



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE CITY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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**Venue:** Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson  
**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm  
[www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz)



## 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10

Mid Winter Christmas Party

## 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10

West Harbour Book Fair – donations of books still welcome

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT 10

DG Visit

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT 10

Sunderland School Trivial Pursuit

## 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

David Thornton – Super City and Local Boards

## MONDAY

## 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

Joint meeting at West Harbour Rotary to hear Barry de Geust

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

NO MEETING (due to joint meeting)

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT 10

Dick Berry – AA Driving Defensively on Behalf of ACC

West Harbour Rotary to join us

## 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Kumeu Art in the Garden

### BULLETIN NEWS

A couple of weeks ago Xtra failed to deliver the 4<sup>th</sup> August bulletin to their clients and finally bounced them back to me this week with a message saying they were “too old”. Hopefully this was a one off but ... who knows...

If you think a bulletin may have gone astray and want to check – copies are always available on our website:  
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/news-letters>

And speaking of the web site – ours tends to rank so well in Google that odd items in the Bulletins sometimes bring random enquiries to us. Last week Kerry (who has his contact details on the home page) had a few enquiries about the West Harbour Rotary Book Fair. I’ve now spoken to Carol and added the details, including contact phone numbers, in the “News” section.

If any of our neighbouring Clubs want to advertise an event – email me and I’ll add it. Santa parades spring to mind – we had enquiries last year for these. We can also add links to other Club’s ads to help with promotion.

### FUTURE EVENTS

NEXT WEEK –  
MID WINTER CHRISTMAS – WED 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010

**What:** A Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Time:** 6:30pm for 7:00pm

**Venue:** Rex Davy Lounge (our normal venue)

**Cost:** \$25 per person plus gold coin donation to Santa

**Menu:** Ham, turkey and all the trimmings

**Who:** Partners, past members, future members, friends, family, other Clubs...



“Someone Else” seems to be organizing this but it will all come together over the next week.

In the meantime get those creative juices going – there will be a prize for the most creative hat.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### COMMUNITY MAPPING WORKSHOP



This particular exercise is part of the Rotary International Community Assessment tools. Thanks to Phyllis and husband Martin for running this for us. (Martin is a teacher with Glen Avon so succeeded in keeping order in the ranks)

The object of the exercise: Increase our understanding of the communities that we serve.

We split up into two teams, thought of all the facilities in the community and added them to a map. Then we considered where the needs of the community are and where Rotary can help.

An interesting exercise that brought the conclusion from both teams that need is not necessarily geographic – there can be pockets of problems in small areas.

## 'Building Communities Programme' - community mapping workshop, 18 August 2010

By Phyllis Anscombe

In half an hour, club members identified over 100 community assets – all places we thought were important to the community. Interestingly, the list revealed that club members are a bit more familiar with the areas of Henderson, Ranui, Swanson, Waitakere, Glen Eden, Kelston, Te Atatu, (and the beaches), than Titirangi or New Lynn and other parts of Waitakere.



Mural,  
Waitakere  
Primary School

The list would have been longer if we'd had more time, but it was good to see what was 'top of mind' (list below).

The discussion revealed general consensus that the club isn't looking for a particular location for service projects, but would look for ways to help the needs in a community. However if there were pockets of socio-economic disadvantage in some areas, then this would be something to consider.

Historically, the club has supported youth projects in favour of other sectors of society, but this is not the only way to go. Perhaps another discussion about sectors of society would show not only the needs, but also the assets that already exist in those

sectors. We need to learn from the past, as well as taking long term view. We need to keep asking questions – like what could this photo of Ranui tell us?



Trusts Stadium  
sculpture



Ranui bus stop, 5

The current approach for assessing communities (recommended by Rotary International) is to look at the positive aspects of communities, as well as problems.

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/605a\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/605a_en.pdf)

What we found out in our workshop is that members together can have a powerful influence – our shared knowledge combined with a passion for helping. We can't save the world, but we can perhaps work in conjunction with other organisations to deal with some of the issues in society. We need to understand how other organisations think and act first, to make sure we are on the same page. It was suggested that maybe the club could take the lead at a grass roots level to get some improvements. How to build on the findings of the mapping? We could discuss which places are most important to us and why. This would reveal the values that members have, and could help guide which projects to support. Also, during our future discussions about the requests for support that we receive, we can note the values and goals we express and see which direction this points us in. Members agreed there was more to think about following a community assessment exercise.

