



This Week's Meeting

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| When: | Wednesday 21 st April 2010 |
| Where: | Rex Davy Lounge, LG Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive |
| Web site: | www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz |
| Guest Speaker: | Ian Grant |

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.
 For information contact: Kerry McMillan 832 3229 or Mobile 021 416 777

Important Dates and Events

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| Sunday 25 th Apr 7pm | TV1 Fourth Episode of Radar's Patch |
| Wednesday 28 th April | <p>Soapbox Derby Thank You evening Time: 7pm Venue: The Stadium Provisions: Nibbles and soft drinks – cash bar available</p> <p>A night to celebrate the soapbox derby, meet the sponsors and teams – and see the new paint job on the winning car before it gets shipped to America.</p> |
| Thurs 29 th April | Milford Rotary Golf Tournament |
| 6 th May | Kumeu Rotary Golf Tournament |
| 7 th to 8 th May | District 9910 Conference – Noumea |
| Wed 12 th May | Davis Funeral Home – trends in the business |
| Fri 28 th May | Waitakere City Rotary 40 th Birthday Party |
| Wed 16 th June | Trees for Survival – Matepo School. Rain date 23 rd |
| 20 th to 23 rd June | Montreal Conference |
| Wed 11 th Aug | Trees for Survival – Te Atatu School. Rain date 18 th |



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| Present: | Jim A, Phyllis A, David B, Kent F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Steve L, Kerry M, Hew M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, JR, Peter S, Domenic W |
| Apologies: | Mike A, Bob B, Jim B, Roger F, Monique M, Jack R, John R, Ross W |
| Late Apologies: | |
| Missing in Action: | |
| Guests: | Darcy Halliday, Luke Wilson, 12 members from West Harbour Rotary |
| Attendance: | 16/24 |



Ian Grant: Parents Inc

Ian is the founder of Parents Inc, an organization designed **"to positively impact every family"**; an author, a regular speaker on Newstalk ZB and one way and another has had a huge impact on families in New Zealand

Ian is a great speaker and gave a really interesting talk. If you need a spot of help with the kids – check out their website: www.parentsinc.org.nz

Through their website it is possible to book a seminar, family coach or workshop, buy a book or resource – and generally get parenting help with children (from the little ones to those pesky teenagers).



Our Meeting:

Derek and Craiger welcomed our various guests, including members from West Harbour Rotary, to our Club. It was great to see everyone there and the room humming. This week it was Murray from West Harbour whose footwear offended our Sergeant thus attracting a fine (what is it with Derek and visitors' shoes?)



A face from the past – PP Darcy with PP Terry



The room humming with chat

Next Week's Meeting

Rather than the usual 6pm meeting with sit down meal, next week will be our Thank You to sponsors, teams and helpers for our Soapbox Derby.

Normal meal money applies – but the food will consist of nibbles and various softdrinks (don't panic, the bar is still open next door). Depending on numbers we will either dine extremely well on sausage rolls etc – or else meet up for hamburgers afterwards ☺ We will charge members only as this will cover the costs of the night – so if you wish to bring your partner too there will be no charge for them.

On this night we shall be:

- Unveiling the newly painted Riverhead car
- Viewing the Technology prize entrants – and awarding the prize for best school video
- Awarding certificates
- And generally get a chance to mix and mingle with teams and sponsors

Usual rules apply – we expect to see you there unless you apologize as normal.

GSE Friday

Graham "acquired" a small Ritchies bus for the day and he and Alan escorted the team up to the Arataki Visitor Centre followed by a short walk in the "rain forest" (The French interpretation of "Bush"). From there they went up to Muriwai to check out the gannets and ended up in Huapai/Kumeu for lunch and a wine tour. Pauline was reported to do the tasting correctly, the others a little more generously.

Sensing that three vineyards was more than enough for one day Alan suggested that, enjoyable though everyone was finding it, it might be time for something a little different. He therefore took the team to visit a long suffering friend of ours who builds boats in Kumeu. Greg was more than happy to show everyone around Bladerunner Boats and show them their current project – a 12 metre rescue boat destined for the West Coast.

The teams returned home to their respective hosts in time to clean up and head for Patrick's for dinner along with their hosts. Derek, Kerry and Jen also joined us for a great informal and relaxed evening. The team had purchased some stray bottles of wine during their tour, and a bottle of stout from the Riverhead Brewery (refer Te Radar's first episode of Radar's Patch), and were quite happy to share them with us.

A great evening – and we now know where to go for our next Fellowship night (if Patrick doesn't burn the house down in the meantime). Patrick and Jo are great hosts.



Derek, Graham and Jen
(Graham is not too keen on photographers!)



Christophe, Patrick and Damien



Steve



Jen and Karen



Christiane and Kerry



Ella and Phyllis



Patrick, who can expect a heavy Rotary fine if he burns his Kowhai tree and house down with his outdoor heater!

GSE Saturday

Hand over to the Rotary Club of Westhaven.

