



## SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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### Season's Greetings to you all,

It seems like yesterday that we welcomed in 2014, hoping that it was going to be a fabulous year. With Christmas Day fast approaching we can safely say that it has been a great year, a busy year and that our holidays have been well earned.

The end of 2014 has seen the opening of the new recycling centre at Croad Place. Feedback from the public has been positive ranging from enjoying the clean undercover facility and complimenting the helpful staff who has assisted them with their recycling. This has been a big upheaval and change for our staff/employees who are now working at Croad Place.

For those of us who enjoyed watching the Christmas Parade we were proud to see the fabulous float designed by Creative Art. They successfully (again) won first prize and winning \$1000 for their efforts.

We sadly had to say goodbye to Dr Gadsden who after many many years looking after our people at SWAT has retired to explore new horizons and to spend time with the lovely Mrs Gadsden.

All of our staff whether in Residential or Vocational has worked extremely hard this year, supporting our clients/employees in various endeavours. Our clients have enjoyed outings to All Black/Chiefs games, ballet, ABBA, Field Days, trips to riding for disabled,

swimming, feeding the ducks, karaoke just to name a few.

New shade sails have been erected at Choices, Thompson flats, Centre and Clyde (in progress), which have enabled everyone to enjoy the sunshine.. Well if there had been sunshine, they could have enjoyed it.

Many thanks must go to the volunteers who support SWAT and spend many hours with our clients.

As per every year, the Trust Board has supported us at the Centre and provided many a good yarn and smiley face. We really appreciate this as it makes our jobs a lot easier.

We would like to welcome the new staff who have joined our team – Natasha and Sharlene.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and holiday break. For those who are travelling take care on the roads and we will see you at the Centre in the New Year.

### Right:

Michael & Jason from the Residential Flats enjoying the new Basketball hoop attached to the frame of the new Sun-Sail,



**Below:** Employees at SWAC enjoying their Lunch Break out front of the Office. Over the last 3 months we have erected (2) Sun-Sails for Staff /Employees & Clients to protect them from the elements! The other Sun-Sail







**Above: Caption 1 Sculpturing Programme**

**Caption 1.** 'Creative New Zealand funding provided inclusive sculpture programmes for our community. Very successful outcome with students booked in for next year.

**Caption 2 and 3.** Another combined community effort with Valda Tahere leading our group to win three categories in the Christmas Float Parade. Well done to staff and clients who took part in making this project a very enjoyable one.

**Caption 4.** "Oh what a beautiful garden", Next year we will be developing community programmes from this base.

**Merry**

**Christmas and a Happy New Year**



**Above & Left:**

**Captions 4:**

The Community Garden photos of 'Before and After shots'!

They are looking lovely with the help from all



**Above: Baa Baa Black Sheep!**



**Above Caption 2**

**Below: Caption 3— Ginger Bread House Float**



**Above Caption 3:**



Our winning Float in the  
'Annual Christmas Parade'  
held in early December!

The theme was a 'Gingerbread House' Congratulations to all that helped & participated with the Float!

**MERRY XMAS EVERYONE  
FROM CREATIVE ART...**







## Our Packaging Department

wishes you all a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Safe  
New Year!



### Xmas Biscuits from C.H.O.I.C.E.S

#### **Ingredients**

100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened at room

temperature

100g/3½oz caster sugar

1 egg, lightly beaten

275g/10oz plain flour

400g/14oz icing sugar

3-4 tbsp water

2-3 drops food colourings

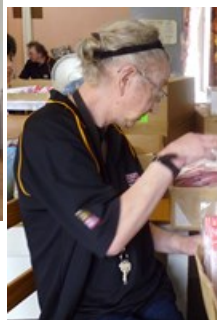


#### **Preparation method**

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
2. Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl until combined.
3. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined.
4. Stir in the flour until the mixture comes together as a dough.
5. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm/½in.
6. Using Halloween-style biscuit cutters, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray.
7. Bake the biscuits for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to harden for 5 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.
8. For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in enough water to create a smooth



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**Above:** Tua & Alice baling the aluminium cans on the Baler at the site in Thompson Street .



**Above:** The Main Baler being removed from the shed for its trip to Croad Place!



**Above:** The Baler on the truck heading for its new home at Croad Place!

**Below:** After a bit of maintenance at 'SWPE' the baler is finally at Croad ready to be installed in its new home!



**MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

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## RECYCLING FOR THE SOUTH WAIKATO IS NOW AT

**CROAD PLACE.** The recycling crew from Thompson Street are enjoying the new site and will be working inside under cover most of the time as there is enough room for the main baler as well as the smaller cardboard baler. There is a sorting table for sorting cans and bottles as well.



**Above:** Some of the workers enjoying their new working site! These three workers load the cardboard baler (behind them) They would like to wish every one a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

**Below:** One of our trucks off-loading cardboard inside the main shed. The trucks can now enter the building, off-load and leave out the exit doors.



**Below:** The Baler installed and working at Croad Place.

