



# ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

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P O Box 104-017 Lincoln North, Auckland 0654

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## 2015 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #2

25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Dear School and Sponsors,

### Derby Progress:

As far as we know all cars and teams are underway. If anyone is having problems give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help.

### SBD Safety Day:

Date:	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015</b>
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>

### What is a Safety Day?

- This is the day we check all the cars to ensure they are built correctly, safe to race and pass our "WOF"
- Our Race Director also gives a Safety Briefing to the children
- Attendance is **compulsory**... but inevitably there will be one or two who can't make it for legitimate reasons – other sports practice or school camp spring to mind – if this applies to you let us know

### Forms

How would the world exist if it wasn't for forms?

Drivers forms, team members forms, corporate car driver form AND superkid forms are on the website.

As it takes time to get them filled in and back (they go missing in school bags and/or end up on the fridge) please download them now and we might just get them back in time for the drivers to race.

**If you can bring them to the Safety Brief** it is less work for you than scanning and emailing them later.

The latest AASBD rules state:

A-3.02 Participants in the Super Stock Division **must be nine (9) years of age by July 31 in the race year that they participate.** They must not turn nineteen (19) years of age on or before July 31.





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Please check your drivers' ages and note that all Finalists are required to provide a copy of a birth certificate or passport **BEFORE racing in the NZ Finals**.

*The reason for this is: Whilst we trust our schools to check their driver's ages for the local race a copy of the winner's proof of age must be emailed to America within 24 hours of the race.*

*Immediately after the NZ Finals is NOT the time to discover:*

- a. There was a data entry error in the school database or*
- b. The parents say, "We lost the ID in the last move or, the dog ate it... Where do we get a new copy from?"*

## Key Soapbox Derby Dates:

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>West Auckland Soapbox Derby - Westgate Drive, Massey</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Auckland East SBD - Stonefields Road (Waitakere Rotary SBD Rain date!)</i>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Whangaparaoa SBD - Brightside Road</i>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NZ Finals - Brightside Road, Whangaparaoa</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Video Competition closes - put them on YouTube and send us the link</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Soapbox Derby Thank You Night</b>

## Practices:

A check sheet for practices is available on the website

### SAFETY NOTE

Crashes make excellent photos – but they are hard on our cars, spare parts... and the drivers aren't too keen on them either.

### Please, please, please

- **check your brake pads, steering and brake cables and**
- **start your drivers on flatter, shorter tracks and build up slowly!**





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If you prefer to just drop the kids in at the deep end remember that crash photos are always welcome. Send them to me and I **will** use them!



## Food Stalls/Carnival Ideas:

- This event is a Rotary fundraiser but we like to include other participants needs as well
- Ask your PTA if they would like to run a food or carnival type (Face painting? Other?) 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
Massey High School	Sausage sizzle and drinks
Others	Food





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## 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

## 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)

## 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.

## 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.

We have very few parents on the email list (we haven't been given addresses for them) so please ensure they get a copy and know about the website.

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

Kerry McMillan Derby Director <a href="mailto:clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz">clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz</a> Phone 832-3229 or 021-416-777	Lyn Parts Phone: 021 251 5490
Heather Pattison Project Manager <a href="mailto:heather@details.co.nz">heather@details.co.nz</a> Phone 810-9589 or 0274-719-569	Alan Pattison Technical Assistant <a href="mailto:alan@details.co.nz">alan@details.co.nz</a> Phone 810-9589 or 0274-80-88-30
<b>Rotary Meetings:</b>  Wednesday 6pm to 8pm  Call Heather if you would like to attend one of our meetings	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are YOU the missing piece?</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!</p>

Heather Pattison

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

