



This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 17 th March 2010
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge. The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Kerry McMillan on Soapbox Derby

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.
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Important Dates and Events

Fri 19 th Mar	Victim Support Appeal Day
Sunday 21st March	 <p>Waitakere City Soapbox Derby www.soapboxderby.co.nz</p>
Wed 24 th Mar	Committee Meetings
Thurs 25 th Mar	Henderson Rotary Golf Tournament
26 th to 28 th Mar	Red Puppy Appeal - Collectors needed
Sat 27 th Mar	- Whangaparaoa Soapbox Derby - Te Raa Mokopuna at Moire Park from 10am to 3pm (request for volunteer helpers.)
Sun 28 th Mar	Leadership Elect Training (LETS) East Auckland Soapbox Derby
Wed 31 st Mar	Fellowship and Partners Night – Movies "Charlie and Boots"
Sunday 10 th April	GSE team from District 1760 (Marseille - South France) arrives at East Coast Bays
Monday 11 th April 6pm	Official welcome of the GSE team hosted by East Coast Bays Rotary Club - The Pupuke Golf Club. East Coast Road. Mairangi Bay
Wednesday 14 th April	Guest Speakers: GSE Team At The Trusts Stadium
Wed 14 th April to Sat 17 th April	GSE Team Waitakere City Rotary will host the team from Wednesday AM 14 th April – Saturday AM 17 th
Wednesday 21 st April	Guest Speaker: Ian Grant Founder of Parents Inc
Wednesday 28 th April	CAKE COUTURE - Partners' Invited evening

Thurs 29 th April	Milford Golf Tournament
7 th to 8 th May	District 9910 Conference – Noumea
Wed 12 th May	Davis Funeral Home – trends in the business (date to be confirmed)
20 th to 23 rd June	Montreal Conference
This Week's Meeting:	
Present:	Jim A, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Monique M, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Bob B, Jim B, Steve L, Ross W
Late Apologies:	JR, Peter S
Missing in Action:	
Guests:	ADG Toni, 3 German television crew, Phyllis A
Attendance:	16 / 23 70%

Soapbox Derby Brief:

Kerry was under strict instructions to keep the brief... brief. He did succeed in keeping it under an hour.

An email went out to all Club members a couple of days ago listing jobs and our time schedule. If anyone has any questions please email me, Kerry or your team leader and we will see if we can find answers.

We are tight on helpers so if you can blackmail, bribe or otherwise coerce friends or family members into helping it would be greatly appreciated. Craiger's area in particular is a trifle short.

There have been separate newsletters for the derby. If anyone has accidentally deleted them or needs a copy – they are on the web site at www.soapboxderby.co.nz

Bob had grand plans for a Rotary Hospitality tent. Unfortunately his cardiac hospital tests today (Wed) have resulted in an extended stay for an operation on Friday and he will be out of action for the foreseeable future. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.

Monique and her TV crew:

Monique is spending a few days in the company of a TV crew from Germany. A "This is my life" show featuring Germans living abroad.

Being a clever Rotarian she brought the crew to Lincoln Heights Primary in the morning to check out the soapbox derby car that her firm, Euro Tattoos, is sponsoring and then brought them to Rotary in the evening. (This morning they were full of energy and repeating shots for the best one. By dinner time jet lag was showing and they were almost Zombie like, heads in hands and having trouble concentrating. But they did manage some filming. I believe they were in Korea on Tuesday). We will see them again at the Derby on Sunday.



Monique finishing her Sergeant's session



Monique with the crew

Photos from the morning episode of the team are in the Soapbox Derby Newsletter #6 on the website.



We fished out some of our many banners for display on the walls and it really brought our room to life. These 3 photos show some of the ones we hung up.

There are another hundred or so banners in a cardboard box if anyone has any spare roller blinds.



ADG Toni Alexander:

Toni came and presented us with the new South Pacific Rotary banner (Excuses, excuses – she just wanted to be on TV... Or make sure we didn't ruin Rotary's name on TV with our sense of humour. One or the other).

