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NEWSLETTER

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S.W.A.T. GENERAL MANAGER — Russell Ensor

This year has been a very busy year for the South Waikato Achievement Trust with all staff and clients working very hard to achieve their goals.

All residential facilities plus C.H.O.I.C.E.S have been upgraded much to the satisfaction of staff and clients, our thanks to the Trust Board for making this happen.

The next project is to build a Residential Home on our Kent Street land.

Sometime early in the New Year, the Trust will be sending out a letter to all South Waikato residences asking for donations. As an organization the Trust has never appealed to the public for donations before.

We are very pleased to have the support and endorsement of Mr Wayne Smith (former ALL BLACK, assistant All Black Coach and current assistant coach of the CHIEFS) who has strong ties with Putaruru and the greater South Waikato and is also Patron of Conductive Education which work with people with Motor Disorders such as cerebral palsy.

Wayne visited us in October to look at our organization and was very impressed by all!

In finishing I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Be Safe and see
you all back here in
the New Year!

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Photos: Chairman of the Trust Board —David Foote with Wayne Smith outside the Clyde Street Residential Home on his visit in October. This visit was a 'Big Hit' with all Clients, Employees and Staff at SWAT.



Above: Russell showing Wayne through the Packaging area, meeting and talking to Employees.

Below: Michael R shows Wayne his room at Clyde Street Residential.



CREATIVE ARTS 2012

Another busy and rewarding year at Creative Arts.

Our photo's show just some of the great experiences we had throughout this past year!

1) John loved his first time on a swing at the Disability Expo in Hamilton.

Our guitar group performed for the public at a local eatery -Sweet Rose Café.

3 & 3 a) The Christmas float was a beautiful display of White Christmas.

4) Our plot at Braeside Community Garden is developing nicely and giving our clients valuable work skills.

5) The ladies enjoy the music and dancing at the Pacific Island Exercise Program.

6) Iti -painting one of 'Our Window Display's' which are well received by the general public.



Our 'CREATIVE ARTS' entry into this years Xmas Parade was created with recycled products!

i.e Plastic shopping bags were fused together to create the white gowns worn on this float, plus other items were used in all other aspects of the Float) Their efforts won 2nd Place in this years event.

(If any of the local Services or Schools would like help with their Xmas Floats entries next year, please feel free to contact:

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM

CREATIVE ARTS.

HAVE A GOOD XMAS AND WE'LL SEE YOU
ALL NEXT YEAR!

Our Packaging Staff
want to wish you
all a

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year.
from Chicky, Margie,
Nacole and Gail

Comments from the
Employees of packaging:

Alan, Roberta, Josh,

Noel , John like working
in packaging as it keeps
them busy and awake,

Frank, Norman, David,
Melanie say its fun doing
the work, ho ho ho!!

Dougal just smiles and
wants "more work".....

Edwina likes to seal and all the packing....

Tiana, Fiona, Alison like being part of a team and laughing, --- they are very entertaining!!!

Damon likes the staff getting him motivated..... Willie likes the work and the people...

Brenda comes for the friendship and to moan, hence the nickname "moaner"

Pauline enjoyed the Work and Safety course with Liz, she learnt heaps about packaging.

Vanessa has met some interesting people cos 'they are a cool bunch' ... Michael just loves the kitty
litter, its his favourite job! Ken is our master sealer and fashion guru (love those leathers).

Stephanie likes routine- reminds everyone of date and when to do exercises....



C.H.O.I.C.E.S.

May this Christmas end
the present year on a
cheerful note and make
way for a fresh and
bright New Year.

From the C.H.O.I.C.E.S
Staff and Clients we
wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

PHOTO LEFT: Three of our lovely
ladies from CHOICES displaying some
of their Xmas cards and artwork
produced by our 'High Needs'
clients this year!

CLIENT ON HOLIDAY IN OZ: September 3rd—12, 2012



Recorded by: Raewyn (Staff)

September 3rd, Monday — A cold wet Monday.

Edwina, Stephen, David, Michiel & Dave along with staff, Gary & Raewyn, left for 8 nights of Fun, Sun & Excitement on the Gold Coast In Australia.

Paul, Gary's son & our bag carrier escorted us to our home for the next 8 nights at Nobie's Outlook. A very nice & quiet place to stay & the beach just over the road

Tuesday 4th: After a bit of a lay in, we went shopping & drive around to check our surrounding's & land marks.

Wednesday 5th: Off to Movie World. A fun day of roller coasters for the game ones & lots of photos with the stars. A very brave David went for a ride in the stunt Police car. It was a sight to see, David's driver ripping him around the track over jumps on 2 wheels, spins & lots of squealing tyres & smoking rubber.....



Thursday 6th: Early start & a bit of a long drive with lots of things to see on the way to Australia Zoo. We all got to hold the rather long & heavy snake. This would have been our hottest day 28 C.

Friday 7th: Sea World. We all got to ride the cable cars & the Log Flume, getting off a bit on the wet side. Saw the Jet Stunt Extreme how where guys did lots of tricks, flips, & amazing things on jet skies.

We then wandered around to see The Penguins, Polar Bear, Sharks, Fish, Sting Rays of all sizes Dinosaur Land & Sponge Bob.



Saturday 8th: Off to Byron Bay for the day. A lovely Hippie town with great shopping & sights & working light house. Here we had a lovely lunch, 'no one' had the Kangaroo Steaks! That evening we had a very nice BBQ with Paul & his family, followed up with the All Blacks vs Argentina game.

Sunday 9th: Last minute shopping! Then off to Jupiter's Casino for a dabble on the pokies, then to a Dinner & Show called Jabbawockeez which is a very talented group of dancers enjoyed by us all.

Monday 10th: Early start, to Hinze Dam, then on to Tamborine Mountain for breakfast & to do the Sky Walk high up through the canopies of a rain Forrest. Then on to have a look around Beaudesert. Now that is one strange town you have to reverse into the car parks around the town a very strange sight to see.



Tuesday 11th: Very early start, Paul arrived at 6:30 to collect our bags to go to the Airport. After another relaxing flight & leaving a warm 25 C into Auckland's cold wet & windy afternoon. On to a even colder Tokoroa.

Wednesday 12th: -3 C Frost and No 'It was not a dream'.

Our clients David C, Stephen K, Michiel S, Edwina S and David S all enjoyed their experience of their overseas holiday to Australia and wish to thank the (2) staff members that went along. Also, thank you to Gary's son who help with the transporting of their luggage and other arrangements to make it and enjoyable holiday!!!!