

# Trolleys line up for Warkworth event

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Drivers were trying to break the speed limit while drag racing in front of a policeman down Morrison Drive in Warkworth on Sunday.

But there could only be one winner in the first Warkworth Trolley Derby competition.

The fastest racer was Alex Wiggans in the Limo open category, at 59kmh, organiser Craig Powell says.

A policeman with his radar gun was recording racers' speeds.

"We wrote out speeding tickets for all the racers at the end.

"The kids loved it," Mr Powell says.

The event went like a well-oiled machine, with plans already starting for next year, he says.

"We had feedback from people saying it was such a great day and they want to do it again next year."

The biggest class of racers was the six to 10-year-olds.

"Their parents and grandparents came out to support them, which made it a good family event."



**Home run:** Daniel Mohr of Kaipara Flats nails third in the open category. Photo: EMMA WARD/CAMERA SHOP

A number of racers came from other parts of Auckland with their own trolleys.

"They have races in their own towns but are so keen they look for other places to race and compete," Mr Powell says.

Organisers decided to go with trolleys rather than soap box carts after feedback from the community.

"People wanted to go the DIY way rather than the pre-packaged soap boxes. We still have some restrictions

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**Rippers 6 to 10-year-olds:** Makayla Ranken from Auckland driving Mak Bluey 1, Brielle Hickson from Mangere Bridge 2, Cristiano Sarich from Beachlands 3.

**Blazers 11 to 17-year-olds:** Liam Roffey of Snells Beach driving Impact 1, Malakhai Verdonk from Warkworth 2, Keegan Hickson of Mangere Bridge 3.

**Limo open category:** Alex Wiggans from Papakura driving Tripod 1, Pat Henchie of Algies Bay 2, Daniel Mohr from Kaipara Flats 3.

on the trolleys but there is more space to create your own," Mr Powell says.

More volunteers are wanted help to run the day next year.

"The few of us there were exhausted with all the setting up then packing down at the end of the day," Mr Powell says. "It would be nice to have more help. But we did have some great support from local businesses."