



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

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

10TH MAY

Invite from Westhaven Rotary for breakfast meeting

11TH MAY

Club Night

16TH MAY

Challenge Camp starts

18TH MAY

Challenge Camp dinner

- Vaughan Park
1054 Beach Rd,
Long Bay
- Bring spare name badges

20TH MAY

Challenge Camp finishes

21ST MAY

Waitakere Primary Quiz Night: Fundraiser for the SBD team who are off to the State.

MON 23RD MAY

Joint meeting with Te Atatu Lions 6:30 for 7pm
Edmonton Road
Te Atatu

25TH MAY

No meeting

MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

FUTURE EVENTS:

WED 11TH MAY: SUMMER SCIENCE STUDENTS

The Rutherford College students who went to the Rotary Summer Science Forum are coming to tell us all about it.

THIS WEEK:

SOAPBOX DERBY THANK YOU NIGHT

Around 100 Rotarians, Sponsors, Supporters and team members turned up to help us celebrate the Soapbox Derby in style.

We swamped the room with Rotary banners, photos, information, Rotary videos and a couple of soapbox derby cars; provided lots of finger food and soft drinks - and had a party.

- Certificates, speeding fines and certificates went down well we played
- The almost final version of the video was shown (due to technical issues with the sound we didn't play part 2 - the unveiling of the car)
- The car that is off to the States was unveiled

Judging by the buzz of conversation everyone had a great time.

The final copy of the video (including part 2 and the NZ car photo) has been uploaded to You Tube and can be seen on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz



Redwood Panel and Paint in Swanson sponsored the painting of the car using a highly expensive paint that is new to New Zealand.

It has crushed pearls in it and reflects light in amazing ways. The car also changes colour in different lights.

An absolutely awesome paint job!

It is amazing how many people we can fit in our small room – our caterer was most impressed! Oh, and if anyone tried the mussels – they were donated by Future Cuisine.



Some of our happy campers



The kids watching the unveiling of the car



Warren Flaunty, Aaron Kinge and Linda Cooper



More of our happy campers

Judy Lawley produced some great gifts from the Auckland Council for the team to take to America. At the Baseball game at the beginning of the week all the Finalists in the AASBD races are honoured guests and they all have to "throw out" small gifts to the crowd.

Judy came up with some Auckland Council Rugby World Cup badges, jelly bangles and small bags of jaffas. She also located a nice piece of greenstone mounted in a frame and a copy of Bob Harvey's book for the hosts. Absolutely perfect gifts that help promote New Zealand.

NOTE: Redwood Panel and Paint in between painting SBD cars ☺ also find time to do a great job with car repairs. We used them for our first car accident in 2008 because they are local and also sponsors of the derby – and went back for subsequent ones as they do such a great job.

- Dec 2008 My car damaged by a runaway trolley when Alan parked it facing uphill at the supermarket. A big bang – even the bonnet bent. The dog looked on in astonishment when the offender left a note.
\$1,500 damage
- Dec 2009 Coming home in torrential rain, round the blind corner to find our rural 80km road flooded in its normal place (a wide but very shallow passable ford). This time there was a car blocking the road whilst the driver "thought" about it. I stopped in time, the kid behind me didn't (and the driver who caused the mess left hurriedly, never to be seen again, as soon as they heard the bang behind them)
\$3,500 damage
- Dec 2010 Alan was helping friends concrete their drive and parked his van on the grass verge by the road. The concrete truck had two attempts at it but finally succeeded in hitting him
\$1,000 damage

We can't wait to see what this December holds in store for us – Darryn has us pencil booked in...

OUR TV STAR TURNS TO RADIO...

Shawn is at it again. Close Up, Te Radar, The Rodney Times, Nor-West News... this time he is on Radio...

SPECTRUM

Sundays at 12:09pm, repeated on Thursdays at 12:30am and 7:30pm.

with Jack Perkins, Deborah Nation, David Steemson

Sunday, 08 May 2011: A Need for Speed



Thirteen year old Henry Dyer may still be two years shy of being able to apply for a drivers licence, but that hasn't stopped him collecting a speeding ticket for reaching speeds of nearly 60 kilometres an hour in a 50 kilometre zone.

