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### SWAT CEO: RUSSELL ENSOR

I hope everyone is safe and well as the first month of winter is approaching.

The start of the year has been difficult and trying! Residential is completely full as we have just filled up the two homes that we have recently opened.

Vocational has seen a down turn in work due to the difficult times that we are experiencing. All of our 'Business Units' are still operating but in a limited capacity.

This October the Trust celebrates 50 years of existence. Closer to the time I will communicate how we are going to celebrate this occasion. Our Chairman of the Trust - David Foote has served on the Trust Board for all of the 50 years.

Without David's dedication and hard work the Trust would not be where it is today.



**Photo above:** The "NEW house arrived in August, it is a four Bedroom home and was transported from Rotorua to the front section at Thompson Street and was awaiting the final steps of handing over the keys to our Trust! There has been a lot of excitement from our residents and residential staff all wanting to view the new residential home!

Finally on 20 April 2023, after a long period of completing the finishing touches of the home, we were able to have the house 'BLESSED' by Pastor Gary Coffin and the cutting of the 'Ribbon' by our Chairperson - David Foote and the Mayor of Tokoroa - Gary Petley.

The house has been given the official name of 'TUI HOUSE' as it supports some beautiful artwork outside and inside the home.



# COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION - DAY SERVICE - Creative Art

## 50 Bridge Street, TOKOROA



**Archery:** Raukotuku, Damon and Daniel, all enjoying their programmes and are pleased with their aims in Archery.



**Swimming/Bowls:** Above Daniel, Jason, Morgan and Ashlee have joined the 'Special Olympics' swimming group travelling to Taupo every Friday to meet with others for training. They are all so excited, and working hard. **Right:** Jason enjoying playing Bowls.



### Ukulele group: Photos Left

Peter on the Bongo Drums, John on the Shakers and Noelleen, Morgan, Mark and Stacey on the Ukulele's led by Racheal and Gary, looking forward to their first concert.



### Kapa Haka group

**Photo right:** looking great in their shirts great to see them all participating and really enjoying their time with Tutor: Shane Ngatai.







## RETIREMENT FOR ROBBIE CANNON -

(Photo on Left: Chicky - Packaging Team Leader with Robbie and CEO - Russell Ensor)

Robbie started working for 'The Sheltered Workshop' which is now known as South Waikato Achievement Centre/Trust in May 1995. His jobs have varied from being the Recycling Kerbside Driver, then a Recycling Compactor Driver, Delivery Driver for our PACKAGING DEPT on Fridays, taking the finished 'HOLDFAST' products to Hamilton. He also worked in the KINDLING DEPT on the saws, and Lawn Mowing (We had contracts within our local community in Tokoroa and businesses i.e. CARTER HOLT HARVEY was one of Robbies biggest Lawn Contracts at that time)

Over the years our organization has got bigger and we had to stop the Community & Business Lawn contracts. Robbie continued doing the Lawns for our SWAT residential homes and work sites. Over the years Robbie also helped with Call Outs on the weekends for our staff members working on Saturdays (in regards to the Security Lock ups!) After the lawns, Robbie returned to the KINDLING DEPT then to the PACKAGING DEPT working 4 days a week and then reduced it down to 4 half days a week!

**ROBBIE, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT AND ALSO HOPE THAT YOU POP IN TO SEE US WHEN YOU CAN!!!**



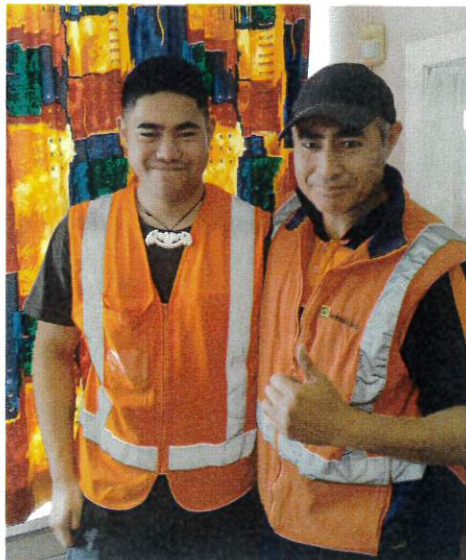
## HAPPY RETIREMENT ROBBIE



## OFF TO AUSSIE:

Sad to see these two workers leave our work place! Father and son - KARA (the son) worked in our Packaging Depart. and (father) ISAKARA joined us earlier last year and was helping in the Kindling Dept. and also did a lot of our 'out of town' EWASTE COLLECTIONS.

**GOOD LUCK for the future in Australia with your family!**



## FAREWELL DINNER for Tua Pirato - 17 years Service

(CROAD PLACE—Team Leader) 'Tua' with some of her workers that she has worked with over the past 17 years while working for SWAC. She ran the processing team for recycling the Cardboard/paper & Plastics balers at Thompson St - Recycling and when we opened the CROAD PLACE Recycling Station which Tua ran with the help of her team of very capable workers!

**Her plans for the future is to return to the Cook Islands - Aitutaki!!**

**Photo below back row: Alice, Rachel, Barry, TUA, Leah, Sharon and Leon.**







**CUTTING OF  
THE RIBBON to  
officialate the  
Opening of  
'TUI HOUSE' on  
20 April 2023**

**was done by our  
Chairperson -  
David Foote and  
the Mayor - Gary  
Petley with the  
'Blessings' of the  
house done by  
Gary Coffin.**



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