

NEWSLETTER

SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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This year has been a blur as we seem to be busier than ever. Our business units are growing and expanding with Kindling and eWaste (electronic waste) having to work through the Xmas break along with our crew at Croad Place—Recycling, due to an influx of product.



Think of our people working very hard while most people are on holiday enjoying the sun and water!

Another exciting piece of news, our Residential service is now open to ACC Clients, on December 5th our first ACC client started with us. Also, we have two ACC clients who have started at Creative Art and at C.H.O.I.C.E.S.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and would like to thank the staff and employees for their dedication and hard work this year!

Check out these two on the Right:

Earlier this year we had a visit at SWAT from Wayne Smith and with him was the "Rugby World Cup". The clients, staff and families were invited to come down to the Centre and have their photos taken with these two great icons! David Foote our Chairman of SWAT Trust Board was also there with his camera and took photos of clients & staff with Wayne and the Cup & of course he got in on the act too! Nice one,

Wayne & David!!!



Above: Wayne Smith and David Foote with the 'RUGBY WORLD CUP'



Photo Above: Maria dismantling a VHS and Micaiah speaking with Louise!

In June, we had a visit from the National MP for Taupo the right Hon. Louise Upston. Here she spoke to some of our workers in the eWaste Department!

Photo Below: Hemara in deep conversation about how she looks very familiar to him and that he has seen her on the telly! (That's our Hemara, lol, lol)



Photo Left:

Joe and his team in the eWaste Department! They are a very dedicated team! See you all in the New Year!

OUR NEWEST TEAM LEADER AT SWAT!

FROM GARRY:

Team Leader of the Kindling Department.

I am Garry Smith I previously worked as a Caregiver at the Clyde St Residential Home during the time after the Christchurch Earthquake whilst the Evacuees were there!

Since then I worked in Ohaupo with Community Living Trust as a Caregiver in a One on One situation. Due to ill health I terminated my employment there and during the last two years have been in recovery, but wished to return to the workforce.

On contacting the Achievement Centre I was offered my current position and I started my employment on the 11th April this year. I have enjoyed my time here so far bringing new ideas, some of which work and some need a little tweaking. I am concentrating on team building with the co-workers and staff.

We are currently working on quality of the product produced with the current challenge being control of the finished products moisture content. We are drying our timber after ripping them down to the finished size. The final process after drying is the cutting to length and packaging.

Presentation of the distributed pallets of product has been introduced and sealing of the cartons and bags is overseen by individuals to ensure uniformity, maintaining quantity and quality standards. Waste is being controlled and sawdust removal has been established to the Co-Generation plant at Kinleith, meaning our sawdust is now producing electricity. We handle product for ourselves as well as Solid Energy and new customer Tui Products. We truck our own product to both Huntly and Mt Maunganui. We deliver to our local customers including Tokoroa New World Supermarket, Tainui Superette and some of the Dairies and service Stations. We also have onsite sales from the Thompson St office.

Our firewood is available all year round.

Please call our office on (07) 8868941 and our staff will process your order!

ALSO, MEET BRUCE!

Photo Right:

Bruce Southwood has joined our team at SWAT as our maintenance person! A man of action and few words!





COOKING CLASSES with KAYE

Residential Support Service at Thompson Street Flats for Semi-Independent living clients.



They had a 12 week Cooking Course. During the training course the clients have learnt how to cook basic recipes as part of their learning activity programme.

The programme activities included skills used on a daily basis like nutrition, menu planning, grocery shopping, meal preparation, kitchen clean up, basic home management and home safety. Each client received a certificate after the training course.

(David C, Jason H, Melanie G, Stephen K, Paul K, Michael R, William R, Alison S, Edwina S, Michiel S, Rachel S, and Mark W)

Photo Above:

Melanie proudly showing off her (2) 1st place Awards from RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) for winning the 'Walking Race' & 'Hoops on Cones Race' with her horse - COMET! WELL DONE, Melanie!



PINK WALK 2016 - Supporting the Walk for Breast Cancer:

This is an annual event that a few of our SWAT workers support for the walk around 'Lake Moananui' to help make people more aware of 'Breast Cancer' and also to meet other people in the community! Well done, Ladies!!!

Looking good in pink!



From Russell and the Admin team, we would like to wish everyone at SWAC a Merry Xmas - Rachael and her team at Creative Art, Trish and staff at C.H.O.I.C.E.S and also from all our Residential Team! We hope you all have a great Xmas Break and we will see you all next year!



PACKAGING DEPARTMENT

Our Packaging Department would like to wish everyone a 'MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR' Ho Ho Ho as they say in Santa Land!

Photo Left: Some of the Packaging workers showing off their new polo shirts and T-Shirts which were given to them from 'HOLDFAST' one of the companies that they pack products for!

Many thanks from their Team Leader Gail and her hard working staff— Chicky, Donna and Tracey!

They hope to see you all, after the Xmas and New Year break fresh and ready for work!



Photo Above:

Packaging workers showing off their new tops from 'HOLDFAST'

Photo right: Alison, Sheree & Brenda



Thank you for our beautiful T-Shirts 'HOLDFAST' from the workers at SWAC



OUR WORKERS FROM the SOUTH WAIKATO RECYCLING CENTRE at CROAD PLACE

would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rachel, Leah, Kapu, Willie and staff supervisor Barry all enjoy their work at Croad Place under the Leadership of Tua Pirato & Russell Ensor (SWAT— C.E.O.)



Above: Ryan at SWAC from Kindling area on the Forklift

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

Wow the end of the year! How quickly time goes, we have completed a variety of activities out in the community and lots of wonderful outcomes back here at C.H.O.I.C.E.S !!!!

