

SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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The last few months since our last newsletter has really flown. As it has been that busy at SWAT.

In that time, we have had our first 'Mid Year Christmas Dinner'. We invited Dr Duncan Gadsden and his wife Marie along so all at SWAT could acknowledge the 40 years of tireless work that Dr Gadsden has spent with SWAT as our appointed doctor for our Residential Clients. The evening was fancy dress/70's and it was a great night for all!

(N.B. photos from the Mid Year Dinner, included in newsletter)

SWAT's new business unit e-Waste is going extremely well. We have received funding from MSD to expand this unit. Also, we are in talks and meetings with the Ministry of Environment over projected plans for mandatory stewardship, hoping that we will be one of the companies to be part of this when it happens in the near future.

We have received televisions from Matamata/Piako Councils to process and they have paid \$15 per television. Other Councils around the Central North Island are expressing interest in sending e-Waste to us as well!

I think it is something that is going to grow substantially over the next year and not only benefit SWAT but the South Waikato, as well!



Photo Left: Our GM and his lovely wife, joined in with the 70's theme dress up at the 'Mid Year Christmas Dinner'.



Photo Left: SWAT's GIFT to Dr Gadsden was a 'PHOENIX' garden sculpture which was carved by a group of clients during their arts/craft's time! They were under the tuition of Sculpture Tutor—Alma.



Photo Above:

Dr Duncan Gadsden acknowledging the gift that was presented to him and his wife Marie from all of us at the 'Mid Year Dinner'.

In his acknowledgements he also gave us an insight into his life and his time as a young doctor before arriving in NZ! From the time he met his wife Marie & his graduation and up to the present time in our town.

Duncan is soon to retire and we know that he and his wife will be greatly missed by all of the people that they have been in contact with over the past 40 years in Tokoroa.



SCHOOL VISITS: Learning about E-Waste and Recycling

This month we had a visit from Tokoroa North school to see and learn about 'RECYCLING' and what happens to products like paper, cardboard, bottles and cans! (both steel & aluminium). Also new to the Achievement Centre our 'new' e-Waste Department had the full attention of the young inquisitive minds!

Photo Left: Richard talking about E-Waste

Below: Darrell explaining about cans recycling.

VICTORIA PLACE LIFECARE -RESIDENTS ENJOY BEING AT CREATIVE ART - BRIDGE STREET



This is a group of ladies and gentleman from Victoria Place Life Care - Tokoroa, which visit

Wednesday's for about an hour. They spend their time enjoying our facilities and the company of our clients and tutors creating knick-knack's and showing off their creative skills!



Below: Aka 'THE THREE MUSKETEERS'





Above: Willie proudly displaying his second place ribbon from the Special Olympic Bowls—six weeks ago!



CONGRATULATIONS!
WILLIE & EDWINA
Participated in the
Special Olympics
Indoor Bowls
held in Ngatea on
13 September 2014

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Indoor Bowls - Clients:

Willie & Edwina Achieve placings!

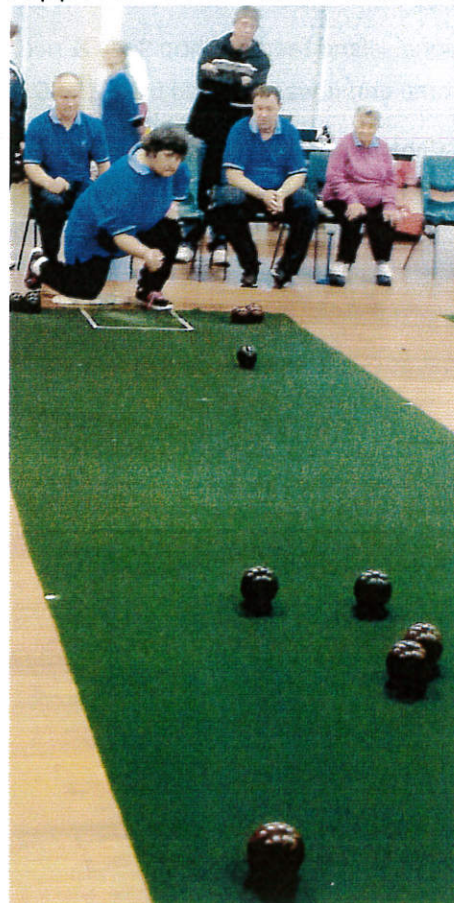
Photo's of Willie Johnson winning second place in the Special Olympic Indoor Bowls held in Ngatea six weeks ago and Edwina Stewart—Second Ribbon Day held in Greerton Tauranga on the 13th of September 2014.

It has been three months since Edwina & Willie trained to join the Special Olympics.

At the Second Ribbon Day held in Greerton Tauranga, both played in their respective B + team grade. There were two B grade teams in which composes into four groups in each team. Willie played with the first team and Edwina played with the other B-grade team, playing against three other teams.

Edwina's team came third, and Willie's team came second.

Willie received Sportsmanship award for being a good player, supporter of the team and other players in the event.



It has been a great experience to be with Special Olympics events and it is a pleasure to support Willie and Edwina. Both love to play indoor bowls, and look forward for the next practice games.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to my wife Gerlic for helping me making this process happened.