Kumeu Show

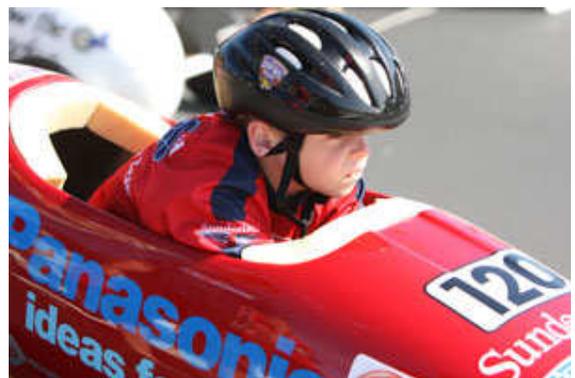
Alan and I set forth on Saturday to check out the Sunderland display at the Kumeu Show. We walked around looking at things (and no Alan, you can't buy a bulldozer) but couldn't see a single sign of a Sunderland tent anywhere.

As Kent had faithfully promised a couple of months ago to display the two Sunderland cars in their tent, and I was planning a photo for the Bulletin, we eventually asked at the Information tent. "No, Sunderland don't have a display there this year". Thanks Kent. This WILL be remembered!

The two cars we expected to see were:



The Web Company



Panasonic

We did however see a couple of our sponsors - although without the cars.



Airfoam



West City Holden

Barry Clarke from **Airfoam** wasn't there but the East Auckland franchise holder told us that Barry had told him all about the soapbox derby and how great it was.

John Blewett from **West City Holden** asked me if I'd seen their Autumn update and raced away to get me a copy. In between photos of cool looking dog hair free cars they had included my article on the V8 Hotlaps. They may have spelt my name wrong, and assumed I worked for The Web Co (hey Patrick, does this mean I'm on salary with you guys now?) ... and forgotten to mention Rotary ... but it was great to see one of our sponsors finding value in what we do.

ITM HOTLAPS

In October 2009, West City Auto Group ran a very successful business "After 5" function in conjunction with Enterprise Waitakere. At that function a "V8 Hotlaps" package as donated by the West City sponsored ITM Race Team and driver Andrew Anderson. The lucky winner was Heather Patterson of the Web Company who provided the following:

A Hint of Speed

A few weeks ago The Web Company ran a competition to promote the re-branding of their website. As mentioned previously I was fortunate to win a "V8 Hotlaps" with Andrew Anderson in the ITM West City Holden Car.

Saturday, 7th November was the day to head to the Pukekohe Raceway to test the fear factor. The first question to Andrew was "Do you go as fast as normal with passengers in the car?"

The answer was that they go fast but are encouraged to show "respect to their sponsors". Roughly translated this indicates that killing the sponsors isn't too good for business so they slow down a bit. The drivers are also so finely tuned to the feel of the car that the weight of passengers makes a difference. If that was slow then races must be interesting!

At the start the focus is on the officials with their flags and the track. Zero to fast in the blink of an eye leaves you pressed firmly in your seat. Just

as the brain is noting how well padded the seat is you're into the hairpin, wondering why you are on the grass instead of the nice firm seals and heading straight towards the large concrete block on the corner. Round this, somehow, it is onto the straight. Vision doesn't blur so much as become slightly jerky on this fast stretch of the track.

There is a car in front braking for the corner. At the last second brakes go on and it is round the bend at four times the speed of what could be considered "safe" and you wonder what happened to the 2 second rule. Straightening up round the bend took some effort. The safety harness shows it is not just an optional extra but designed to keep passengers out of the driver's lap. Was that steak and onion sandwich causing havoc with the car weights? Is that why we felt the ripple bumps on both sides of the track? Back safely in the middle of the track it is down past the grandstands to do it again and again.

A fantastic experience not to be missed. A Big Thank You to Patrick, Sukesh, The Web Company and our own sponsor in our soapbox derby – West City Holden.

Thank you to Andrew and the ITM Team on behalf of West City Auto Group.



 **West City Auto Group** 

Fiji Cyclone

Objet : RNZWCS - Cyclone Tomas - Emergency Response Kits

District Governors,

We certainly are living in unusual times evident by the chain of natural disasters affecting the world community.

Early indications from Fiji are that Emergency Response Kits are needed in badly affected communities particularly in the smaller islands which seem to have taken the full force of the cyclone.

Currently there are 142 Kits stored in Fiji and DG Leanne has confirmed with PDG Warwick Pleass who is based in Fiji that Kits from that supply be deployed initially.

