

### Supporting People with Disabilities to Achieve Their Goals

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The past six months have flown as we have been very busy in both residential and vocational.

In residential, we have closed homes in the community that we had once rented and built a new residential home in Kent Street as well as renovating our Kent Street Flats.

All residential clients are now in trust owned properties.

The opening of Kent Street House coincided with the Trust celebrating 40 years of existence. An enjoyable day was had by all and our thanks goes to our Chairman of the Trust, David Foote who has served on the Trust board for all of these 40 years. Without David's dedication and hard work the Trust would not be where it is today.

Finally, all of us at South Waikato Achievement Trust would like to congratulate our long serving Trust Board member Jim Hassall, who received the 'Queens Service Medal' in the Queens Birthday Honour List. This is indeed a well deserved honour.



**Photo Left:** SWAT Chairman - David Foote addressing invited guests, clients & staff to the Opening of Kent House on 8th June. The Honour of declaring the building open was given to Harry Nicholas whom pressed the button to open the Double Garage, then invited all visitors in for the viewing.



**Photo Left:** The blessing of the new house was conducted by Capt. Robert Raven from the Tokoroa Salvation Army.



**Above:** Russell with Wayne Smith at the Opening of Kent House!



**Photo Left :** Dr Duncan Gadsden receiving his Achievement Certificate from David Foote at the Luncheon held at Tokoroa Cosmopolitan Club on 8 June 2013.

## Ryan's Story:

Ryan Davy aged 34

Ryan works at Thompson Street in the Kindling Department – His job includes using a skill saw, loading and unloading pallets off Trucks & packing Kindling boxes.

**His Achievements:** He has obtained his Driver's Licence, Forklift Licence and is on the Cosmopolitan Club Committee.

Enjoys playing darts and eight ball at the Cossie Club .

He is currently in a darts team called "Magix" which play in the local competition at the Cosmopolitan Club on Thursday nights.

Ryan says that being a Committee Member for the Cossie Club helps him to meet people and he has also helped in the organising of functions, gaining confidence along the way. He also enjoys the sporting trips away with other members. For Ryan meeting people from other towns helps him understand and see the level of sporting talent required at these events. This makes Ryan practice more and he has become a skillful dart player.

"When I started playing darts I could not hit the dart board" I've encouraged three people to play and they have become permanent dart members.

Ryan challenges his self and sets his own goals, an attribute that we could all learn from.



## Ryan At Work & Play



## COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

The new building has been constructed by the Carpentry Students at Waiariki polytechnic with the guidance of their tutor Jim Putoko. They have all done a fantastic job and we are very grateful to Jim and his students for helping to provide us with a base so that our programme is able to be run from the gardens. The building will be completed in July! From Co-ordinator Rachael Campbell—Creative Art

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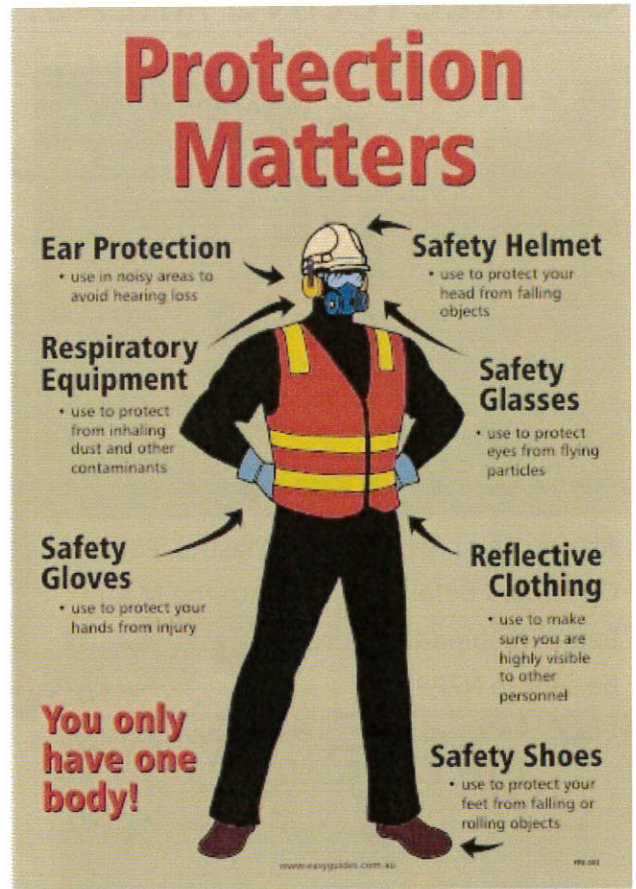
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# HEALTH & SAFETY IN YOUR WORK PLACE!