List of community assets identified (summarised, and not in strict categories):

Sunderland School & College	Community Houses - Ranui	Arataki Visitors Centre	Waitakere Hospital
St Dominic's School	Community centres - New Lynn, Glen Eden, Kelston	Trusts Stadium	Police Stations- Henderson, Ranui, Massey, Te Atatu, New Lynn, Glen Eden
Waitakere College	Community Halls - Herald Is, Whenuapai, Waitakere, Hobsonville	Muriwai Golf Club	Ambulance Stations
Waitakere Primary School	Settlers Halls - Massey, Oratia	Redwood Park Golf Club	Fire Stations
Liston College	Global Cafe	Paradise Ice Rink	Civil Defence HQ
Henderson Valley School	Cemeteries - Waikemete, Swanson	Skate Park	Life Savers - Piha, Bethells
Western Heights School	EcoMatters Trust	The Watering Hole	Airforce Base
Massey High School	Recycling Station	Ten Pin Bowling	WestCity
Rutherford College	Cycleway	Te Atatu Boat Ramp	Glenora Market
Green Bay High School	Opanuku Walkway	Starling Park	Playhouse Theatre
Kelston Boys High School	West Wave	Fred Taylor Park	Vision West Centre
Kelston Girls College		Waitakere Tramway	Faith Factory
Unitec		Corban Estate	Scouts Dens
Library - Massey, Henderson, Westgate, Glen Eden, Ranui, New Lynn	RSA - Hobsonville, Henderson, Swanson, Waitakere, Glen Eden, Te Atatu, New Lynn	Hoani Waititi Marae	Guides - Te Atatu, Waitakere
		Waipareira Trust	Hopsice
		Rose Hellaby House	Glen Avon Hospital
			Ons Dorp

## OTHER CURRENT CLUB NEWS

- Patrick brought a visitor, Ann Foster of Designs for Living, as a guest. Ann seemed to be enjoying herself, will hopefully return (and has been press ganged into helping with next year's SBD).
- Graham updated us on Trees for Survival. The Te Atatu planting day was postponed due to a staff member's overnight death. The planting day should now take place on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept (to be confirmed)
- Kerry was given a strict 2 minutes to give us an update on Vanuatu (and were we impressed or what! He was actually timed at 1 minute 59 seconds!!)

Kerry has been trying to contact the Ministry of Education in Vanuatu about the proposed plans to repair the earthquake damaged school on Tongoa Island. Before proceeding with this it was important to get Ministry approval to ensure that the school could be reopened if it was repaired.

After numerous efforts he finally gave up and contacted the Assistant Teacher at the school by text. Richard promptly came back saying he is now on the Education Board himself (!) and got the approval within 24 hours.

Next step is for Kerry to purchase the needed parts and arrange the man power to get over there and supervise the repairs.

It will be great to get the kids out of the unfinished overcrowded teacher's house and back into their far larger school building. An outlay of around \$NZ 3,000 will make a massive difference to the educational needs of the 40 or 50 kids in the school.

## BOARD NEWS

### THE ROTARY NATIONAL SUMMER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM

See 11<sup>th</sup> August bulletin for details

**Applications close:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Applications:** An application pack is available from [rotarywaitak@rotarywaitakere.org.nz](mailto:rotarywaitak@rotarywaitakere.org.nz) Any enquiries will then be forwarded to our Youth Director Patrick.

## DICTIONARIES

**CORRECTION:** Patrick's dictionary presentation to Holy Cross School is **this** week – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10am. If anyone would like to join him for this he'd enjoy the company.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SITUATION VACANT

Patrick received the following employment ad from one of his contacts. If anyone knows of someone who would suit this position – pass it on.

### **Project Twin Streams Glen Eden Stream Ranger**

**Fixed-term Contract: August 2010 – June 2012**

EcoMatters Environment Trust (EcoMatters) is a charitable trust that was formed in 2002 with the primary purpose of providing management and administrative services to three other community based environmental trusts located in Waitakere City in order to maximise resources and explore opportunities for joint initiatives. These trusts are Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust, Tag Out Trust and The WeedFree Waitakere Trust.

EcoMatters also provides a range of environmental services and environmental education initiatives to the community in areas not addressed by the partner trusts of EcoMatters noted above. These are in

the areas of energy efficiency, water conservation and waste minimisation.

Project Twin Streams (PTS) is an innovative partnership between the Waitakere City Council and the local community to combine efforts to restore the streams in Waitakere City. The overall objective of the project is to achieve better stormwater management, but the effect will be to improve water quality, help restore the natural environment in our suburbs and work with other parts of the Council to help create different ways to live, work, play and travel.

