

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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Hello Everyone

At long last we are back on track as this is our first Newsletter since Covid19 struck in late March.

All programmes have been really busy making sure that we keep to the protocols of Covid19 and especially making sure our people are safe.

I must congratulate SWAT staff for going out of their way during work and non work hours making sure that our people felt safe and happy.

One programme that has gone exceptionally well is our KINDLING and FIREWOOD Department. This winter staff have been run off their feet producing/selling Kindling and Firewood. Even now in September we are still selling Firewood.

This business unit has exceeded all our expectations and is providing a great service to the South Waikato community.

RUSSELL ENSOR - SWAT CEO



Photo Above: Russell Ensor (CEO) with Bruce Southwood. Bruce was our Maintenance/ Handyman for the SWAT for the passed 4 years. A very friendly gentleman, who was in big demand fixing all the small jobs for our Residential and Vocational areas, he retired on 5 August 2020! We wish you well with your retirement! Enjoy the FISHING

SWAT BOARD of TRUSTEE: Joyce Ellis passed away on 23rd July 2020



Joyce played a big role in caring for those with a disability in our community. Joyce joined the staff of the Sheltered Workshop when we opened the new building in Thompson St in 1986, when she joined her brother Nigel Beasley who was the first Director. She was a power of strength and in no time had programmes up and running for the betterment of our trainees. She was never short of ideas and displayed a love for our people. Following her retirement from full-time employment she joined the Management Committee and enthusiastically put her talents to work, always ensuring that the Committee did its best for people with disabilities. When the Committee was disbanded Joyce was appointed to the Trust Board and she continued to be very actively involved until her health deteriorated. As Joyce was about to resign from the Trust Board we had hoped to have an informal get-together with her and her family to convey our thanks for her dedicated service over the years but, unfortunately, we didn't understand the seriousness of her illness and to our minds, the suddenness of her passing precluded that Joyce's work and dedication to the people we cater for has been outstanding and she will be greatly missed.

Arohanui

David Foote - Chairman of the South Waikato Achievement Trust

CREATIVE ART - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

52-54 Bridge Street, Tokoroa

TEAM LEADER—RACHAEL CAMPBELL & her TEAM

We're back on track 'Post Covid19'

Things are finally back on track down here at Creative Art - our programs are now up and running. We've all been very busy moving stuff around, plus planning and constructing, to help facilitate our new exciting programs. Our office has now moved next door into number 54 Bridge St which was where we were based when we first moved on to Bridge Street many years ago.

We were very lucky to have Dylan from the YMCA and his team, playing 'Basketball' with one of groups while we were setting up. Tommy Knight has been helping out with our 'Karaoke program' while he is back home from China and our girls got to try out 'Diamond Art' with Megan Baker.

Our Creative Art - project team have been creating their next exhibition. With the focus always being on Recycling, Upcycling or Reusing where ever possible it's amazing what gets created out of new and old resources. This wouldn't be possible without the donations from our community.

We have a Facebook Page that we update regularly with what's happening at Creative Art. It's 'Creative Art Tokoroa' if you'd like to follow us.

Creative Art would like to thank everyone in the community that continues to support what we do.



Photo above: Some of our men from 'Creative Art' have been attending a workshop at the newly established 'MENZSHED' this is a bench that they have worked on to restore!

Photos left + below: Joseph and Bradley working on the Creative Art shop window making the vines with recycled supplies and Rebecca and Morgan busy with their artwork!

Great effort guys!



KENT HOUSE Outing with clients:

3D TRICK ART GALLERY in Rotorua

Photo right + Below: Two of the photos taken at the 3D Gallery with Willie, Roberta and Dougal playing RUGBY AND Balancing on the log over the waterfall! Looks like a great place to visit to have some fun!

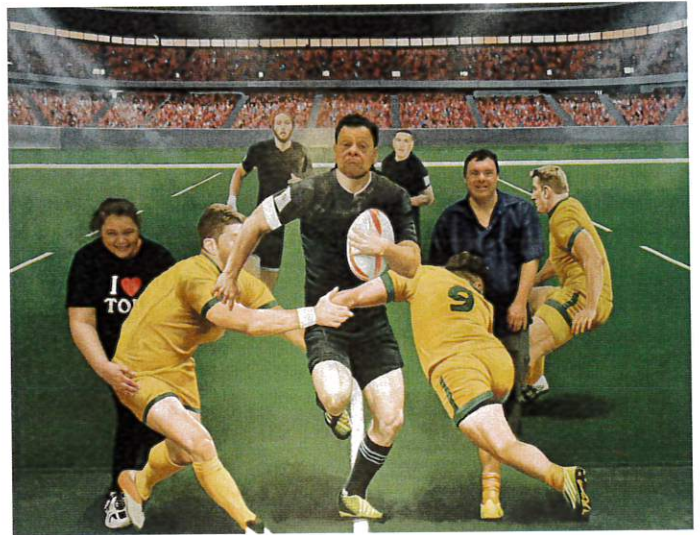
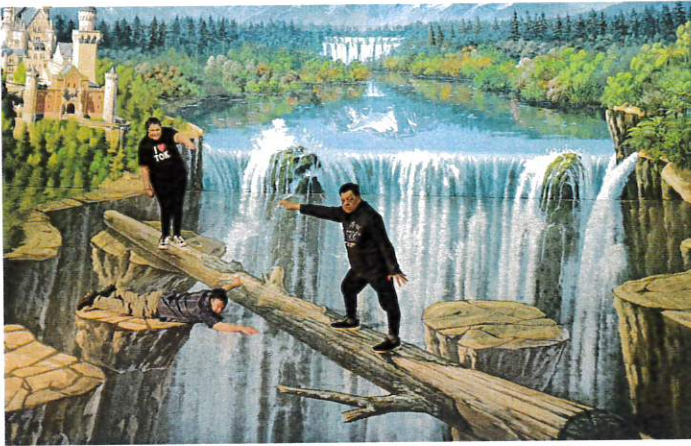


