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Soapbox Derby expands



The annual West Auckland Soapbox Derby was held on Sunday, March 18 this year.

Waitakere Rotary, in conjunction with sponsors The Trusts Charitable Foundation and Auckland Council, also included specially built and

corporate sponsored cars in the lineup for the first time.

One of these was driven by Swanson School Principal Bruce McLachlan at the start of the day's events "to show how easy it was," according to organisers.

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Swanson School was once again a keen participant, this year fielding two cars sponsored by Future Cuisine and Ritchies Buses respectively. The six drivers were Wayde Anderson, Lara Mays, Ruby Jenkins, Trent Porter, Dylan Waite and Alex Watson.

Other Swanson-based sponsors included MD Aluminium supporting a Massey High School vehicle; Pinepac supporting Whenuapai School; and Swanson Medical Centre supporting a vehicle from Waitakere Primary.



No West Aucklanders remained in the last eight of the national finals on April 1st, but the winner going to Akron, Ohio later this year is Gemma McDougall of St Ignatius School in St Heliers.

Five vehicles represented us earlier in the day, and the Masters competition podium was comprised of exclusively West Auckland drivers. First was Henry Dyer, second was Zac Hinton and third was Aaron Kinge, last year's national title holder.

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