PTS covers the stream catchments draining to the Henderson Creek and the Huruhuru Creek. This includes the Lower Oratia and Lower Opanuku streams and the Waikumete, Swanson and Pixie streams. The streams run through a mixture of rural and built-up urban areas. The project consists of approximately 55 kilometres of stream banks and over 10,000 hectares of catchment area. It is undoubtedly one of the biggest projects of its kind in New Zealand.

EcoMatters Environment Trust and Glen Eden Primary School currently hold the Community Contract from Waitakere City Council to co-ordinate PTS in the Glen Eden community.

EcoMatters seeks to employ a second Stream Ranger.

The Stream Ranger roles are:

- Engaging the local community in the restoration of stream banks in the Glen Eden catchment.
- Supporting residents to restore their stream environment by providing training and workshops and facilitating access to other support.
- Creatively engaging with local people to understand the causes of the degradation of the streams and to work together on the solutions.
- Identifying and developing opportunities for wider sustainable community development.

To succeed in this role the individual must have:

- High quality communication and relationship building skills
- Ability to work cross culturally and in ways that are appropriate to diverse communities
- Practical working knowledge of environmental issues and ability to communicate with confidence to varied ages and groups
- Be highly professional and organised with good accuracy and attention to detail
- Able to work as an individual using initiative, and as a team member
- Passionate about making a difference with strong ethical values
- Good computer skills – proficient in MS Excel and MS Office Suite

For a full job description visit: [www.ecomatters.org.nz](http://www.ecomatters.org.nz)

**To apply for this position, please send a CV with a covering letter to:**

Teremoana Jones, PTS Glen Eden Programme Manager: [teremoana@ecomatters.org.nz](mailto:teremoana@ecomatters.org.nz)

**Applications close: Monday 23rd August 2010**

**RAFFLE**

Winner: NO WINNER (but 4 people tied for the losing toss!) Statistics: H, H, H, T

**PARTING THOUGHT**

David (via Jim): Always when you are in a bad mood keep your words soft and sweet. You never know when you will have to eat them.

**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?*

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:**

Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Jim B, Kent F, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, Jack R,
Late Apologies:	Peter S
Make Ups:	
Guests:	Martin Anscombe, Ann Foster
Attendance:	14/22 64%

**SUNSHINE FUND:**

Raffle:	\$28
Fines:	\$42.60

**NEXT WEEK'S DUTIES:**

Deputy Sergeant	Alan
Squire	Jim
Squire	Bob
Greeter	Patrick
Grace	Jack
Introduction	Heather
Thanks	Domenic
Parting Thought	Kerry
Dealer	Heather
Joker	Phyllis
Joker	

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President / International	Craig Hargesheimer
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek Gee
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather Pattison
Treasurer	Alan Pattison
Community/Youth Director	Patrick Howard
Vocational Director	John Riddell

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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!

**WEB SITE ADDRESSES:**

Waitakere City Rotary  
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/>  
Rotary International  
<http://www.rotary.org/>  
Rotary NZ  
<http://www.rotary.org.nz>

District Governor's newsletter  
<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

Rotary Downunder Magazine  
[www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

Rotary NZ Promotions and Information  
[www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364](http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364)  
Admin page and information  
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180>  
Future Vision  
[www.rotary.org/future\\_vision](http://www.rotary.org/future_vision)  
Rotary E Club (for make ups)  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

# Soapbox derby kid in US photo finish

By MICHELE ONG

Delighted Riverhead School student Henry Dyer, 12, was second in the international race division at the annual Akron All-American Soapbox Derby in Ohio.

"I got a trophy, and also a medal from the Germans for beating them. My dad is really proud of me," he says.

His father Shawn Dyer, Riverhead School caretaker and the school's soapbox derby manager, says they were "pretty rapt and happy" about Henry's achievement.

"The team to beat us was Alaska. It was such a close win too – a photo finish. They had to use a picture to check the crossing line. Normally it would've just been sighted, but this was so close."

It was also a close finish for Henry in the world championship section. However, he was outgunned by an Amer-



**Great effort:** The Riverhead pupil did New Zealand proud in the world finals in Ohio.

ican racer who later went on to be the runner-up.

Henry featured in the Rodney Times on April 15 after winning the 2010 Rotary Soapbox Derby national finals at Glenfield. He qualified from the Rotary Club of Waitakere's west Auckland regional event.