Photo Left: Susan is 'stoked' with her new Mobility Scooter "I am able to pop out to the shops now and I have more freedom getting out on my own" Susan has had a long association with the South Waikato Achievement Trust and 'Creative Art' department, frequently calling in and chatting with the staff and clients when in town.



Photo Left:

Sharon C has just celebrated her 65th Birthday this year! On her 'Special Day' the team at 'Creative Art' surprised her with a Birthday Cake! Sharon is our Putaruru Van driver and also transports the 'Creative Art clients' to & from their daily programs during the day/week!



Photos above & right: The laying of the concrete base for the NEW POD shown in the 2nd photo at Thompson St. This will accommodate 3 clients!

Contractors are working on the interior now and it should be completed about mid October to be ready for the eagerly awaiting clients to move in.

OBITUARIES:



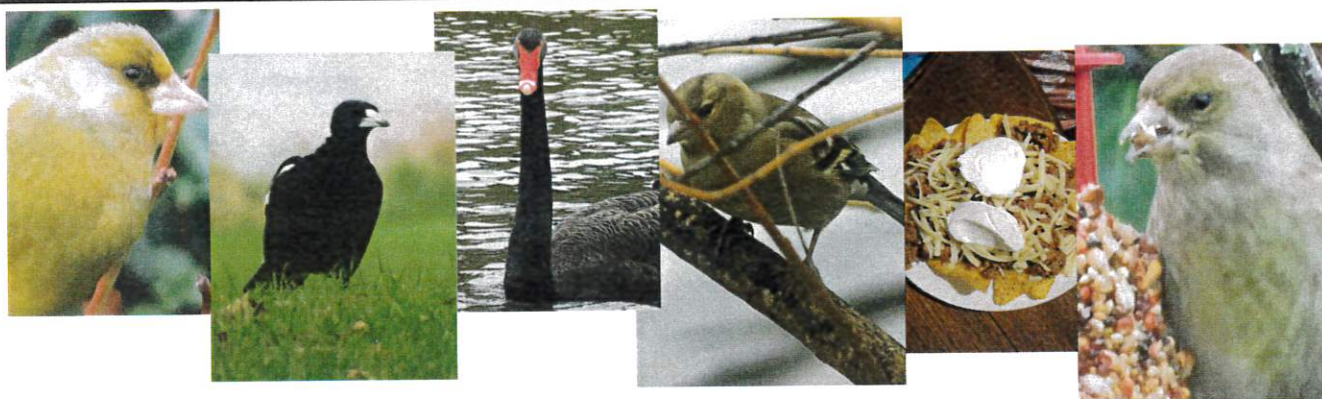
COOTES: CARLA ELIZABETH MARGARET had been in our services since 1982 and during her time with us she had worked in our PACKAGING DEPT for many years and as well attended our 'Community Participation group at Creative Art'. In her last few years with us, she also attended the local 'Tokoroa Senior Citizens' group to play cards, making NEW friends, also enjoyed there Knitting & Krafts groups and also went on trips with there Social Group! Carla was also in our residential care when she passed away on 13 April 2020

REST IN PEACE, CARLA
21 April 1946—13 April 2020



GRACE: NEIL NOEL - Neil arrived In our services in late December 2019, he resided at our Clyde Residence and had made some good friends with some of the clients and staff.
 A man who loved his music /singing and enjoyed a drink with friends, his stay was short but will be remembered by all at the Clyde Street Residence.

REST IN PEACE, NEIL
09 DECEMBER 1954—24 MARCH 2020



Photos above: This is a small collage of pics taken by Theresa Hemming. Some were taken over the Lockdown period. Theresa has a strong interest in photography. We think she has a very good eye for it.

Literacy Aotearoa—Choice, Change, Freedom - Tutor Natasha Nicholson—Waiariki Cluster

Back Row: Brenda McK, Teinatetoe K, Stephen K, Robbie H and Ryan D

Front Row: Jonathan G, Roger K, Dougal E, Jason H, Pauline C, Leah T (Absent—Mervyn F)

This group of our vocational clients/workers have attended and passed the Hand Hygiene Course which was the 1st Subject that their tutor Natasha took them through! Congratulations to you all!