There are currently 241 ERK's at Jenner in Auckland and 94 packed in Chch last week are now on their way to Auckland. Total 335.

We will monitor the situation and will send additional Kits to Fiji if a request comes from PDG Warwick.

It is our intention always to have a stockpile of 400 in Auckland, but we live in unusual times.

DG Leanne and RNZWCS are conscious of the number of requests that have been made to clubs for support for various emergency responses in recent months (Samoa, Haiti, Chile and now Fiji).

We acknowledge that clubs have commitments to other Rotary initiatives not least of which is the End Polio Now Gates Challenge and The Rotary Foundation programmes generally.

Whilst we are not going to launch a specific appeal to clubs for those affected by Cyclone Tomas, nevertheless, donations for emergencies such as this will always be gratefully received and used in rehabilitation.

Therefore any club or individual wishing to contribute on this occasion may do so in the normal way.

Donations can be made through internet banking Westpac 03 1702 0192208 02 or cheques can be made payable to RNZWCS Limited and posted to PO Box 20309, Christchurch, New Zealand 8543.

All donations made through RNZWCS are tax deductible for individuals and 31 March is just days away.

Would certainly appreciate your sending this communiqué through to clubs.

It is our intention to make the public aware of Rotary's response to Cyclone Tomas and to solicit donations from them.

Best wishes,

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The Movies:

Fellowship night at Westwind Theatre in Avondale on Wed 31st March. Partners and friends invited.

Derek has been in deep discussion with the theatre owners over available movies. The final selection is one that is now out in Australia but hasn't yet hit NZ shores. The cost of bringing in a DVD of the movie is included in the meal cost - and the DVD will be the prize in our evening raffle. (All proceeds from the raffle to our sergeant's charity fund as usual).

Cost: \$25 per head. This includes a roast dinner, ice cream in a cone and the movie. A great deal! BYO drinks... and glasses (if you don't like drinking from plastic)

Charlie & Boots

Rated **M**

Review by Margaret Pomeranz

It's always good to see PAUL HOGAN return to our screens, he is, after all, an Australian icon. He's teamed up with SHANE JACOBSON to play father and son, Charlie & Boots. They're not actually the best of friends, there's been some falling out over the years, but when Charlie's wife Grace dies this dairy farmer from Warrnambool loses it. He just sits around the house, stunned at his loss.

Boots, concerned about his father, decides to take him on a trip they'd talked about but never done... go fishing at the northernmost part of Australia - Cape York.

Initially distant, the trip seems to wean Charlie out of his trenchant melancholy. He's not above wanting to set Boots up with a girl along the way.

Co-written and directed by Dean Murphy, CHARLIE & BOOTS is more like a home movie than a feature film, but it's a very endearing one. We get to travel the distance, through the backblocks of Victoria and New South Wales. Very nourishing.

PAUL HOGAN seems more relaxed in this film, SHANE JACOBSON'S natural presence on screen works well for both of them.

There are parts that are very funny, I love the origin of Boots' name, but this is less an outright comedy than a genial road trip that embraces not only the two travellers but some very typical Aussie folk along the way.

Parting Thought: Derek

Thank you Derek. It's a good thing we understand your sense of humour – and that the TV crew had departed by then.

Sunshine Fund:

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| • This week's Raffles: | \$40 |
| • This week's Sergeant's Fines: | \$51.30 |

Meeting Times and Contact Details	
Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Board Members	
President	(Terry)
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craig
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent
Apologies	
Apologies: Contact: Heather at apology@details.co.nz Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569 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! AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also. Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

The usual wild guess at who may be there for duties. And as usual it will probably be wrong. If you can't do a duty – please arrange a swap with someone who can!

Date	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr
Event	Committee	Movies	Rotary Awareness	GSE
Squire	Mike A		Terry H	Kerry M
Squire	Jim A		Steve L	Alan P
Greeter				Heather P
Grace	David B	Roger F	Patrick H	Jack R
Introduction				JR
Thanks				Peter S
Parting Thought	Kent F		Monique M	Domenic W

Rotary	Website
Waitakere City Rotary	http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/
Rotary NZ	http://www.rotary.org.nz
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information District Governor's newsletter Admin page and information	www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180
Rotary International Future Vision	http://www.rotary.org/ www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	http://www.rotaryclubone.org/