The Team and their past and future hosts assembled at Westhaven for breakfast. All well and everyone happy



Pauline with her breakfast...



...And a closeup of the breakfast



The missing member, Loic, returns...



... Complete with broken ankle courtesy of the East Coast Rotary sailing trip last Monday



Christophe



Breakfast Handover



Bob's stand in co-ordinator - Patrick



Our Club's 40th Birthday celebration will be held on Friday 28th May.

Phyllis has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this and will welcome photos, memorabilia and all those bits and pieces of our history that make our Club so interesting.

Current members, past members and friends of Rotary are welcome.

Health Watch

- Bob is steadily improving – but still suffering from a cough and painful leg. He thinks he might be back to see us shortly – if Sue turns her back long enough for him to sneak out that is.
- Monique has undergone a major operation. Preliminary reports are that all is well but that she will be in the Southern Cross Hospital in Wairau Road for the next week.

Rotary Downunder Magazine

Whilst all NZ and Australian Rotarians still get this by mail it is also now available on their web site – and it utilizes some pretty cool page turning technology and looks like a real magazine.

www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Sunshine Fund:

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| This week's Raffles: | \$57.50 |
| Sergeant's Fund: | \$74.50 |

Raffle statistics: T, T, H, H, H

Winner: Don Alexander – a bottle of wine

Parting thoughts: Terry: "A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark" And "After all is said and done, more is said than done".

| Board Members | | Meeting Venue and Time |
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| President | (Terry/Craiger) | Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson Time: 6pm for 6:10pm |
| Vice President / Sergeant | Derek | |
| Secretary / Bulletin Editor | Heather | |
| Treasurer | Alan | |
| President Elect / International Director: | Craiger | |
| Club Service: | Bob | |
| Community Director: | Patrick | |
| Vocational Director: | John | |
| Youth Director | Kent | |

Apologies

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Contact:


Heather at apology@details.co.nz
Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569

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!

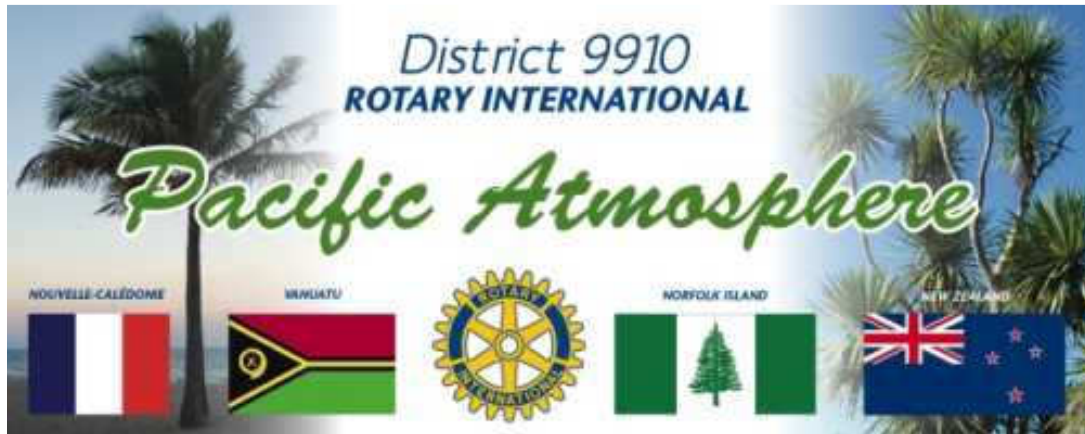
AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also.

Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

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| Date | 28-Apr |  | <p>The usual wild guess at who may be there for duties. And as usual it will probably be wrong.</p> <p>If you can't do a duty – please arrange a swap with someone who can!</p> |
| Event | SBD Thank You | | |
| Squire | Patrick H | | |
| Squire | Steve L | | |
| Greeter | JR | | |
| Grace | Peter S | | |
| Introduction | Kerry M | | |
| Thanks | Heather P | | |
| Parting Thought | Domenic W | | |

| Rotary | Website |
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Dedication makes soapbox winner

By MICHELE ONG

A Riverhead boy and his soapbox trolley are heading to the United States to compete in a world finals after winning the national Rotary 2010 Soapbox Derby.

Henry Dyer, 12, of Riverhead School, will leave in July for Akron, Ohio, with his father, Riverhead school caretaker Shawn Dyer, also the school's soapbox team manager.

Second in the nationals was Henry's schoolmate John Tulloch.

Henry says he "felt great" about winning and was determined to do the job.

Shawn's dedication has resulted in not only his team taking the two top places, but also his son winning in his final year at Riverhead School, Waitakere Rotary Club secretary Heather Pattison says.

Riverhead competed in the west Auckland regional final.

"As an added bonus, the win came in the year that Te Radar filmed the Riverhead team for episode six of his TV series,



Low flying: Henry zips towards the finish line in his soapbox car.