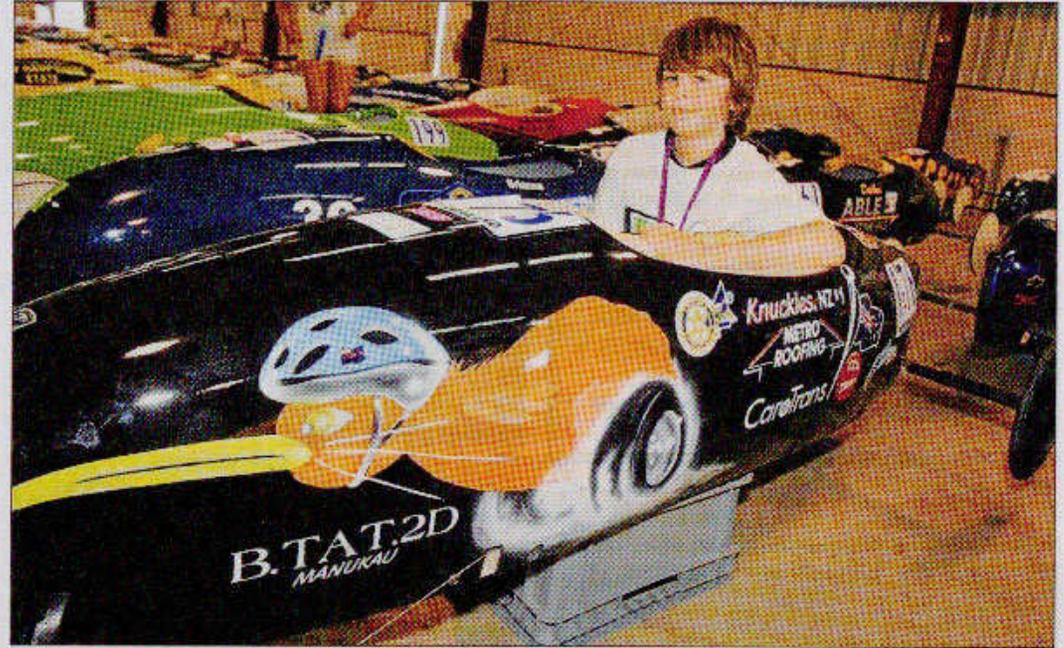
Club president Kerry McMillan says a huge amount of effort has been put in by Henry and his dad for the competition.

"Henry made a good ambassador for New Zealand.

"He's a real nice kid. He's been wanting to race for a very long time," says Mr McMillan.

"His father deserves it too. He minds the Scouts and all, so it's all really good," says Mr McMillan.

Mr Dyer says more than 500 competitors came from the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany and New Zealand.



**Flying Kiwi:** Henry Dyer, 12, of Riverhead School, was second in the international division of the annual Akron All-American Soapbox Derby race in the United States.

Photo: AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

"There were heaps of girls in the race as well – about half.

"They were all there with their dads. In New

Zealand, it's mostly the boys racing.

"Every year, I try to get the girls to race. I've had 53 kids race over the

years, and so far there has only been one girl," says Mr Dyer.

Henry's soapbox will take three months to be

shipped back to New Zealand.

The All-American Soapbox Derby first started in Akron in 1933.

Note how in the above article Kerry seems to have promoted himself to "Club President". What next Kerry? ... "District Governor"... "Rotary World President"... "President of the Universe"...

# Obituary – John M C Ritchie 1941 - 2010

A huge funeral was held on July 19 for the quietly spoken and independent man who, with his brother Glen and son Andrew, ran Ritchies Coachlines from his Swanson depot. He and his brothers took over their father's three-bus, Temuka-based fleet in 1970 and built it up to what is now the biggest bus and tourist coach fleet in New Zealand. People came from across New Zealand to celebrate his achievements.

With fellow Rotarian Kerry McMillan, "JR" started the popular Soapbox Derbies for West Auckland schools, in which Swanson Primary competes and which this year was won by Riverhead School.

He was President of the Waitakere City Rotary Club in 2003, and in his memory they are considering creating a new scholarship for a student at a school of widow Rachel Ritchie's choice. It has been suggested the annually-awarded scholarship should be for \$500.

Rotarian and long-time friend Peter Smith of Smith and Partners Lawyers spoke from the heart at his friend's funeral, as did others.



"He will be missed by many in the business and wider community for his sense of humour, his tenacity as a business person and his support of local activity through Rotary, Hospice and the Waitakere Business Awards. He was a mentor to Waitakere's young entrepreneurs and generous with his knowledge and experience to many," said Susan O'Meagher, Acting Chief Executive of Waitakere Enterprise. He had been inducted into the West Auckland Business Hall of Fame last year.

"He was a valued trustee of the West Auckland Hospice," added Councillor Linda Cooper. "He really enjoyed giving back to the community which, combined with his business expertise, made his contribution to Hospice over the last three years an invaluable one."