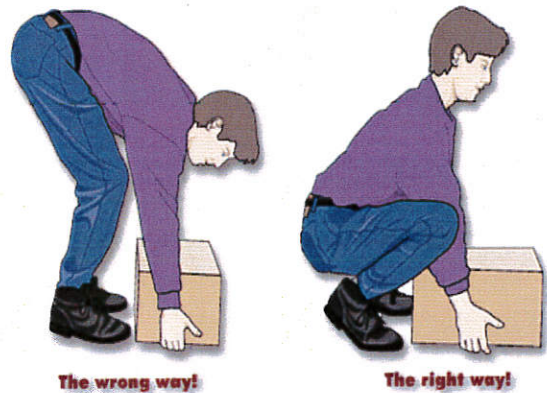


This person has NO HIGH VIZ - PROTECTION VEST ON!



**PHOTO ABOVE:  
RIGHT (✓ ) PROTECTION  
GEAR to be WORN in  
RECYCLING AREA!**

In the Recycling yard ALL WORKERS OR VISITORS are to wear High Viz Vest to make themselves more visible to the workers driving Trucks or Fork Lifts on site!



## RULE FOR PICKING UP OBJECTS:

Always remember, when lifting anything from the ground whether it is light or heavy, always bend at the knees. This will eliminate injury to your back.



**Photo Left:** Clients from Creative Art (CP) Group come to the SWAT Centre in Thompson Street to help with the packing of Kindling & work in Recycling to get work experience and meet up with other clients in the organisation!

# Our RECYCLING AREAS:



**Above:** This crew sorts the Plastics, Paper & Cardboard before it is put into the Main Baler. (Behind them are bales awaiting to be sent to NZPP)



**Above:** Robbie & Garth's job is to sort the aluminium & tin cans on the sorting table before they can be baled!



**Left:** Martin, catching up on his 40 winks! (Wake up, MARTIN!)

**Wake Up Martin!**



**Left Photo:**

John, Michael & Jason work in the Cardboard area feeding cardboard into the Balers!



**Right Photo:**

Brett in action!

Being in a wheelchair doesn't stop Brett from working. Brett's job is to crush cans



## KINDLING DEPARTMENT

**Photos from Left to Right:** Roger makes up the boxes for Kindling, Ethan packs Kindling boxes, Glenn helps Teina with the cores, Philip, Ryan & Dean work on the skill saws & also drive the Forklifts. Scotty helps with cutting of cores ready to be recut into kindling & also crushes cans!.



# PACKAGING DEPARTMENT:

**Photos from Packaging area:** Packaging workers working on Simcro products.

Packaging has had a steady influx of work. Keeping the employees busy!

Each employee has completed Work Skills Training on a number of new jobs. Packaging employees have been learning how to Identify (ID) Hazards at the beginning of each day, now some can do it independently!



**Photo Right:**

These two lovely ladies look after our Thompson Street Centre - Kitchen. Tiana's works (3) days & Rachel (2) days. Their job is to make the pots of tea and do the cleaning up after each Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon tea sittings! N.B on the Tea Trolley the Throw over for the cups was made by PAKU who goes to CP at Creative Art in Bridge St.



## GARAGE SALE ITEMS



**Photo Left:** Brenda cleaning one of the Fridges before going into the Garage Sale!

After closing down the three residential homes there was an excess amount of household items which needed a new home!

Items ranging from fridges, sets of drawers, kitchenware's, mats, TV's, beds and lots of ornament's were offered to the clients & general public on Saturday 6 July.

## C.H.O.I.C.E.S Programme

Earlier in the year C.H.O.I.C.E.S clients had a great day out visiting Te Amorangi Heritage Museum in Rotorua. A wonderful experience seeing all the machinery and some of the first steam vehicles. The Staff from Te Amorangi were wonderful, explaining all the exhibitions and giving the clients hands on experience. They got to try being a blacksmith, pumping water from all the old type water pumps, sitting in the drivers seat of the first fire engine in Rotorua, looking at the complete workings of a miniature Saw Mill. This great tour ended with the ride on the miniature steam train, a hit with them all. From there we went for a relaxing lunch at 'Holdens Bay' before returning to Tokoroa.

