



## ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

## 2012 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #3

1<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Dear School and Sponsors,

### Derby Progress:

Alan and I have either visited or emailed all schools and it appears that everyone is underway. If anyone is having problems give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help.

### SBD Safety Day:

Prior to racing all cars need to be checked by our Scrutineers and the drivers given a safety briefing. We are holding this briefing 10 days prior to Race Day to make sure the cars are safe, spot any construction errors and to give people time to fix any problems.

Date:	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Time:	4pm to 6pm
Venue:	Moselle Avenue Testing Station
Who:	Team Leaders and Drivers
What:	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The car</li><li>- Tools</li><li>- Drivers' registration forms</li></ul>

Please note that as this is a safety issue attendance is **compulsory**.

### Drivers' Registration Forms:

The race is coming up fast and driver's registration forms will be required shortly. A copy of this is available at [http://www.aasbd.org/media/2254/loca\\_race\\_registration\\_form\\_2012.pdf](http://www.aasbd.org/media/2254/loca_race_registration_form_2012.pdf)

It would make life easier for everyone if you can get the kids and their parents to fill these in and bring them to the Safety Day.

We also need to know what order they will race in before we can record them in the database.

Many schools weigh their entrants and put them in weight order to make weight changing between races easier.

### SBD Workshop:

Reminder about the workshop - Learn from the experts... and beat them at their own game!

Alan attended the general workshop last week and learnt a lot of tips and tricks to aid in setting up a car. For those who missed it he highly recommends not missing the next one! Bring your car and get the experts' help to align the wheels properly. It DOES make a difference.





# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm to 9pm	<b>Fine tuning using the spindling equipment</b>	<b>Venue:</b>  Scout Hall Riverhead War Memorial Park (opposite the service station)
<b>Contact:</b>  Shawn Dyer Home: 412 9500 Mobile: 027 390 9885	Barry Hinton Home: 810 9977 Mobile: 022 0143 862	

This is being held on Friday as the boys are busy with the Northcote SBD on the Saturday.

## SBD Book:

A SBD Dad in the States emailed me last week with some questions. This then led to him telling me about a book "Winning Ingredients" by David Fulton. Apparently it was written prior to the Kit Set Cars but has good tips in it including the section about weights.

Rick says "The author is supposed to come out with another book soon that covers the current type of kit cars."

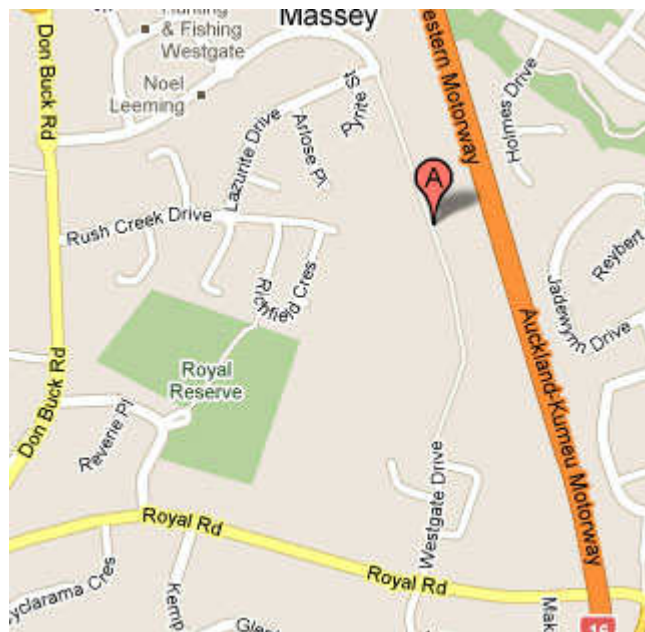
No we don't have a copy but if anyone is interested: [www.winningingredients.com](http://www.winningingredients.com)

## Practice Site:

We have once again gained access to the mid-section of Westgate Drive for practice but **only during specific times**. Outside these times the gate will be locked and closed – and they've put up extra barricades so cars can't drive around them.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**9am to 6:30pm**  
**9am to 6:30pm**





# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

The rules are:

1. Access is only possible while the road is still in McWhirter Farm Properties name. Title for the land is about to be issued from which point the road will become public which is subject to Council and Police control.
2. Practice sessions are not permitted during working hours as there is construction occurring for the next stage of the subdivision. As there are trucks and machines working at the bottom of the track 6 days a week. Thus the limited access times.
3. If the boys "forget" to open up ring Brett Carbines. Ph 0274 756 300. He lives down the road.
4. Participants are **NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE AREA OF THE PROPERTY WHERE CONSTRUCTION** is occurring.
5. Security of the site is our concern and should the site be left open or any unwelcome visitor gain access due to our activities we will be held responsible.

This site is fantastic for fine tuning drivers' skills but please start slowly. We've seen more than one car come to grief here when total novices take the wheel from the top and/or steering cables have loosened during storage.

For a tuned car and a driver with some practice under their belt – this site is excellent.

## Sponsors:

Please advise us of any changes to the following:

2012 Schools and Confirmed Sponsors to date			
	School	Full Sponsors	Part Sponsors
1	AGC Sunderland College		2 Degrees Warehouse Stationers
2	Bruce McLaren Intermediate		
3	Henderson Intermediate		
4	Hobsonville Primary	Western Leader	
5	Kelston Boys High		
6	Lincoln Heights	NZRPG	
7	Massey High	MD Aluminium	
8	Matipo Primary		Westpac
9	Rangeview Intermediate	DARE	
10	Riverhead Scouts		
11	Rutherford College	Toshiba Heat Pumps	
12	Swanson School	Future Cuisine	
13	Taupaki School	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	
14	Taupaki School	Ritchies	
15	Waitakere Primary		
16	Whenuapai		Pinepac





## ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

### Video Award:

Some kids are born to race; others aren't - but have other useful skills. Involve them!

