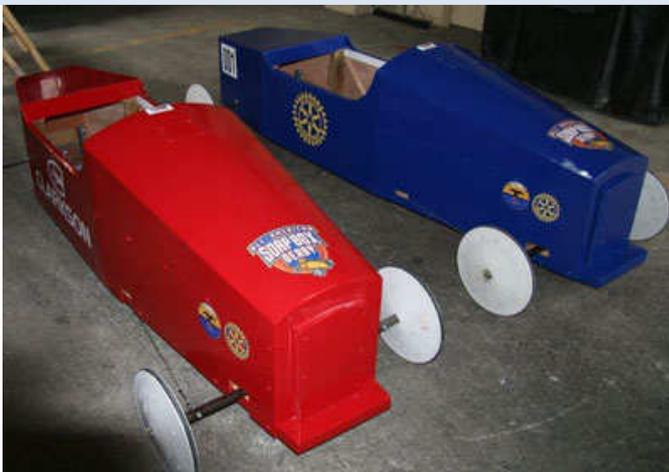
Noel Leeming has offered us a fantastic prize for our West Auckland Champion and we will see them in a day or two to pick it up.

Alan convinced Placemakers to donate a few rugby balls and caps.

Heather has also been into Dick Smith, The Warehouse and Farmers who may come up with something. Kerry has seen Hunting and Fishing and will follow up.

If anyone else is out and about we'd really appreciate help with this. You may get a "no" which is fine – but believe me you won't get a "yes" unless you ask!

## CORPORATE SBD CARS



The two SBD "Corporate Cars" have now been painted and are ready to go at the derbies.

One has been painted in "Clarkson Electrical" colours in recognition of the amount of time and money our NZ Race Director Terry Clarkson has contributed to the various derbies.

The other is a "Rotary" car and will have the various Club stickers on it.

Now don't you just wish you were a sponsor and could have a go racing them? It's not too late!

Contact [info@soapboxderby.co.nz](mailto:info@soapboxderby.co.nz) for details of this exciting offer.

## SAFETY BRIEFING DAY



Thursday afternoon saw most of the SBD cars turn up for the Compulsory Safety Brief (The Scouts were on school camp and one or two of the other teams need talking to!)

The bodies were removed, cars checked and a few minor errors in construction noted and fixed. Generally all was well and the teams appreciated the odd tips.

Kerry, Lyn, Alan and Errol Cooper did the car checks and gave out a few spare parts. Heather collected the paper work and talked to some of the teams (and the Rotadog Caza got lots of cuddles from kids and adults alike).

Craig, Graham and John also came and gave support which was fantastic. Having Rotarians at things like this makes a real difference.

Our past member Jim Brown also dropped by briefly. Having run out of our Waitakere logos stickers Jim very kindly arranged the printing of a set of new ones for a cheap price and delivered them.

For those not in the loop Jim, a sign writer, is our past AG Toni's brother. He resigned from Rotary for health reasons but is now feeling a lot better and earlier this year bought a new business Art On Glass [www.artonglass.co.nz](http://www.artonglass.co.nz)

## SOUTH PACIFIC PETS

Each year there are two Rotary courses for incoming Presidents. Last weekend saw Heather heading to Waipuna Lodge on Saturday and again on Sunday for the South Pacific PETS.

This conference is designed to bring **ALL** the President Elects and Assistant Governor Elects from New Zealand and the Islands together for one weekend of talks and workshops. With close to 400 people in attendance it was a massive undertaking and well supported. Familiar faces from District all turned out to shepherd us into the right places and help with discussions during the various workshops held between the speakers.



The convention hall was packed to listen to a selection of speakers on Rotary topics



Lunchtime was a great time to mix and mingle



At dinner we were assigned tables to encourage us to talk to others outside our areas.



At the conclusion: Hula dancers with the speakers joining in <video would have been better than a still photo!>

The speakers were excellent but one of the greatest things was being able to meet so many Rotarians from the different areas.

News on the SBD front is that DGE Lindsay Ford is keen to introduce derby cars to Norfolk Island and may borrow a few of the Whangarei Sunrise Club cars to get started. Another Club from down the line spoke to East Auckland about the possibility of borrowing their derby cars for a November race.

News on the Vanuatu front is that the DGE from Vanuatu (seen all weekend in a yellow shirt and beret) has made contact with Kerry re our forthcoming project.

This event highlighted the importance of LETS – Rotary’s Leaders Elect Training – coming up on 31<sup>st</sup> March. We both learn things and meet with others in our Rotary world.

## SIR ANAND SATYANAND

The second South Pacific Presidents Elect Training Seminar at Waipuna Conference Centre in Auckland was the scene on Saturday evening 3rd March 2012 of a momentous piece of New Zealand Rotary history.

Senior Rotarians present were the Chair of the Rotary Foundation, Past RI President Bill Boyd, Past RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson, and RI Director Stuart Heal.

