

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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REFLECTING On 2020

It is difficult not to repeat several words and phrases that have become clichés for a year that none of us expected, but affected all of us. We learnt a lot about ourselves, our families and whānau and work colleagues around us. We learnt a lot about our disabled people that we serve.

2020 taught us about our capacity for change and flexibility when a sense of urgency demands it.

A big thank you to our staff that supported our people through this difficult time and the South Waikato Achievement Trust has rebounded and become stronger for this experience.

Many of us are looking forward to a much needed break over Christmas and the New Year period. It will be a time to reflect and recharge the mind and body for whatever 2021 brings.

South Waikato Achievement Trust wishes you all the very best over the summer break and for the year ahead!

Russell Ensor (CEO - SWAT)



Photo above: Russell (CEO) Wendy J (Resident) and MP Louise Upston admiring the 'NEW POD' which is near completion. We are hoping that the flooring and the finishing-off of fixtures to the unit will be completed in the New Year!

Photo Left:

The 'NEW POD' has 3 bedrooms with a wet floor –shower in the bathroom! The bedrooms are very roomy and will accommodate our clientele who have a disability or are in wheelchairs! The front and back entrance have ramps for easy access.



TO EVERYONE, KEEP SAFE AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST!

Photo Left:

This is our 'Awesome Crew' from CROAD PLACE!

They have worked very hard over the passed few years, dealing with the general public in regards to 'Recycling' now they will be doing our 'own boutique' recycling in the new year!





Photo Left: Meet Dayne! He is a new residential client that arrived in our service in July this year.

Dayne has gone out into the community to offer his time and has been accepted by 'Rotorua Hospital' as a Volunteer. He has been to two orientation days and will be providing tea, coffee and drinks services' to the visitors and the patients.

Congratulations Dayne - we are all very proud of your accomplishment!



Photo Above: Noelleen, Roberta and Morgan enjoying a bit of arts and crafts at one of our Residential homes.



Photo Left:

She's done it again, Penny Steadman surprised us with two beautiful big cakes for the Farewell of one of our staff members - Rob Martin (Lawns & Firewood Delivery person)

Penny buys our firewood over the winter and is very happy with our services. When she heard that Rob was leaving she produced these (2) big cakes - Carrot & Walnut and a Feijoa cakes!

Thank you Penny from us all at SWAT!



Photo above: Rob Martin (Lawns/Firewood/Recycling) has retired, pictured with our CEO -Russell Ensor having/ telling a last minute joke at his Farewell Luncheon!

Enjoy your retirement and we hope to see you around town, 'THANK YOU VERY MUCH' (Elvis Presley style)



Photo above: Two of our Vocational workers Hayley and her mum Marilyn were thanked by SWAT CEO - Russell Ensor with a 'Farewell - Lunch Shout' enjoyed by all of their fellow workers! We wish you both the best of luck with your coming ventures!

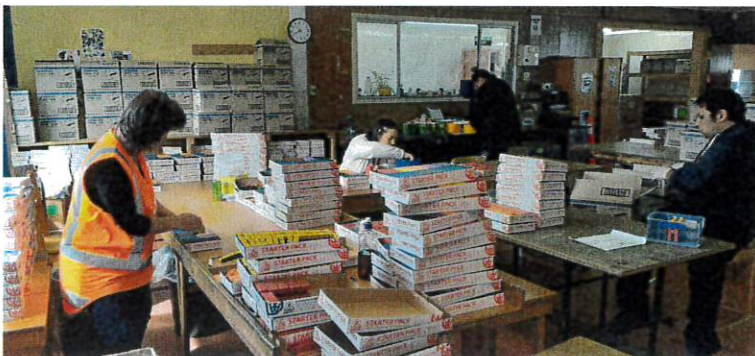


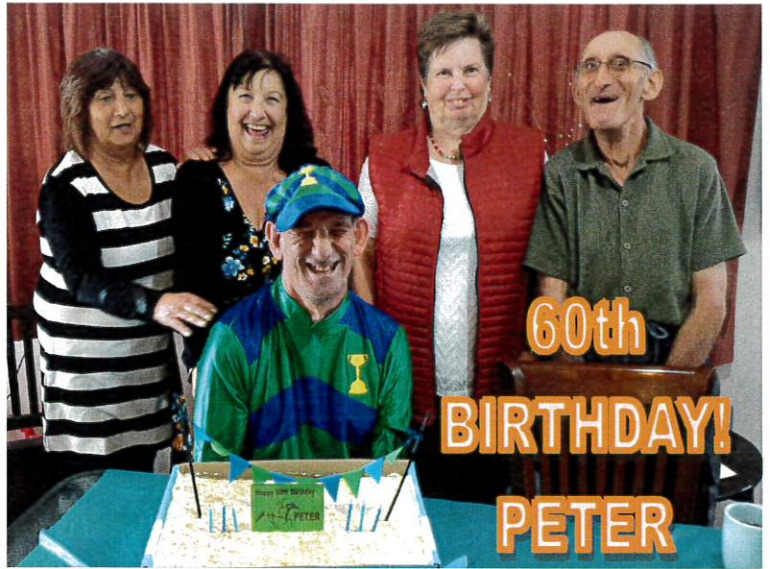


Photo Left:
Sharon and Ashlee enjoying the fun at Tokoroa's lake 'Lake Moananui'



Photo Below:
Rebecca and a staff member decided to give it a try too!

