

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

NEXT MEETING

Date: 21st March 2012
Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
Event: Pia Wittwer-Blaser
Swiss-Kiwi Experience of the New York Marathon
2011

THIS WEEK: SOAPBOX DERBY BRIEFING

Yes, it really is Soapbox Season. Northcote raced last week and we're racing this Sunday – 18th March. Racing starts at 9am.



Derek, Jack, Graham and Phyllis discussing their roles at the derby.

This week we asked the teams to sit together in their derby groups for dinner, look through the plans, check all was well and give help to each other as required. Afterwards questions were called for... and there weren't very many at all.

Everyone received the Master Plan and jobs list by email and the only additions are:

1. **Can all Rotarians please wear the High Viz jackets.** This makes it MUCH easier for people in need of help to know who to ask and for our Race Director to spot.
2. **Name Badges.** Please bring your spare one and wear it. This really helps people get to know us.

If you haven't read your copy of the plan cover to cover - don't forget the list of personal stuff on page 2 and the timeline on page 3.

If you think you need a chair, parasol, fan, personal masseuse (or whatever) - bring it. If "someone else" forgets it - YOU are the one to suffer.

We also request that as many cars as possible are parked at the Salvation Army to reduce the impact of our event on the neighbours.

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CALENDAR

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH
18/3/12

!*SOAPBOX DERBY*!

21/3/12

Pia Wittwer-Blaser

SUN 25/3/12

**Fellowship Event - Picnic
in the Park**

28/3/12

<no meeting>

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?

TV AND RADIO

For those of you on the Bulletin list who are not on the SBD Newsletter list then boy are you missing some exciting emails!

TV BREAKFAST SHOW

Sheena rang the Breakfast Show and asked if Tamati Coffey would be interested in interviewing our 2011 NZ Champ, Aaron Kinge. They said, "Great. Good idea", booked us in for this Friday - and things have grown from there. Many of our schools, parents and Rotarians are due to set out early in the morning to become involved with this. Tamati is also keen to have a go in our corporate car down our practice track in Westgate Drive

TVNZ have requested that **as many of our Rotarians as are possible turn up**. Kerry will bring his giant yellow hat and the high viz vests and between all of those involved we will have a very vibrant event.

The timetable is:

- 5.15 – Crew arrive on site
- 6.15 – Tamati and Alex arrive on site – Aaron Kinge also to arrive with last year's trophy
- 6.30 CROSS – Interview with Aaron
- 6.45 – Teams and Parents to arrive
- 7.00 CROSS – Cars and kids in shot – Tamati to re-iterate event. One car in background racing.
- 7.15 or earlier – Rotary members to arrive
- 7.30 CROSS – Interview with Rotary Soap Box Derby Event Organiser. Kids in background racing.
- 8.00 CROSS – KIDS TO RACE
- 8.30 CROSS – Tamati to race
- 8.58 WRAP

RADIO

Our NZ Race Director, Terry Clarkson, is also of interest to the media and received the following email:

Tena koe Terry

My name is Robyn and I produce the evening show on RADIO NEW ZEALAND National...
radionz.co.nz/nights.

I would like to invite you to speak with NIGHTS host, Bryan Crump, about this year's Whangaparaoa Rotary Soap Box Derby - what it takes to be a good soap box racer and is it true that adults get to have a go this year?

Could we speak with you on **Wednesday 21 March 2012 at about 7:10pm**. The interview would be live-to-air for 8 to 12 minutes.

If these details suit, we require a phone number (a landline preferably) that we can call you on at this time, as well as a back-up number for just in case.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Warm regards,
Robyn

VIP GUESTS

Auckland Council, being one of our Sponsors, were emailed and asked if they had a volunteer or two who would like to race.

The response to this was:

Can you hold a spot for the Mayor, we are just working with his office to see if we can free up some time for him. I take it that the offer is for this Sunday??