The surprise event of the evening was the presentation by Bill Boyd, on behalf of RI President Kaylan Banerjee, of the most significant award made by Rotary International,

### **THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARD OF HONOR to the Rt. Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM, QSO, KStJ**



immediate past Governor General of New Zealand, and member of the Rotary Club of Wellington, who was scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the conference dinner.

The Rotary Award of Honor was established in 1996 as a way to recognize world leaders for their accomplishments in areas that are consistent with Rotary's areas of service in the world. Up to five awards can be made annually by the RI President of this award which was introduced 25 years ago, with Sir Anand becoming the 61st recipient, and the first from New Zealand. The award consists of a citation, spectacular medallion and distinctive lapel pin. Sir Anand was the only recipient in 2011.

Previous international recipients of this award demonstrate the importance of this honour conferred on Sir Anand, and by association Rotary in New Zealand and the Pacific.

For a list of past awardees check the Rotary website: [www.rotary.org.nz](http://www.rotary.org.nz)

## KARLI – SUMMER SCIENCE

Last week we had some “technical difficulties” with the projector. Karli has since sent through an essay she wrote on her trip – complete with photos.

From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, The University organised what was to be the '23<sup>rd</sup> Hands-On-Science' course. This, as the name suggests was a week of learning and experiencing some of the many courses at university which are science based. The week started with a hailstorm while we were sitting outside in the middle of a formal welcome and an activity that involved the 236 of us sitting on each other's knees.



I had been allocated into the zoology course, a course which is both heavily practical and theory based. On Monday, the group headed to the zoology department to discover what was waiting for us- an unwanted Australian pest and a very bad small- a Wallaby. We got to examine it thoroughly and then the dissect it. It was very interesting as well as different learning that wallaby's have very large stomachs.

Tuesday had the 16 zoologist in mini vans heading out to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary which included a multi-million dollar fence (that was predator-proof as well as designed to keep the native and endangered animals in) and very cute black robins- learning about their impressive come back from almost extinction.



On the Wednesday, another field trip was planned, this time we headed out to the Peninsula, too see and learn about the little blue penguins. After learning about the predator control programme and the traps, we got to set up houses for the penguins. Our house was next to a burrow, which a penguin was nesting in. We also saw fur seals and a lot of native birds.

The last day (Thursday) of our projects was spent back at the zoology department, learning about the Otago Skinks as well as the Archey's and Maud's frogs.



In the afternoon of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we got to try out different science "snacks" which introduced us to a wider range of course. Monday included a Psychology course, Tuesday a Chemistry course and Wednesday a science communication course. All of these were very interesting and made me realise the wide range of courses available and university.

On the 5 nights, the organisation committee had organised a different activity for us to participate in.

- Sunday night was an activity called "Campus Capers", one that had groups of us running around lost in Dunedin.
- Monday night was a lecture about earthquakes that was extremely interesting,
- Tuesday was a quiz, which had all of us competing to win, which failed when the questions started to be read out.
- Wednesday night involved us heading to Logan Park to compete in the "top floor challenge." This was an obstacle course which had quirky tasks like, finding jelly beans in corn flour and getting hosed by a fire hose.
- The last night was a dance and games night at the new Forsyth Barr Stadium.

Overall, it was one amazing week and I would recommend it to anyone, on multiple factors including the people I met and the experiences and memories I got from it.

## NZ SBD

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NZ Soapbox Derby (our 9<sup>th</sup>, we were slightly slow off the mark). To recognize this milestone our NZ Race Director, Terry Clarkson, has organized the purchase of a limited number of hats and tee shirts. These will be available on all race days for \$25 each.

Positively excellent attire for Rotary Conference and other Rotary events to get the SBD message out!



Caps



Tee shirt front

<b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>		Heather: This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising petrol prices. We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in.	
<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>FINES</b>
Gabriel	H, H, T, T, H	\$40	\$33.50
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>			
<a href="mailto:apology@details.co.nz">apology@details.co.nz</a> or ph 8109 589 no later than <b>5pm on the Monday</b> 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!			
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Jack R, John R,
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Bob B,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Missing in Action:	Peter S,
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Cecile, Gabriel, Jeff, Albert and Jim's cousin
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Leave:	Monique M, Domenic W
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	17/21 81%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
<b>NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES</b>		<b>WEBSITE ADDRESSES</b>	
Squire		Waitakere Rotary <a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>	
Squire		Rotary International <a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a>	
Greeter		Rotary NZ <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>	
Grace		District Governor's newsletter <a href="http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a>	
Introduction		Rotary Downunder Magazine <a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>	
Thanks		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a>	
Parting Thought		Admin page and information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>	
Dealer		Future Vision <a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>	
Joker		Rotary E Club (for make ups) <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>	
Joker		Dare West <a href="http://darewest.org.nz/">http://darewest.org.nz/</a>	
			
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<b>What happens if you get scared half to death... TWICE?</b>			
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