Christmas Snowball truffles

Ingredients

200ml double cream
200g good-quality dark chocolate
(at least 70% cocoa solids)
200g desiccated coconut

Method:

Pour the cream into a saucepan and bring just up to the boil. Chop the chocolate into small pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour over the boiling cream, then stir until the chocolate and cream are well blended and smooth. Cool, then set aside in the fridge until the mixture is solid, about 2 hrs.

Scoop out teaspoons of the mixture and roll into small walnut-size balls with your hands. Sprinkle the coconut onto a plate and roll the truffle in the coconut until evenly covered. Will keep in a cool place for 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month.



C.H.O.I.C.E.S staff and clients wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Photo Left:
Most of our Kindling workers (missing from photo—Ryan)

Photo Right:
Our Kitchen lady at the Centre is Tiana!

Merry Xmas all!



CREATIVE ART - LATEST PROJECTS

Creative Art entered into the Christmas Float Parade in Tokoroa on December 3rd and the theme for their float was of a 'Oriental flavour' with Geisha girls and Ninja fighters! The standard of the floats



was very high and they still managed to win their section "Community Floats" like they have in past years! Well done to all who put in many hours for this success!

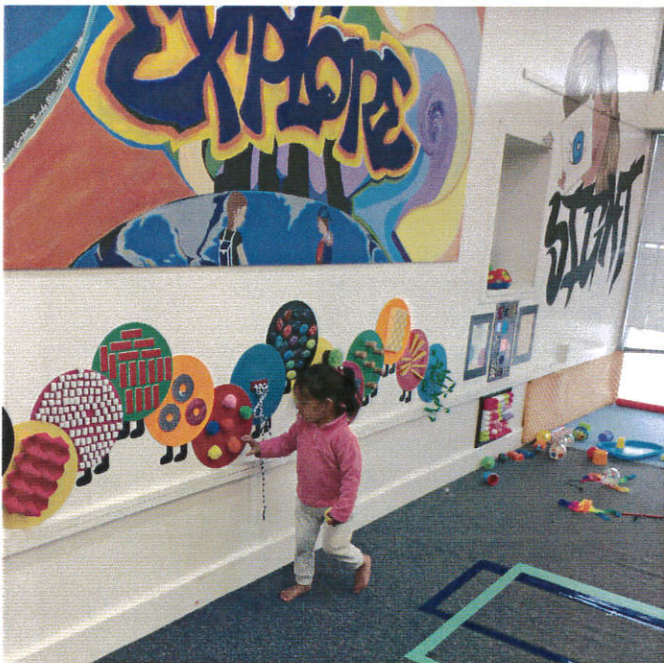


Photo Left: Sheree and Morgan making an anaconda for the 'Sensory Room'.

"Explore" -

NEW - Sensory Room

Our 'Sensory Room' has had over 120 people visit in the past few weeks since the opening! On the 10th November we had a 'Special Evening Viewing' by invitation only! This was a very successful night with many of our local services and businesses attending. It is now open to the public for their enjoyment & use! It is advisable to ring if large groups wish to attend! (07) 8868941 (Schools, etc)

Rachael Campbell - Team Leader for Creative Art would like to thank 'Creative NZ - Arts Council of NZ Toi Aotearoa' for their contributions to make this project successful!



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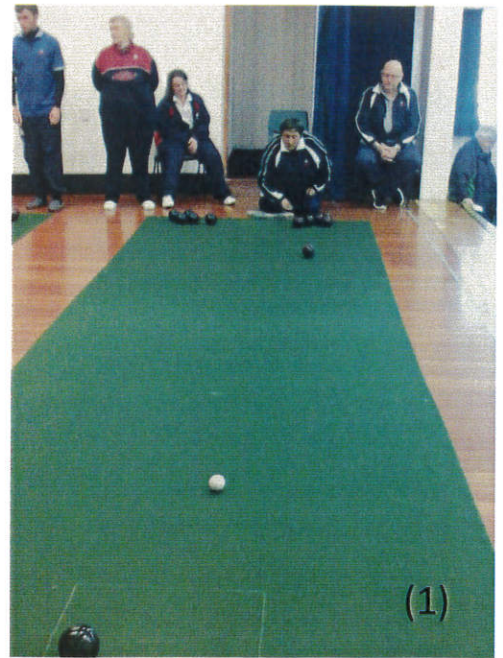
NEW KINDLING SHED



SHED TWO

NEW eWASTE SHED





Two of our younger employees from the eWaste department Jake and Micaiah wanted to have lessons on the forklift! They are seen here with their two support people—Eunice Wyatt & Maree Wyatt—to help with communication and instruction and ForkLift Instructor—Marc Johnson from Taupo. Both of the young men did well in their first attempt and are keen to learn more!



CREATIVE

ART—Theresa and Ashley having fun with their Halloween Trick or Treat display at Creative Art in Bonaly Street.

Our clients, staff and volunteers have all contributed to the creation of these props and gimmicks during their CP Group/Art time getting ready for Halloween!



Central North Island Special Olympics Indoor Bowling 2-day Tournament

(Held Sept.10—11, 2016) and Medal Ceremony.

Photos to the Right:

1. Leah Matetaka in action
2. Willie Johnson & Edwina with the umpire checking to see which bowl is the closest to the kitty.
3. Posing with their medals. 1st day: Leah- gold & Craig from Tauranga also with gold medal, Edwina - silver, Willie- bronze. 2nd day: Leah- gold, Willie - silver, Edwina- bronze.

Excellent outcome from our Tokoroa team in this year's Special Olympics Tournaments.

Mark Nicholson & Gerlik Tamparong :-)

