

SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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Thank goodness spring is just around the corner as we have had several staff and clients off work with the 'flu virus' which does not seem to want to go away.

Both vocational and residential have been very busy supporting our clients in achieving their goals. SWAT prides itself in caring for our clients and all this goes down to our hard working staff. I know the Trust Board and myself thank you all very much!



Photo Above: Congratulations Philip!!!

Russell Ensor congratulates Philip Layne for obtaining his Learners HT Licence and now he will be able to help with driving our Kraft/Recycling Trucks that pickup from many of the businesses here in Tokoroa, Putaruru and Tirau! Philips brother Zane, achieved his HT Licence when he was here at SWAT over 10 years ago. Zane was then noticed by Raymond Lincoln whom we used for trucking our recycling containers to and from our site. He has been in full employment with 'RJ Lincoln NZ Trucking—Tokoroa!

Trucks and Cars are obviously a family interest as both Philip and Zane have dabbled in stock car racing as well!

WEEKEND AWAY IN NAPIER:

On the weekend of 23rd & 24th June I had the pleasure of taking Alison, Roberta, Dougal and Paul to Napier for the weekend. Although the weather was miserable I think they all had a good time. The highlight of the weekend for them all was the visit to the Napier prison which has now closed. They enjoyed the history of the prison and had me googling prisoners names to see what their crime was etc. .. We also visited the Napier Aquarium which Dougal and Paul had their video camera and ipad out videoing all.

We had a couple of meals at Breakers which was great. The food was beautiful and very affordable. They all did shopping at K Mart & The Warehouse. We stayed at Edgewater Motel and it was stunning! Although we had a balcony and a view we didn't get to see the ocean until Sunday when the fog and cloud lifted. It was a good weekend but maybe next time it would be better to go in the warmer months.

Written by Wanda Anne (Kent House Caregiver)



Above: Fun weekend away, Roberta, Dougal & Alison

Below: Paul, Dougal, Alison and Reberta!



eWASTE DEPARTMENT:

Jake Bennett is one of our younger adult clients that works in the eWaste Department along side staff member Brian Norton. Brian has trained Jake on the 'Mini Steel Baler' at SWAC -Thompson Street.

Jake has recently obtained his Learners Car Driving Licence and has had (1) session in Fork Lift Training!

Photo Right:

Jake operating the Mini Steel Baler!



KINDLING/FIREWOOD DEPT:

Below: OUR KINDLING & FIREWOOD DRYING ROOM is working very hard drying out the kindling wood which we pack for our orders. We sell to the general public and retail stores around Tokoroa, Putaruru, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Taupo!



Above: Robbie Cannon and Stacy Layne out on a FIREWOOD Delivery ! Over the months of June, July & August our sales of firewood have 'sky rocketed' everyone is feeling the cold and of course they all want their wood delivered 'yesterday, as they say!



Photo right:

Glenn Thomas has been working in the Drying Room filling the bags of 'pine cores' ready for delivery!

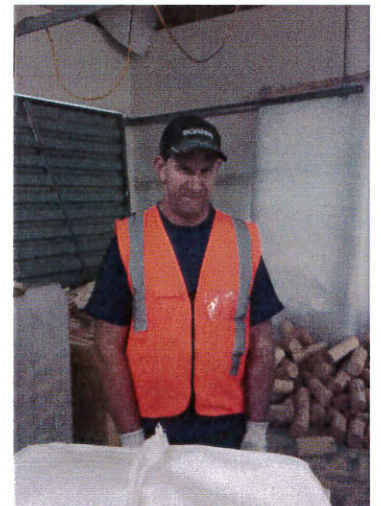


Photo Below: Our team of packers in the Kindling Department are keeping up with the orders. We have obtained a 'NEW' customer from Christchurch— 'CRUSADERS' (this is the name of their company). Packers are Roger K, Jason H, Estella H, Michael R, Pauline C, Paul J, Ethan D and Stacey H with superior Sheryl Tipa. 'Crusader' packers Luda, Vere and Stacy L.



C.H.O.I.C.E.S Programme

Trish, Lynda, Olivia, Reuben and Debbie

Debbie Best



I started back at C.H.O.I.C.E.S on the 13th of March I was in Australia for 7 years. I worked for an organisation that did full community participation. The organisation had 15 vans and the groups had between 4 and 8 clients per group. The real 'High Support Client Groups' had 4 clients and 2 staff members. They had weekly programmes that ranged from bowling, swimming, listening to bands, cooking, art and crafts and various other programmes. It is so good to be back with an awesome organisation. Over in Adelaide all of the organisations in South Australia are privately owned. I enjoyed my time in Australia and it was a great experience, I met some wonderful people staff and clients alike. I do not regret one moment of the experience but at the end of the day there is no place like home.



Written By Debbie Best



Photo Above: Anya, Lisa and Joy taking tea, cup-cakes and all!

N.B All the 'Mad Hatters' hats, are beautiful creations from our lovely ladies Joy, Lisa and Sharon!



Our giant paper mache tea-set a combined effort from staff and clients at C.H.O.I.C.E.S. A lot of messy fun had by all.

*MEMORIAL for Maree Pittams
Sadly missed, forever in our hearts
19/2/63 -23/7/2017*



Photo right:

Tiana our Kitchen lady helping Isaac with the big fadge bags of plastics to be taken to Croad Place for Recycling!



TRAINING FORKLIFT DRIVERS AT SWAC: with Brian Hagger—Instructor!

Six more workers sat and passed their Fork Lift Licence at SWAC: Elaine Osborne, Garry Smith, Stacy Layne, Lynsay Ward, Sheryl Tipa and Adrian Butler! Well done to all!



WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME, ROBBIE HINKES?

Answer: DIY

1 wall down 3 to go

Robbie helped his mum wallpaper his bedroom. I helped strip the old wallpaper off, sandpapered the walls, then painted the walls with size! Then I pasted the wallpaper for mum to hang.

I really enjoyed assisting and love my new bedroom.

Robbie works at our CROAD PLACE Recycling Centre, baling cardboard, etc....

IN THEIR LEISURE TIME, SEE WHAT SOME OF OUR CLIENTS ARE ACHIEVING IN THEIR CHOSEN SPORTS or FREE TIME ACTIVITIES -



Photo Left:

Alan Marsh enjoys going to Riding for the Disabled (RDA) This is one of his choices of programs that he & others whom attend Creative Art can do!

Other programs offered are exercise classes, art/crafts, educational courses, woodwork and many others!



Photo Left:

Paradox: Tauranga Street Art Festival, a festival created for the community to enjoy. This is Robbie Hinkes admiring the 'ginormous' Owl Wall Art! Robbie and his mum said that it was well worth the trip to Tauranga to view the Art!

Photo Above: From the web site: **Paradox Outside Wall Art:** Tauranga's CBD.

A collective of six international and local street artists left a remarkable legacy in their natural habitat, the streets for all to enjoy for years to come in Tauranga's CBD....



Photo Above: Scotty, Ethan and Albert work in the new eWaste shed where they work on the smaller electronics like phones, DVD players CD players etc...

eWaste workers always have work to do, with the amount of computers, TV's, DVD, phones and electrical appliances coming in regularly! They are stripped down and the materials are sorted into bins or fadge bags! The mother boards from computers etc are shipped off to Japan to be processed and the steel & plastics are separated, then baled & then are processed here in New Zealand!



Photo Above: Mark, Garth and Maria at work stripping down the mother boards!