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Attention: Barbara Cade

Dear Barbara

Re: Whangaparaoa Rotary Soap Box Derby funding

Further to our recent discussion Whangaparaoa Rotary would like to formally advise that they will not be running the Soap Box Derby for 2018.

After a decade running the event and costs rising annually, 2017 saw a huge increase in our barrier costs, from \$3,500 to over \$12,000 making it increasingly difficult for the club to raise good funds to put back into the community which of course is the essence of the event!

We fully appreciate the Council has allocated \$10,000 towards the event and would really appreciate if the Local Board would consider keeping that allocation in place but transferring this across to a new event.

In 2018 Whangaparaoa Rotary is going to team up with our other two local Rotary Clubs of Orewa and Orewa Millwater Satellite and will be bringing a new and exciting event to the Coast being the **"Hibiscus Coast RotarySwimarathon"**.

Still in keeping with the Rotary spirit this event will continue to involve all members of the community, young and old, as well as keeping up with the spirit started in the Derby inviting participation by special needs members of our community.

"RotarySwimarathon" has a long history in the United Kingdom. Started by Grantham Rotary in 1990 with the aim of raising monies for local charities and deserving causes in and around Grantham. Rotarian Brian Mullan, who emigrated to New Zealand in 2004 was involved with the event in his former UK club at Grantham and has always been keen for an opportunity to bring the event to New Zealand.

The "RotarySwimarathon" expanded in 2012 and became the "RotaryGobalSwimarathon" where a world record was set when 4,546 swimmers all swam 100m simultaneously around 64 locations across the world - a record that still stands today!

The event will be held in the same location as the Derby in Stanmore Bay at the Stanmore Bay Pool and Leisure Centre which has very generously donated the pool services in support of Rotary and our community.

Swimming in teams of 6 and for a period of 55 minutes each team finds sponsors and then races to swim as many laps as they possibly can in the allocated time.

The event will also be held at the same time of year and is booked for Sunday 18 March.

Whangaparaoa Rotary Trust will continue to manage the financial side of the event with a team of Rotarians from the 3 clubs.

We would be very grateful if you could advise if the current allocated funding might remain with the Whangaparaoa Trust and be forthwith allocated to this new community fundraising incentive of "RotarySwimarathon".

On behalf of Whangaparaoa Rotary we look forward to hopefully your favourable response.

Kind regards

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