But it's a ticket he won't have to pay.



Henry is the 2010 national soapbox derby champion and has spent the last four years careering down hills in West Auckland, cheered on by his father and coach Shawn Dyer.

Both are big motorsport fans and together they have lovingly hand built numerous cars. Shawn also coaches the Riverhead School soapbox team, which is aiming for back-to-back wins at this year's nationals, with drivers Reece "Hawk" Cook and John "Ninja" Tulloch looking to emulate Henry's success.

The winner of the 24 cars competing will head to the United States to race in the All American Soapbox Derby. This will be Shawn's eighth year of soapbox racing and as Riverhead's Scout Master he is continuing to draw the community into his racing passion.



Join Spectrum's Lisa Thompson for a day at the races, soapbox style.

NOTE: If you miss hearing it then a copy of it will be available on the Radio NZ website:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/spectrum>

Left hand menu "Spectrum Audio Archives" Sun, 08 May

PACKING FOR THE TRIP

The Waitakere Team have been ably assisted by Shawn in preparing for the trip. We dropped by Barry's shed one night earlier in the week to see how they were progressing.



The crate that goes to America



Shawn Dyer, Barry Hinton, John Kinge and Alan at work on the car

MASSEY MATTERS TREASURE HUNT

This has been "postponed till Spring" due to the weather. Refer John Riddell for details.

PLANTING DATES FOR TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Graham asked me to pass on the following:

Tuesday 14th June Matipo Road School going to Waitoki.

We have been up here for the last 4 years and it's interesting to see the growth over the years. This year's planting is in an area that we worked in last year and is gentle country.

Friday 5th August Te Atatu Intermediate going to a new property in Albany.

IYE STUDENT: ELISE NOTHER

Earlier in the year we saw Elise off to Chile for her year as our Rotary International Youth Exchange Student. Since then she has been suspiciously quiet. Bob tracked down her father who assures us that Elise has not forgotten us all but is keeping the world informed of her experiences by writing a Blog. Check it out at: <http://eliseinchileblog.tumblr.com/>

I've also emailed Elise to say Happy Birthday on the Club's behalf (it is on May 11th) and requested an update of her travels just for us. Her reply follows:

ELISE'S UPDATE

Well recently I have been to Vina del Mar a place that is defined by its beaches. I was invited for Easter by a family that I met at my first and only rotary meeting so far. Then on the Monday being ANZAC day after school me and the other 2 NZ exchange students and the Australian went to a service held at the Australian ambassador's house.

It was so nice to be in a room with English speaking people and not one had an American accent. We also met the New Zealand ambassador there.

So apart from that I've been at school. It happens to be my schools fiesta week at the moment so there aren't as many classes, instead a lot of activities, such as one that I was chosen to participate in. The drawing competition of a person turned out not my strength but I came 3rd against the best in my school so I was pretty pleased with that. I have also joined two clubs in school to meet more people the theater club and the cooking one.

Coming up I leave for Easter Island next week on the 4th of May which I am of course extremely looking forward to.

That's it really for now.

Elise



The three NZ exchange students with the NZ ambassador



Valparaiso where I was staying in Vina and the three girls of the family I was with



One of the activities in the fiesta, an eco outfit



From my north trip in front of a rotary monument

APRIL WEBSITE STATISTICS

I like statistics (as if anyone hadn't guessed by the Heads and Tails ones). Fascinating things full of lots of useful information and the April stats on our web site were really interesting...

We have a domain name www.soapboxderby.co.nz that points to a page in the middle of our Waitakere Rotary site.

At the end of March I asked The Web Company to move this pointer from the 2011 SBD page to one created for the SBD Finals – and in a few months we'll move it again for a new page for next year.

