

# 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

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### MAY: <ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH>

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>Tuesday 14th May</b>
Venue:	<b>Lincoln Green</b>
Speaker:	<b>West Auckland Rotaract Charter Night</b>

### THIS WEEK: SOAPBOX DERBY THANK YOU NIGHT



NZ Soapbox Derby Race Director Terry Clarkson with our newest Paul Harris Fellow – Shawn Dyer

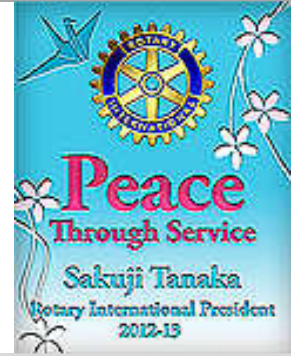
Some weeks ago the members of the NZ International Soapbox Derby Trust were talking about how amazing Shawn Dyer of Riverhead has been in helping with the soapbox derby over the years – first as team manager, now as a derby helper.

It was suggested that we should present Shawn with a PHF – and the representatives of all four Rotary SBD Clubs were very enthusiastic and said, “We’ll do it!”



Waitakere fought them all off and claimed the honour of presenting the award

Heather presenting Shawn with his PHF



## Calendar

### May – <Environmental Month>

Wed 15/5/13  
<no meeting>

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March  
LETS

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May  
St John CPR Training  
Birdwood Massey Early  
Settlers Hall

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Morgan returns to USA

**22/5/13**

**Club Forum for Waitakere Action Plan**

25/5/13 – 2/6/13  
Vanuatu Trip

**29/5/13**

**Movie Night!**

**5/6/13**

**Rotary Projects**

**Vanuatu Team report**

10/6/13

Board Meeting

11/6/13

Trees for Survival  
Seedlings pickup

**12/6/13**

**Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse**

- Update on Auckland Council Unitary Plan and other tidbits

## 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?

Getting Shawn to attend the soapbox derby thank you night proved an interesting challenge as he had put in an apology to attend a concert.

Terry Clarkson rang Debbie to convince her that Shawn's presence was needed and, whilst Shawn was out "getting wood beans for his woggle" (?? Apparently this is a Scout thing) Debbie rang me.

As the concert tickets were a combined birthday present and expensive purchase we compromised. Debbie thought it rude to arrive, eat and leave early but I assured her that, whilst it can appear to be the height of rudeness when a group walks out early, we had "something special planned for Shawn" so please, please, please BE HERE and they could leave at 7pm to go to the concert!

So what has Shawn done to be honoured in this way?

- In our first years Shawn set up and managed the Riverhead School Team – and later the Riverhead Scouts and Masters cars
- In 2010 his son Henry was our New Zealand Champion and Shawn not only attended the various workshops in Akron but came home willing to share this knowledge with other teams in both Waitakere and the other centres
- In 2011 we persuaded Shawn to jump the fence from "Poacher to Gamekeeper" and help us with scrutineering. In this year he also paid his own way to Akron to help support the Waitakere Primary Team.
- In 2012 Shawn was asked by Auckland East Rotary to accompany their NZ Champion Gemma and her mum to Akron to assist as Gemma's mother had major back problems and her father was unable to go due to work pressures
- This year Shawn has been of invaluable help to all the race centres and teams and the races are going from strength to strength
- <At our rain date derby Shawn's managed 3 major tasks simultaneously as we had insufficient manpower due to the change of date!>

He is also the Riverhead Scout Leader and has helped many children over many years.

For his dedicated involvement and help to all the teams with the Soapbox Derby over the last 10 years, and the time he puts into other community affairs such as Scouts, it was my absolute pleasure to welcome our newest Paul Harris Fellow - Shawn Dyer

And Shawn? For the first time since I met him through Soapbox Derby he was rendered almost speechless!