**FUN
ON
'LAKE
MOANANUI'**



And they're off Racing **CONGRATULATIONS PETER CANNON** he celebrated his 60th Birthday this month with his family (pictured above) and with a group of friends and staff!

His birthday invitation was in the form of a Race Meeting, with Peter dressed as a JOCKEY on the day, as Peter loves his racing!

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY, PETER

From all of us at South Waikato Achievement Trust



Photo left: Jason and Paul receiving the Donated Eggs from 'The Innovation Trust' Chairperson - Fa'ataualofa Smith. We were given about 40 dozen eggs which we distributed around our organisation, They were distributed to our Residential Homes - Kent, Clyde and Thompson Street and also to the High Needs service 'CHOICES', the Community Participation group at 'CREATIVE ART and to our Independent Vocational clients. (To date, they (The Innovation Trust) have delivered over 11,670 eggs in Tokoroa)

Photo below: Some of our Vocational Clients that received their share of the eggs!

Jonathon, Teina, Ryan, Dean, Alan, Josh, Jason, Albert, Tiana and Rachel

THANK YOU - THE INNOVATION TRUST for your 'Donation of Fresh Eggs' were received by two of our clients Jason & Paul.

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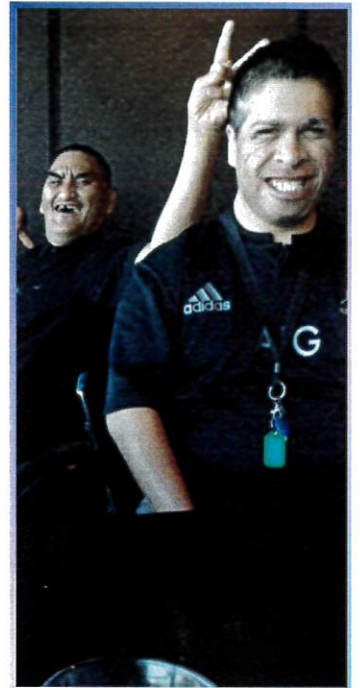
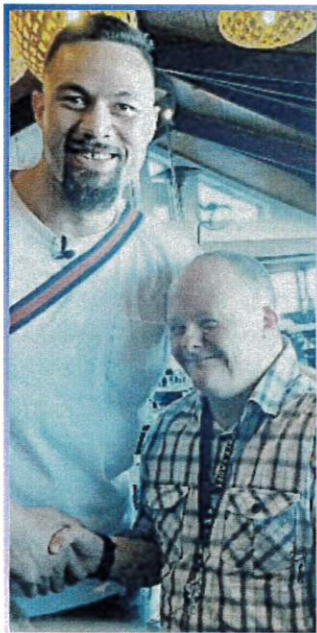
CHOICES Programme

2020 has been a very mixed up year for all, started well and then Covid hit and of course all our programmes shut down due to lock down. Staff and clients were really pleased to return in June. Choices have been making the most of what time was left for the year. Getting out and about and enjoying all our programmes. Looking forward to a better year next year.



MERRY XMAS FROM
ALL THE STAFF AND CLIENTS
AT
C.H.O.I.C.E.S.





THOMPSON FLATS Xmas Outing 2020 - A surprise meeting with Joseph Parker at SKYLINE'S—STRATOFARE RESTAURANT & BAR in Rotorua when they went for their Xmas outing earlier this month! They would like to wish everyone a very "Merry Christmas" and a 'Happy New Year from the clients and Staff at Thompson Flats!



CREATIVE ART— TOKOROA TWILIGHT MARKET AND XMAS PARADE 11 DECEMBER 2020

The theme for the CREATIVE ART troupe for the Xmas Parade was Michael Jackson's 'THRILLER' with a Xmas twist. (Their Performance) Was the movie 'Boy Dance' to the song Poi E.

Thank you to all those that volunteered their time especially Kath Cortesi, Sonia Winikerei and Mariana Motion for helping to get our guys looking awesome.

The Xmas Spirit Lady is Belinda Cinotti our Healing through Music Tutor.



Photo Above: Staff member 'Jazz' made a perfect Michael Jackson!



Photo Left: Shari and Campbell they've been volunteering at Creative Art since they were little.



Photo Above & below: The whole cast of 'Zombies— the walking dead' on stage receiving their prize!

Photo right: The 'Xmas Spirit Lady' Belinda Cinotti has programs at Creative Art—our 'Healing through Music' Tutor.



Photo Below: The Walking Dead - all 'made up' with their zombie makeup, ready to walk the streets with 'Michael Jackson' Creative Art participates in the Xmas Parade nearly every year and it is always amazing to see the time and effort put in by all the staff, clients and of course the 'Volunteers'



**CREATIVE ART
Staff and all the
Clients
would like to wish
everyone a
Happy Christmas
and Happy New
Year
And will see you all
when we start up
again in January**