Radar's Patch," she says. "I'm just really rapt for Henry," says Shawn. "And rapt for Riverhead School."

He says some "intense training" helped, the drivers training two to three days a week.

The imported soapbox costs \$3000 a set and comes with a rulebook and manual. Sponsors are then sought.

"They pay the \$3000 and have their name on the car," says Shawn. "For us it was Metro Roofing. So it's raced

under Riverhead School, but the car is bought by Metro Roofing."

He first involvement with building soapboxes came seven years ago when the Rotary Club was looking for people keen to participate.

"I built the soapbox for the kids at the school. And it's also fundraising for the club."

"But Henry had spent a large amount of time with me as I was building it. He was only five then and was too young to race. You have to be 10."

Shawn says Henry has always liked racing and was something he talked about constantly.

"When he was

younger, he'd always say how he couldn't wait until he was able to race. He'd always go: 'I want to race, I want to race.' He has been racing for three years now."

New soapbox entrant Waitakere Primary School, just over Rodney's southern border, had two of its drivers in the national finals. Pupil Zach Hinton was third.

The All-American Soapbox Derby started in Akron in 1933. Five countries, including New Zealand, have submitted an entry for July's race.

This year is Rotary's seventh time competing in the event. Rotary thanks sponsors for their support.



Born to race: Henry Dyer, 12, of Riverhead School is heading to the United States to compete in the world champs after winning the Rotary Club national soapbox derby finals.



Window on Swanson

Email: wos@amcftd.co.nz

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Swanson at the Soapbox Derby

Sunday, 21st March, Westgate Drive, Massey



The Waitakere City Rotary Club, with key sponsors The Trusts and the Trusts Charitable Foundation, once again organised the popular Waitakere soapbox derby. Cars are all built to a standard design, and 76 West Auckland school children aged between 10 and 16, raced these down Westgate Drive on the day. Speeds reached 55km per hour (speed cameras clocked them) and racing was "intense", according to Project Manager Heather Pattison. Those going through to the next round were from Riverhead and Waitakere Primary Schools.

TV cameras on the day were from a German crew as well as from the makers of "Radar's Patch" on TV One. Episode 6 is scheduled to air on May 9 although this is yet to be confirmed, and will feature the derby and especially Shawn Dyer of Riverhead School.

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from Craig Holt, Swanson School:

David Kettlewell, Taigon Jenkins, Daniel Wing and Dylan Foley all drove extremely well on the day, with all reaching some great speeds and fast track times. They were supported by a great pit crew of Trent Porter, Alexander Watson & Brodin Harrison.

This year Swanson School had a new sponsor, Future Cuisine. The team at Future Cuisine and Redwood Panel and Paint did an amazing job of presenting the car. The paint job done by Redwood Panel & Paint was flawless with the signage making the car look fantastic. The Swanson School car was nominated for 'Best Looking Car'.

Dylan Foley was awarded 'best control after a crash', but luckily this occurred on the last run of the day so the car had done its job, although it did end up sacrificing its axle.

The parent and community support on the day was appreciated. Special thanks to Chris Harrison for his technical expertise between races.

Swanson School team was proud to drive the 'mussel car' on the day. We look forward to carrying this on next year.

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Sponsors of the Swanson team, Future Cuisine and Redwood Panel and Paint, are delighted to be involved with a project supporting the school their own children attend or have attended.

A brand new derby car body gave Darren Harvey the opportunity to test out the new "zirallic" pearl automotive coating system in Redwood Panel and Paint's bake oven. This is a complex 3-stage system including base coat (in Swanson's case, black), then the liquid pearls, then a clear top coat that brings out the special effects.

"A lot of care is required to achieve such a specialised finish," says Darren. "It was great that paint suppliers PPG backed us and the school



as well – the zirallic coating alone is worth \$1,000 per litre!"



Joe Kouwenhoven, Managing Director of Future Cuisine, had only two weeks to decide but says, "in the end it was an easy decision." Future Cuisine Racing already sponsors Hans Boere's speedway sprint car and Tim Pipes' mini, and supports quad bike racing and practice on land at Bethells. As Future Cuisine he supports the RSA fishing club and other local events.

Both sponsors enjoy supporting their community, and feel the community supports them in return. "It's important to give something back," they say.



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NOTE from Heather:

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Redwood Panel and Paint have repaired my car twice in the last two years – once after it was hit by a speeding supermarket trolley whilst parked (amazing how much damage speeding trolleys can cause!) and a second time after I was rear ended in wet weather (the car in front of me stopped in the middle of the road round a blind corner. I stopped, the car behind me didn't).

Both times my car came back good as new – and they even groomed it and vacuumed the dog hair out of it. And all this with a friendly smile ☺ Very impressive!

Our Trolley Rivals?

Spotted in the NZ Herald

PHOTO ESSAY



Vehicles of all shapes and sizes get a thorough workout as they are raced down Grantham St, Hamilton in the popular Bluelight Trolley Derby. Pictures by Christine Cornege

