

## SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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### GENERAL MANAGER:

#### RUSSELL ENSOR

The first three months of 2014 has been a blur as we seem to be busier than ever.

Some exciting news for Packaging! We are going to package the 'HOLDFAST' range that you see in the supermarkets. This was previously done in China, but was not up to HOLDFAST'S required standard.

Also we are now recycling electronic eWaste, ie. computers, televisions, printers and basically anything that has a chord.

Lastly, renovations on our Residential properties have been completed, so everyone will be nice and snug for the winter months that lay ahead. Until the next newsletter....

### STAFF TRAINING:

Staff training is an investment in the future of our organisation – Residential & Vocational Services.

Our ultimate goal is to provide better health & wellbeing for our clients and help them to achieve their life style plans.

For the past 3 years Russell and I have worked really hard to get good training for our staff.

Last year, nine of the staff have gained NZQA, National Certificate in Health, Disability and Aged Support Level 2 – Core Competencies. Staff feel more valued and gain confidence and competence.

Each month we provide inhouse training or 2 day work shop training for our staff. Recently, Support Staff, Team Leader 2IC, Team Leaders, Accounts Supervisor, Assistant Manager and the General Manager have attended a two day workshop looking and planning for the future at SWAT.

I have received such great positive feedback from both these training sessions. THANK YOU ALL!!!

The employer gains a greater confidence in the service the staff provide, knowing they have been trained with the knowledge and skills that they need to reach a higher standard when supporting our clients.

### STAFF TRAINING COORDINATOR VIRGINIA HENRY

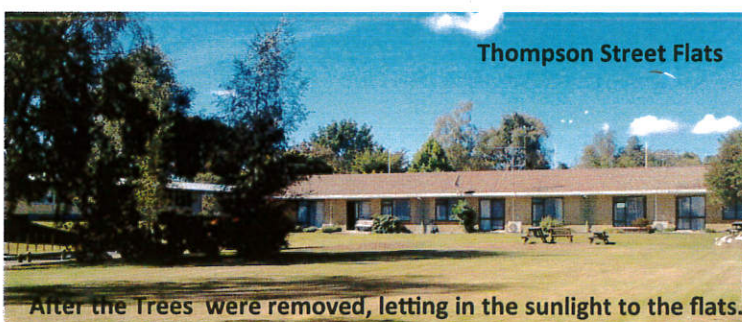


Kent Street Flats



Kent Street House

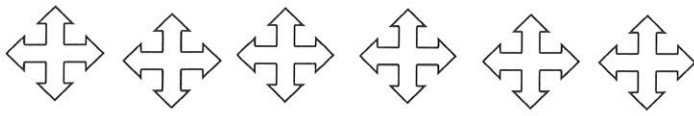
**Photos Left:** Kent Street Flats & Kent House have had all the garden areas done in Riverstone & finished with large decorative pots placed around the front & back entrances!



Thompson Street Flats

After the Trees were removed, letting in the sunlight to the flats.





## I CAN READ IT ! CAN YOU ???

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or

### KINDLING



### FIREWOOD

## PACKAGING AREA

12 THOMPSON STREET, TOKOROA

2014 started with a visit from Holdfast management in February and the visitor came bearing gifts in appreciation for the hard work all packaging employees have done over the past few years

Look how happy the "P Team" are in their new Holdfast teeshirts,



### Thank you to Holdfast,

We like and appreciate the work you send us!

Margie resigned recently to look after her mother and her position has been filled by Susan.

Kind regards Gail, Chicky, Nacole, Susan.



**Top Photo:** Pallets of Kindling wrapped ready to be sent off to SOLID ENERGY in Huntly.

**Photo Left:** At the Achievement Centre we are selling bags of Firewood at \$50 per bag. Ring our Office 886 8941 to order. They are 'round cores' cut into suitable lengths for all fire boxes. We offer a Free Delivery in Tokoroa only.

**Photo Right:** Two of our Recycling crew slicing through Paper/cardboard cores getting ready to be recycled through the Main Baler.





# CREATIVE ART

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**Above:** Micaiah working in our Cardboard area!

**Left:** Jonathan working in the Packaging area!

**Below:**

The Braeside Garden is looking beautiful, thanks to our hard working Clients and Volunteers!



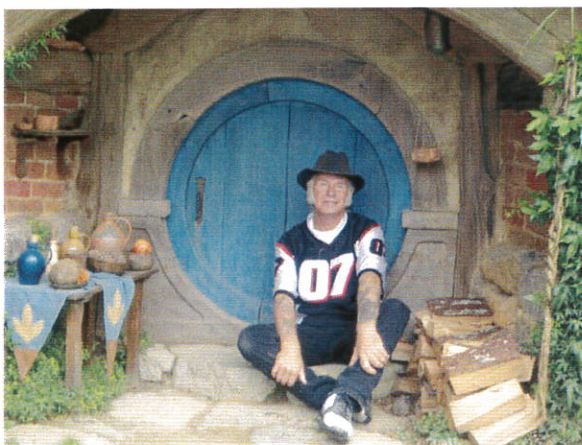
**Photo right:** Items made for the 'Disability Expo' showcases. These fantastic items have been made with RECYCLED GOODS by valuable Community Volunteers!



## ACHIEVING EMPLOYMENT WAS ONE OF THEIR GOALS !

They are about to become employees at SWAC! Presently they both enjoy the CP activities that is run by our Creative Art group, but will be working one day a week at the Achievement Centre. Jonathan will be working in the Packaging area & Macaiah in the Cardboard/Recycling.

Congratulation to you both!



## HOBBITON MOVIE SET TOURS

Raising our own Funds gives us more choices for our adventures.

**Pictured above & right:** A group of our clients/staff enjoying their visit to Matamata recently. 'Hobbiton Inn' "Best place for a cool ginger beer".



**Above:** The SOUTH WAIKATO EVENTS CENTRE is a great place for our group to enjoy fitness activities.





# NEW VENTURE AT SWAT: DISMANTLING eWASTE - Computers



Printers, Key Boards etc



## OBITUARY:

**Barbara Samson**

**17/08/63—18/03/14**



We would all like to say farewell to Barbara Samson. Barbara will be greatly missed. She had been attending the South Waikato Achievement Trust for the past 16 years. Barbara enjoyed the time with her peers and was very vocal & had lots of things to say, great facial expressions and body language and a sense of humour.

★ Shining Star ★

The angels looked down from heaven one night

They searched for miles a far  
And deep within the distance

They could see a shining star



They knew that very instant  
That the star was theirs to gain,  
So they took you up to heaven  
Forever to remain

**Kua takoto ana ki te rangimarie ia**

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

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March already, time is flying by. We have been busy doing a variety of programmes, keeping us all on our toes. A new sunshade has been put up over our Sensory Garden. It's great that the builders have started on the drive through too!

Our glasshouse has new shade cloth up. We all like to work outside getting ready to sell our variety of vegetables and flower plants to the public.

We would also like to welcome Bruce Tua Rangitua, Marion Ruddell (Staff) to the C.H.O.I.C.E.S Programme.