<NOTE: With the new corporate cars on Live TV, Radio interested and the possibility of the Mayor racing... if this doesn't work out as planned please disavow any knowledge of our existence! We may be emigrating rapidly!>

NORTHCOTE SOAPBOX DERBY: SATURDAY 10TH MARCH



Masters Car Race 2011
Dad Barry giving Son Zach guidance



Corporate Car Race 2012
Son Zach giving Dad Barry guidance



Mainfreight CEO versus local teacher



A North Shore Teacher in the Rotary car

The Mainfreight CEO Sponsor was positively bouncing after his race in the Clarkson car and we couldn't get the grin off his face. He says he now totally understands why the kids love it.



Brandon, a past Masters car champ who went to America giving Barry tips; Guy from Northcote checking Shawn is ready; and Lyn once again helping out with the start

Mainfreight are excellent sponsors of the NZ Derby. In exchange for racing a car or two at the Northcote race they send our NZ Champ's car to Akron every year, and all our parts for the various centres come back in the crate. They hope to win the Derby one day...



Local high school students helping out and doing a great job.

Our newest team, Matipo School, had a trial race at Northcote (their official Westpac car body is still being painted but the entire team were wearing Westpac caps).

All drivers had a run down the track and the pit crew, parents and teacher found the experience invaluable to know what to expect and to help them to iron out the odd glitch.



Local students full of enthusiasm and energy for their car return duties



Errol Cooper, Dad of 2006 NZ Champ James, helping out once again with scrutineering. Once SBD is in the blood...



Warren Jennings and Alan deep in discussion – totally oblivious to Rotadog Caza and her fan club behind them. Note Alan's tee shirt. **These will be on sale at our race too.**



A Barfoot Open Home...



... And a Barfoot race car



A Masters Car "disappearing" down the track



The Dyer's Master car
Time will tell if the ballistics increase speed



Willow Park School – The team to beat. Two of their drivers came first and second



Nortcote 2012 Champion



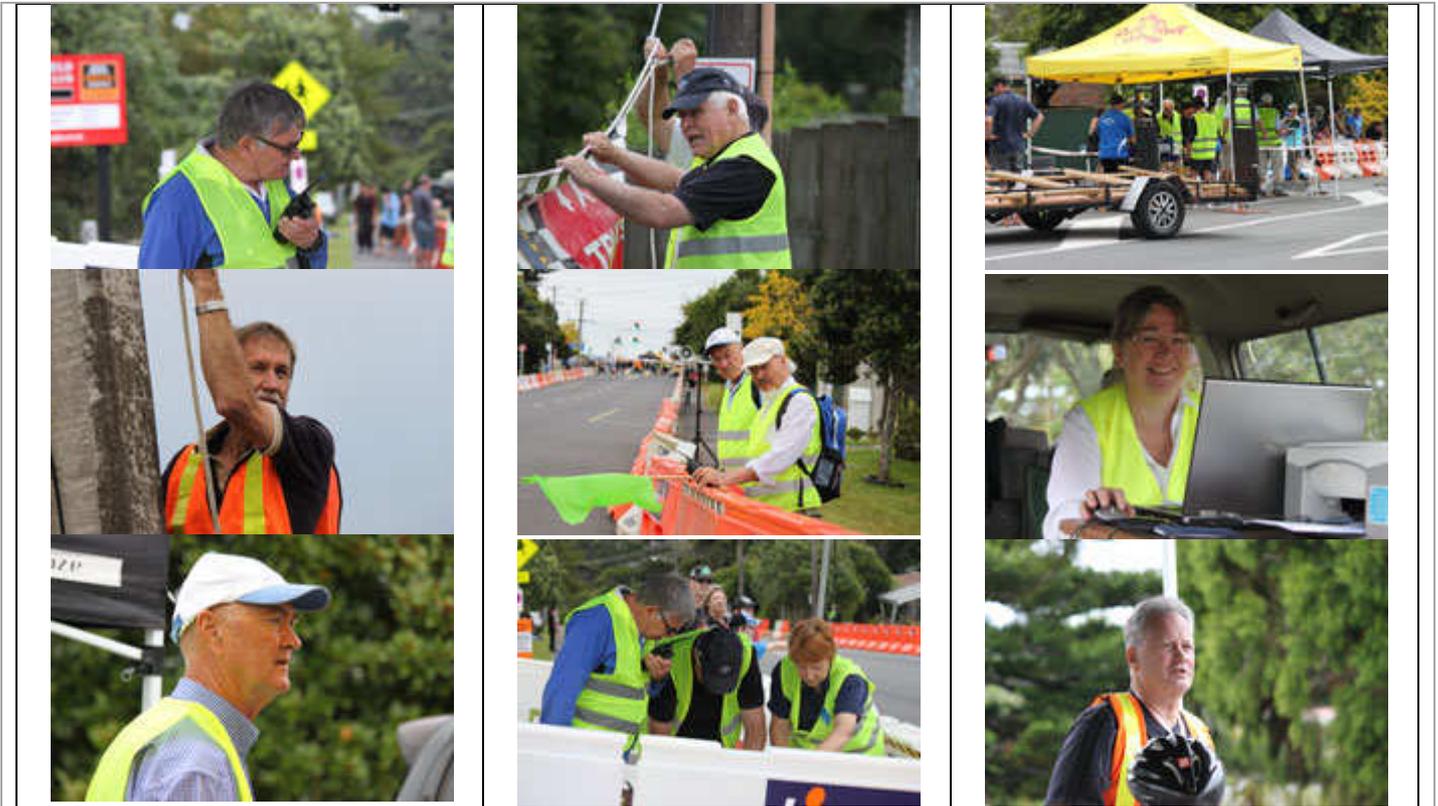
Northcote 2nd – with President Bill McSweeney



