

# 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](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz) or [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

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## MARCH: ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>5:30pm to 9:30pm</b>
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	<b>Club Visioning</b>

## THIS WEEK

### JONOTHAN WINTHER: ANGELMAN SYNDROME

#### What is Angelman Syndrome?

Angelman Syndrome (AS) is a non progressive neuro-genetic disorder named after an English paediatrician, Dr. Harry Angelman, who first described the syndrome in 1965.

A syndrome is number of features which occur together as a group and indicate a particular condition.

AS is characterised by severe intellectual disability, speech impediment, sleep disturbance, unstable jerky gait, seizures and usually a happy demeanour.

#### Is it difficult to diagnose?

Yes, but with increasing public awareness of the condition and more accurate diagnostic tests, more children are being diagnosed. It is estimated that Angelman Syndrome occurs about one in 20,000 births.

More information at: [www.angelman.co.nz](http://www.angelman.co.nz)

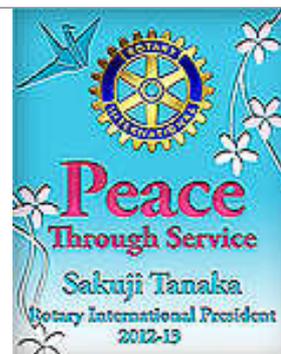
Note: When the Bulletin Editor is away a slightly more detailed report than "Good speaker. Worthy of some bucks -have some info" would be appreciated

## NEXT WEEK

A reminder that our Club Meeting is a SPECIAL ONE on Wednesday – it's our "Club Visioning Meeting" where we set the direction for the club for the coming year.

Sheena has sent us all a Visioning Questionnaire for us to fill in and return to her. Please do this over the weekend if possible

Please remember the meeting will start with a meal at **5.30pm sharp** (we'll eat as they do their introduction) and will **finish at 9.30pm.**



## Calendar

### April – Rotary Magazine Month

1/4/13

Easter Monday

### Wed 3/4/13 Club Visioning

6/4/13

Whangaparaoa SBD

7/4/13

NZ SBD Finals

Mon 8/4/12

Board Meeting

### Wed 10/4/13 Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse

## 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?

## SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH...

... A VERY busy day with THREE events on! Read on...

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOAPBOX DERBY

Many thanks to those of you who helped with our Rain Date Derby. Whilst Northcote had one car return team, marshals and staff to man their races they had asked for help from our Rotarians to look after our teams and assist with the extra work – and managing 52 extra drivers plus pit crew does require a large team.

- Kerry: You did a fantastic job as announcer and kept the cars coming... and coming. We also really appreciated your truck as a second car return vehicle
- Kerry's helper Lyn was also up there at the start as usual. Lyn may not be a Rotarian but he is always there when help is required
- Domenic and Jim – How the pair of you managed to control our pit area with 52 drivers, multiple pit crews, parents and teachers WITHOUT EXTRA HELP is beyond me.
- Shawn Dyer, our scrutineer from Riverhead School also stepped in to help with start control
- Roger – Grinning broadly all day whilst driving Kerry's truck on car return
- Alan – once again on Timing supervision, keeping an eye out for neighbours cars that needed access and directing the flag marshals as to whether to display red or green flags
- And me? Trying to make sense of the times and load them in the database. 4 cars somehow managed to change lanes and where drivers weren't ready they changed the order to keep things flowing fast. Good for the races but challenging to record (the database is set for specific lanes). Print outs of times became a non-option until late in the day as a result.
- Craiger, who had a major family commitment on the day managed to slot in an hour with us first – and brought Morgan who was limping heavily with blistered feet.

The weather was a vast improvement on the week before and all went well. Northcote, as well as fitting in our cars also had a team from the "Erin Simpson" Show filming for TV2 so it was a very interesting day!

We only lost 2 or 3 drivers to other Saturday events – and one entire team who thought the rain date was Sunday. Whangaparaoa have offered them a time to race although they have missed out on a chance of becoming Finalists.

NOTE: Our photographer spent Saturday photographing a wedding - and whilst I took a few photos between the data entry more are needed. Others have promised to send me copies of their photos.



The new West Auckland Champion is Joe Grevel of Waitakere Primary.

The other finalists are:

- 2nd: Maddie Pester, Waitakere Primary
- 3rd: Robbie Craig, Bruce McLaren Intermediate
- 4th: Rose Hinton, Waitakere Primary
- 5th: George Prinsloo, Bruce McLaren Intermediate
- 6th: Bas Daengkham, Massey High

Results, and details of the NZ Finals are on our website:

[www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

## AND MESSAGES:

Hi Guys

Thank you for an awesome day.

Again the fantastic organisation made this day go without any problems.

Thanks again

Lee Dainty

Technology Teacher

Massey High School

## RISERRA DRIVE, RANUI STREET BBQ



Linda helping out at the Rissera Drive Neighbour's Day. Waitakere Rotary provided the sausages.