Mark Nicholson - Clients Advocate





'MID YEAR DINNER'

Held on 05 July

at the

Tokoroa



Cossie Club

Theme for the night

Was the

70's



'PEACE
MAN'



This year we decided to hold a **'Mid Year Dinner'** for the Staff /Clients/Employee's and also invited the Board of Trustees and special invitations were given to our long term doctor, Dr Duncan Gadsden his wife Marie and also our New World Manager/Sponsor Damon Jakeman.

This was an excellent night, enjoyed by all!

A special presentation was given to Doctor Gadsden as he is due to retire from his practice later this year and it was an excellent way & time for all to say - Thank You!





AT TOKOROA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE:

Photo above: Clients Stephanie (back row in purple) & Francis (back row in black) enjoy the company of these lovely ladies for morning tea at Tokoroa Senior Citizens.



Photo Above: Stephanie enjoys knitting with the group local members of Senior Citz!

BOYS WEEKEND AWAY IN AUCKLAND - (wink, wink, lol)



These two gentleman had a great time on their 'Weekend Away'. Here, John & Brett having their evening meal at a Japanese Restaurant then off to discover the night life with their support staff!



Photo Above: Recently Peter and Dougal enjoyed their annual holiday having a ball on the many rides at Rainbow's End.



Photo Above & Below:

KENT HOUSE RESIDENTS enjoyed a day outing at
TAUPO



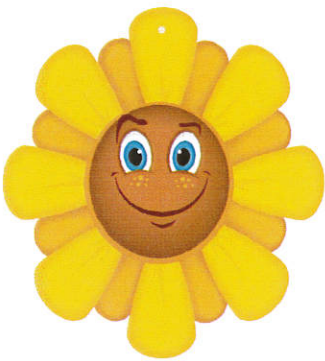
CLIENT/EMPLOYEE/PARENT—WILLIAM ROLLO

Pictured Left:



William proudly showing off his newly acquired Certificate. He has attended and completed a course with the 'Tokoroa Special Education Centre' on the 'INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAMME, 2014. This is a programme for young parents to help educate them on the role of being good parents. (Well done!)

William is employed at the Achievement Centre, working in the Recycling yard. He is one of our main forklift drivers that we rely on to load the recycled bales of cardboard onto the Transporting Trucks. He also has mastered the saws' for cutting firewood which we sell to the general public.



Picture Right:

WILLIAM Johnson works in our Packaging area at the Achievement Centre.

His sister Marina, came over from Tauranga with her caregiver and they enjoyed a nice day out having lunch & catching up with family news.

It was really nice to see them both smiling and enjoying their special day!



SWAC - FAREWELL for BARRY WILSON held on Friday, 29 August in the SWAC Lunchroom! Barry's co workers provided him with a traditional Island feed of Chop Suey & rice, mayonnaise salad & cheese muffins to farewell him! This was held at lunchtime and it was enjoyed by all the Staff and his co workers!

Barry has worked at the Achievement Centre for about 14 years and has seen many changes and improvements with in the organisation. He was one of our Recycling Truck drivers and would have visited many of the businesses & Schools around the South Waikato picking up their recycling. Also, he was one of our regular kerbside drivers when we held the Kerbside Recycling Contract. In his retirement, Barry will have plenty of time to indulge in his favourite past-time flying model aeroplanes out at the Tokoroa airstrip. He has promised everyone that he will kept in touch and will call in for a cuppa and the latest gossip! We all wish you well Barry and many years of "SAFE—FLYING"





Photo Left:

Timothy from our 'CHOICES' area, enjoys his time in e-Waste! Here he is with power drill in hand fully focused on dismantling a VHS player. On the 1/2 day - a week (Thursday's) that Timothy comes to our e-Waste Department, he has managed to dismantle numerous old Taxi RT radios, old printers, photocopiers and several VHS & DVD

players!

With a staff member supporting him, he is in 'HEAVEN' using the tools and being able to contribute to our workforce.



E-Waste Well done, Timothy

Whiteware

It comes in
Like
this
and leaves



**HAPPY 40th
BIRTHDAY
ALISON**

**RECENT CLIENTS
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

**HAPPY 50th
BIRTHDAY
JOHN**

**HAPPY 70th
BIRTHDAY
FRANCIS**





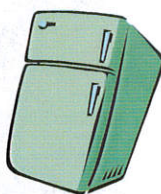
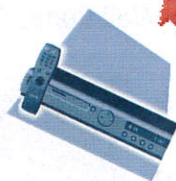
Photo Left:
CONTAINERS OF E - Waste being unloaded. This load of CRT—televisions will keep the e-Waste team busy for awhile! They are to be dismantled, readying them for recycling.

CHOICES:

Michael and Joy busy getting the vegie plants ready to sell, hoping they are ready for Labour Weekend!



Above: Michiel , Jason, David C and Edwina of Thompson Flats pictured in Gisborne on one of their weekend away trips , earlier this year!



The general public look forward to seeing what seedlings are available from their gardens and it is well supported!



VISIT FROM OLD FRIEND AND WORK MATE —

Iti left SWAC in 2013 after being here since 1992 living in our residential homes & working in our Recycling area). He called in for a visit to see some of the staff & his old friends whom he lived with at Clyde Street.



WHO'S THE MAN!

Brett giving the "thumbs up" when he met these young men from the "JUNIOR ALL BLACKS" squad on his recent visit to Auckland on their boys night out!