Northcote 3rd

And behind it all as always a great bunch of dedicated Rotarians and their families





10TH ANNIVERSARY CAPS AND TEE SHIRTS

A reminder that these are on sale for \$25 each. A fantastic way to promote the derby at our various Rotary events. All profit goes to the NZ SBD Trust to help with the costs in running the Finals.



Caps



Tee shirt front

NON SOAPBOX DERBY NEWS

I suppose there is some...



At left our two IYE students, Gabriel and Cecile. Gabriel is filling in time till his flight to Norfolk Island so Alan and Kerry have found ways in the last couple of days to keep him occupied. Alan took him on some soapbox derby visits, and Kerry dragged him into helping on his building site <apparently he slept well that night>

Graham is away in May for one of the Trees for Survival seedlings deliveries. Roger has volunteered (and Kerry offered Lyn as a backup). The job entails picking up seedlings from Penrose and delivering them to 6 schools. Time involved approx 4 hours. Graham puts a lot of time and effort into this program during the year as there are several tasks involved for the two schools that we support.



**President Craiger and the Board cordially invites
You, your partner & friends
To join the members and partners of the Waitakere
Rotary Club Inc.**

To hear



**Guest Speaker: The Hon. Paula Bennett, MP for
Waitakere and Minister of Social Development.**

**She will discuss the government's welfare reforms
and the Green Paper for Vulnerable Children.**

Wednesday the 16th of May 2012.

Venue: Starling Park Club. 34 Glen Road. Ranui.

Arrive: 5:45 pm Pre dinner drinks. (Cash Bar).

Official Welcome: 6.15pm – Dinner – Speaker – & – Fellowship.

Cost: \$30.00 per head

RSVP by Wednesday 9th May 2012.

Bob Benzie – 021 434 611 or bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz

PARTING THOUGHT		Roger: The Portuguese don't know how to spell "automatic" because they are all called Manual. Derek: I wondered why the Frisbee was getting bigger. And then it hit me.	
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
		\$22	\$27.50
APOLOGIES:			
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than 5pm 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!			
BOARD MEMBERS		ATTENDANCE	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Phyllis A, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Jack R, John R,
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Mike A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Terry H, Peter S,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Late Apologies:	Jim A,
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Cecile, Gabriel
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Domenic W
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	11/21 52%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Squire		Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/	
Squire		Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/	
Greeter		Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Grace		District Governor's newsletter http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Introduction		Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Thanks		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364	
Parting Thought		Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Dealer		Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision	
Joker		Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Joker		Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
If you are Good, you will be assigned all the Work. If you are Really Good, you will get out of it.			
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