## WALK FOR WATER AUCKLAND 2013

Phyllis joined New Lynn Rotary as a helper with this and wrote the following report:

This event was a joint project between New Lynn Rotary and Unitec, the first such formalised project in living memory. The event was to raise awareness of, and funds for water and sanitation projects in our region. Among other things, Rotary contributed experience and people-power - and also collected the money - while Unitec contributed marketing and enthusiasm, gaining useful knowledge of fundraising and community service.

**Carrying 6kg of water and walking up to 6 km was one way to remember the fact that many people, including children, have to walk this distance for water every day.**

Approximately 200 people took part in the walk, with a small army of others (including the aesthetically advantaged Miss New Zealand contestants – and Junior Miss New Zealand!) helping at the food stalls, music and games held at Unitec campus. The weather was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, despite some very tired legs around the place.

I led a very small group from Cox's Bay – including our DG Lindsay Ford (a veteran walker) - but other routes had around 100 people in the group. Nigel Cattell (New Lynn club) told me there was some interesting logistics involved in getting 100 people across a signal-controlled intersection. Seems footpath and crossing waiting areas aren't designed for groups of 100 people.

Hopefully the event will run again next year – we spoke to people along the way who said they would love to have joined in. The games and entertainment also were excellent. Well done, New Lynn club and Unitec.

[http://www.unitec.ac.nz/toolbox\\_items/info\\_walkforwater.pdf](http://www.unitec.ac.nz/toolbox_items/info_walkforwater.pdf)

## AND OTHER NEWS

### NGO HEALTH NETWORK FORUM:

Phyllis sent the following:

I attended this forum to hear about community issues, and the presentations from health professionals and Auckland Council highlighted the changes coming in the health system and the changes to district planning rules that health providers need to know about.

Customers/patients are expected to demand more information about their health and about how they want to get treated – apparently this is going to drive GPs and other health people to be more responsive.

Linda Cooper also attended and asked, on behalf of Ranui community members about how the new building on the opposite corner to Ranui House was going to be integrated into the community. The ProCare manager promised to talk to RAP House Trust about this. Those who are interested should check with Linda to find out if this happens and what is the outcome.

The Neighbourhood Watch weekly email advertised an open day at West Auckland Community Gardens last Saturday with a link to an on-line flyer. Look what I found in it:

### MASSEY Jadewynn Drive Gardens

It was designed and developed in April 2011 from an idea and dream that my wife and I had on bringing our local community together. With the support and encouragement from a small number of other local residents the garden plan evolved.

With the help from a multitude of organisations that have donated resources to enable us to now have a fully established functional garden that delivers not only fresh edible produce, but is a place to meet new friends, exercise and just chill out! Thank you Waitakere Rotary Club.

The garden is open to everyone, not just residents of the local area. There are no hard and fast rules, just contact me, tell me your ideas and needs, and together, with the support the garden has, we together can make it happen! I've loads of free space, so come along, pick your plot, plant your seed, watch it grow, then eat it! It's as simple as that!

Location: Jadewynn Drive Gardens is located on an empty section just up from the Jadewynn Park Reserve.

Contact: Matt Harper MBE 09833 8180



A copy showing all the West Auckland gardens is on the website:

<http://www.communitywaitakere.org.nz/images/noticeboard/commgard.pdf>

WESTERN LEADER, MARCH 28, 2013 11

# Rain delay no dampener for racers

By **HEATHER PATTISON,**  
**WAITAKERE ROTARY**  
**PRESIDENT and**  
**SOAPBOX DERBY**  
**PROJECT MANAGER**

What do you do when the national drought finally breaks on the day of your major outdoor Rotary event of the year?

First of all DON'T PANIC! The weather gods don't listen to you anyway so accept it and move on with Plan B.

At 4am on our race day the stars were out but the forecast was bad.

This caused a big dilemma. Do we cancel... or not? The forecasts have been wrong before.

We decided to risk it. At 6am our Rotarians, helpers and our excited children started to arrive on Westgate Drive. Tents went up, barriers were installed, everyone was ready for a fast start... and the still, calm, clear morning ended with light rain starting.

We checked the forecasts and held a team meeting where everyone agreed to defer the decision to 11am. At 10.45 the rain set in with a vengeance and that was it. Time for Plan B.

Our races are part of a series so rain dates are to join the next race for a joint race.

On Saturday March 23 our West Auckland teams set off over the bridge to Kaipatiki Road in Glenfield to join the North Shore teams for a day of racing.

Our two race directors, Kerry McMillan from Waitakere Rotary and Guy Parkes from Northcote Rotary were stars.

Our two races were slotted together; the

teams rose to the challenge and worked together to keep things flowing and racing was fast and furious.

Despite more soapbox derby cars, limited pit crew space – and a TV crew from the Erin Simpson show filming for a segment on their show – we made it before our road closure ended.

Two races were held, two champions were found and 10 finalists selected for the NZ finals at Whangaparaoa on Sunday April 7.

The West Auckland champion is Joe Grevel from Waitakere Primary.

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**Local hero:** The West Auckland champion, Joe Grevel from Waitakere Primary.



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