Now that we are into May I've gone back to have a look at the April statistics. The top pages for the month were:

- 1485** [/our-fundraisers/2011-sbd-nz-finals](#)
- 400 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Final-Site-Plan.pdf](#)
- 389 [/our-fundraisers/soapbox-derby-2011](#)
- 250 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Whangaparaoa-Soapbox-Derby.pdf](#)
- 120 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Northcote Soapbox Derby.pdf](#)
- 108 [/our-fundraisers/soapbox-derby-2010](#)
- 107 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Auckland East Soapbox Derby.pdf](#)
- 103 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Whangaparaoa-Race-Track.pdf](#)
- 96 [/news/articles](#)
- 95 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Waitakere Soapbox Derby.pdf](#)
- 88 [/uploads/2011_SBD/Race-Draw-1A.pdf](#)
- 83** [/uploads/2011_SBD/SBD Brochure 2011.pdf](#)
- 77 [/calendar](#)
- 65 [/news/news-letters](#)
- 62 [/uploads/2011_SBD/NZ Finals Soapbox Derby.pdf](#)
- 59 [/uploads/Articles/2011-04-13-SBD-Wak-Primary.pdf](#)
- 52 [/news/12/70/The-Akron-Soapbox-Derby](#)
- 51 [/our-fundraisers/walk-west](#)

1,485 visitors are a lot of visitors – and as per usual a fair number of them looked at our soapbox derby brochure.

Note that in March 618 visitors checked out our own SBD page – and 336 of them had a look at the 2011 brochure. And in February 118 people also looked at the brochure.

Other months the topics of interest have been our calendar and some of the bulletins – it's always interesting to see which ones are on the hot list for the month!

Also note the statistics for the year since last June. **Over 18,000 visits in total!!!**

Summary by Month												
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals							
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	kB F	kB In	kB Out	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
May 2011	597	408	157	57	227	93191	0	0	344	946	2452	3584
Apr 2011	1222	821	254	79	1128	1097481	0	0	2393	7642	24635	36667
Mar 2011	955	573	203	62	1031	929064	0	0	1929	6319	17785	29606
Feb 2011	560	395	164	52	655	581183	0	0	1464	4607	11075	15684
Jan 2011	358	227	128	54	533	348089	0	0	1677	3971	7066	11126
Dec 2010	270	194	101	48	510	334750	0	0	1488	3154	6015	8391
Nov 2010	384	270	113	49	704	533162	0	0	1497	3410	8123	11526
Oct 2010	330	241	123	48	549	383357	0	0	1514	3825	7497	10244
Sep 2010	383	261	138	53	521	410708	0	0	1602	4162	7842	11506
Aug 2010	345	256	123	47	581	378747	0	0	1461	3813	7950	10725
Jul 2010	388	275	128	42	611	391486	0	0	1319	3982	8535	12050
Jun 2010	384	243	116	44	643	401740	0	0	1346	3505	7301	11547
Totals						5882957	0	0	18034	49336	116276	172656

Our site is also really popular with Google. Try typing in the name of one of our guest speakers - quite often, particularly shortly after the meeting, our newsletter for them is one of the first results up.

HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES...



Whangaparaoa Rotary extended an invitation to Alan and myself to join them for their SBD Thank You night on Thursday.

This was a completely different event to ours with only a few kids (their winners) sponsors, parents and Rotarians present. They meet in a large side room at the RSA and the meal was a normal sit down meal.

A great chance to meet up with the Rotarian friends we've made in their Club (thanks to the Soapbox Derby)

NORTH SHORE TIMES

A reporter rang Alan this week for an interview about the Rotary Challenge Camp. Watch this space...

**RAFFLE
PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner:

Statistics:

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?

Cousin George: When written in Chinese, the word 'CRISIS' is composed of two characters - one represents DANGER, and the other represents OPPORTUNITY

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES:

Squire	Linda
Squire	? (we seem to have lost a card)
Greeter	Mike
Grace	David
Introduction	Phyllis
Thanks	Roger
Parting Thought	Alan
Dealer	Heather
Joker	Kerry
Joker	Bob

BOARD MEMBERS:

President / International	Craig Hargesheimer
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THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Cedric M, Jennice M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Peter S, Sheena S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Jim A, Kent F, Terry H, Monique M,
Guests:	Too many to count!
Make Ups:	Heather & Alan - Whangaparaoa SBD Thank You night
Attendance:	21/24 87%

SUNSHINE FUND:

Raffle:	\$
Fines:	\$

APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:

apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589
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

Rotary NZ Promotions and Information
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
Rotary E Club (for make ups)
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>
Dare West
<http://darewest.org.nz/>