## THANK YOU NIGHT

This year's Derby proved "interesting". Despite being rained off we managed to get ourselves onto National TV twice (Breakfast TV and the Erin Simpson Show) and three schools came up with videos. All of the videos were shown on the night (and I particularly like the dinosaur following a soapbox car down the road – thank you to Waitakere Primary for this!)

The school videos are on You Tube with links to them at [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

Timing for the night took some thought and a spot of juggling. Shawn had to be away by 7pm but our NZ Race Director wanted to be there for the PHF presentation – and he was giving the opening speech at an electrical conference at 5pm!

We showed the Breakfast TV clip first and Terry made it, despite Auckland wet weather causing traffic accidents on the motorway, just in time for the presentation.

Food was consumed (thank you to our Chef for putting adult finger food at one end of the table and child food at the other). After the meal certificates and prizes were given out; the videos were shown (each school that contributed a video was awarded a camera as a prize) and it all worked well. Judging by the buzz of conversation, everyone had a great time.



Our Super Kids cars received a special mention from several people and a big Thank You to The Rotary Foundation for the matching grant to pay for the materials and Alan for building them.

## NEXT WEEK



What:	The official Charter night of the new Rotaract Club of West Auckland  This will be followed by a "light supper"
When:	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm for 7:45pm
Where:	Lincoln Green 159 Lincoln Road
Who:	Rotaractors Rotarians from the West Auckland Clubs District Governor ...
Dress:	Smart casual
Cost:	\$10 <This fee and any apology fees will be given as a donation to Rotaract to help fund the evening>  Cash bar
RSVP:	To Alan by <b>mid day</b> Monday

## BOARD MEETING

We held a Board meeting on Monday night and Craiger very kindly cooked up some chicken wings for us to eat but was tearing his hair out when we arrived. His new wall over is so sophisticated that it not only cooks the food but tries to eat it too.

Consulting the manual, pushing the "kiddie lock button", turning it on and off at the wall... the only thing that was working was the oven light highlighting the oven licking its lips and lovingly drooling over the chicken.

Fortunately Sheena arrived. Forget manuals. The way to overcome kiddie locks is to push random buttons at the same time till it gives up and lets its prey go. Great having a Day Care owner around who understands these things.

## ROTARY DOWNUNDER

The May issue is on line at: [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

## ROTARY SIGNS



Bob appears to have sufficient time on his hands to go looking for things on Facebook – in all sorts of countries with varying languages.


He discovered this interesting take on the Rotary wheel at:

<http://www.facebook.com/ComunidadeRotaria>

## EDITOR APOLOGY

My apologies to Domenic and Jim. They went on holiday together but not hand in hand.



<b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>			
<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>		<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>
			\$
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
		\$	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>			
<a href="mailto:apology@details.co.nz">apology@details.co.nz</a> or ph 8109 589 no later than <b>5pm on the Monday</b> 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!			
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
President	Heather Pattison	Present:	Jim A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Domenic W,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Phyllis A, Mark M, Graham N, Jack R, John R,
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Late Apologies:	
President Elect	Sheena Spittles	Missing in Action:	
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make ups:	
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Guests:	
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Peter S
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer	Attendance:	13/22 59%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		
<b>NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES</b>		<b>WEBSITE ADDRESSES</b>	
Meeting Manager		Waitakere Rotary <a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>	
Sunshine Manager		Rotary International <a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a>	
Speaker		Rotary NZ <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>	
Greeters		District Governor's newsletter <a href="http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a>	
Grace		Rotary Downunder Magazine <a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>	
Squire 1		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a>	
Squire 2		Admin page and information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>	
Thanker		Future Vision <a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>	
Parting Thought		Rotary E Club (for make ups) <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>	
		Dare West <a href="http://darewest.org.nz/">http://darewest.org.nz/</a>	
<b>COUSIN GEORGE:</b>			
<b>Actual Medical Record Quote: - The patient lives at home with his mother, father, and pet turtle, who is presently enrolled in day care three times a week.</b>			
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