Details of our Annual Video Award are on our website: [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

Our 2011 SBD video included the Hobsonville and Waitakere School videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Njjd4IZqfRw&lr=1>

We showed this to the kids at Matipo School and it really helped bring the derby alive for them and the questions started pouring in. Can your students make one this year?

### Corporate Cars:

Whilst we were really keen to see the Principals taking on the Sponsors it appears that not all Principals and Sponsors are as adventurous as the kids! But others in their organizations are saying "Pick Me!"

We have therefore changed the rule to be:  
Principal or Nominee and Sponsor or Nominee

We have time for around 10 races so drivers are required on a first come/first served basis (And if anyone sneaks an entry in without asking the principal if they want to drive first - expect detention!)

### Contestants to date:

School / Sponsor	Position	Name
Swanson Primary	Principal	Bruce McLachlan
Rutherford College	Principal	Gary Moore
Massey High	Associate Principal	Mr Riseborough

### Carnival Ideas:

We all know that the racing is absorbing, fascinating and great to watch. But for a real family day extra activities add spice and colour.

The Whenuapai Air Scouts are planning some great low cost carnival ideas. Does your school have ideas too?

Involve your parents and PTA, dream up a few ideas and contact Heather with the details and remember - all profit goes to those who run these activities.

### Life and Colour:



Bring your Cheerleading team!





# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

## Carnival Stalls confirmed to date

School	Food
1 AGC Sunderland College	
2 Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
3 Henderson Intermediate	
4 Hobsonville Primary	
5 Kelston Boys High	
6 Lincoln Heights	
7 Massey High	
8 Matipo Primary	
9 Rangeview Intermediate	
10 Riverhead Scouts	
11 Rutherford College	
12 Swanson School	
13 Taupaki School	
14 Whenuapai	
15 Waitakere Primary	
Others	Food
1 Whenuapai Air Scouts	Games

## Food Stalls:

- We are currently well on track to drink coffee, eat ice creams and otherwise starve.
- Ask your PTA if they would like to run a food stall – and email Heather with their suggestion.

Suggested stalls include, but are not limited to:

American Hotdogs  
Candy floss  
Chocolate  
Filled pita breads

Filled rolls  
Fresh fruit  
Fruit smoothies  
Kebabs

Milk Shakes  
Pop-corn  
Sausage sizzle  
Scones/muffins

## Food Stalls confirmed to date

School	Food
1 AGC Sunderland College	
2 Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
3 Henderson Intermediate	





# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

4	Hobsonville Primary	
5	Kelston Boys High	
6	Lincoln Heights	
7a	Massey High	
7b	Massey High Music Trip	Coca cola
8	Matipo Primary	
9	Rangeview Intermediate	
10	Riverhead Scouts	
11	Rutherford College	
12	Swanson School	
13	Taupaki School	
14	Whenuapai	
15	Waitakere Primary	Ice blocks and drinks?
<b>Others</b>		<b>Food</b>
1	Espresso on the Go <a href="http://www.espressoonthego.co.nz">www.espressoonthego.co.nz</a>	Coffee (top end of course)
2	Supa Softee Ice Cream	Ice Creams (top end of course)

## Guide Biscuits:

It is biscuit season. If any Guides have any remaining stocks that they want to sell then by all means do so at the Derby

## American Champions:

The following came from the International Race Director at AASBD. American names – but some will be familiar:

Our AASBD Local Champs are part of an amazing Alumni Group. Check out some who are on the list...

### AASBD ALUMNI:

**Johnny Carson**, former *Tonight Show* host

**Frankie Muniz**, Malcolm from Fox's *Malcolm in the Middle*

**Jim France**, NASCAR Vice Chairman/ Executive Vice President

**Mike Helton**, NASCAR President

**Richard Childress**, 6-time NASCAR-winning owner

**Cale Yarborough**, 3-time NASCAR WC champion

**Tom Sneva**, 1983 Indy 500 Champion

**Denny Zimmerman**, 1971 Indy 500 "Rookie of the Year"

**Paul Hornung**, 1956 Heisman Trophy winner (Notre Dame)

**Pete Dawkins**, Heisman Trophy winner (Army)

## Website:

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

As information becomes available we add it to our website – including copies of the newsletters. Photos, videos etc from past derbies are also on our site.





# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

Making a difference in our world

P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

## Emails:

Please keep an eye on your emails as more information will be coming out soon. If you have other people who would like copies - email Heather with their email address and they will be added to the mail out list.

As usual few schools have added their parents to the email list so please ensure they get a copy and know about the website.

The Rotary core team for the event and contact details are:

<p>Kerry McMillan Derby Director <a href="mailto:clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz">clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz</a> Phone 832-3229 or 021-416-777</p>	<p>(Mr) Lyn Parts Phone: 021 251 5490</p>
<p>Heather Pattison Project Manager <a href="mailto:heather@details.co.nz">heather@details.co.nz</a> Phone 810-9589 or 0274-719-569</p>	<p>Alan Pattison Technical Assistant <a href="mailto:alan@details.co.nz">alan@details.co.nz</a> Phone 810-9589 or 0274-80-88-30</p>
<p><b>Rotary Meetings:</b></p> <p>Wednesday 6pm to 8pm</p> <p>Starling Park Sports Grounds 34 Glen Road Ranui</p>	<p><b>Are YOU the missing piece?</b></p>  <p>Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!</p>

Heather Pattison

**Please copy this newsletter and distribute to all of the people involved in the event!**