*Photos: Anya, Lou & Andrew enjoying the miniature Steam Train ride, Peter B calling home on an 'Ole Telephone Exchange', Gary K checking out the 'Ole Forestry' Knick Knacks & Timothy trying his hand with a Hammer & Anvil!*





## CREATIVE ART:

### Bridge St, Tokoroa

Community Programs: The Health and Wellbeing programme has been put together for our younger men and woman. The aim is to encourage healthy living by showing them the skills needed to have a well balanced lifestyle. It's an active based programme which covers fitness, weight training and a variety of different sports. We do touch on nutrition as well.

The programme is coordinated by Michelle Campbell, a staff member who is a certified Personal Trainer!

Clients have participated in many walking events, visits to the YMCA & Bush Trail Walks. Some also attend the Pacific Island Exercise Class which they all enjoy!

### CREATIVE ART

Corner Bridge & Bonaly Street  
TOKOROA

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Above: Jonathon on a Run!



Above: Micaiah on a Run!

At the beginning of this year Paul came from Rotorua with his mum to live in Tokoroa.

His job is to separate the plastic & brass from shotgun cartridges which are donated by Stu Hamilton — 'Trench Pro' for Recycling!

**Right:** Paul at work!



Above: John at the YMCA



Casper at the YMCA!



Sheree on one of the walks!



Above: Paku tries her hand at Kayaking

**Welcome to our newest client to SWAT!**

### FINDING A FRIEND

Let me introduce you to Merlin - SWAT Centre's Residential cat! Merlin was snapped sleeping next to his new best friend "Scruffy"

(A toy puppy which sits on one of our work stations)

HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO FIND A SNUG SPOT TO SNOOZE, MAY IT BE ON THE VISITORS SIGNING SHEET OR ON YOUR DESK OR UNDER YOUR DESK,

THAT'S OUR MERLIN!



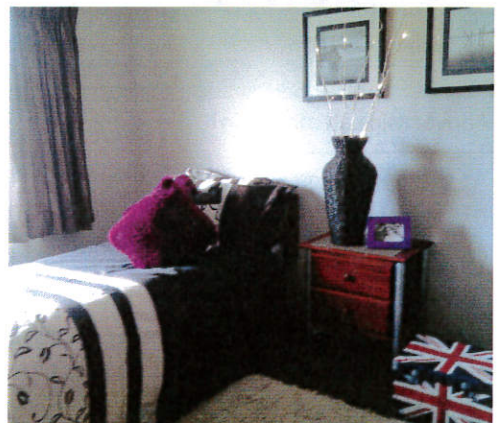
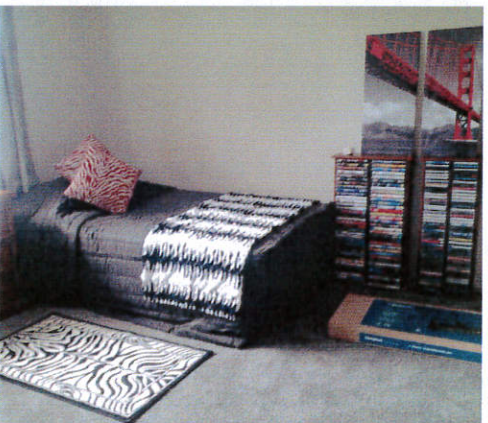


### SWAT—NEW HOME IN KENT STREET

Finally, 5 lucky clients have moved into their brand spanking new home of luxury! With the help from contractors, volunteers, local businesses & lots of hours of planning by Staff & Trustees these lucky people are now settling into their new surroundings.



An Open Home day was held on 8 June, with invitations going out to the Foundation members of the South Waikato Sheltered Workshop which celebrated 40 years service in Tokoroa, this month. Following the Official Opening of the house, guests, staff & clients were invited to a Luncheon held at the local Club Restaurant to enjoy a meal & presentation of Achievement Certificates.



*Pictured Right is a photo of a clients Flat next to Kent House, that has been re-vamped & are for our semi independent clients who have support staff on site!*

