



Above: Tony receiving some of the donated pizzas from 'LOVE SOUP + DOMINOS PIZZAS'. This was the second donation received from Dominos, each time it was abt. 30 pizzas!

Thank you 'LOVE SOUP and DOMINOS'



The donation of boxes of beautiful Kiwi Fruit were from 'FIRST KLAAS Pest Solutions Ltd' this was very much appreciated by our Residential Homes and Vocational workers at the South Waikato Achievement Trust. **Thank you for your kind donation!**



'FIRST KLAAS pest Solutions Ltd'

In October, our Work site cat 'Merlin' sadly left us for a better place! He is missed by all the staff and clients! Pictured below Merlin with his best buddy "Midnight"



CREATIVE INGENUITY AT ITS BEST

'Dr Seuss project group' were not fazed by setbacks but preferred to carry on through these difficult times. Michelle project co-ordinator needed to think outside the box to ensure that the hard work of our clients was carried through. Originally the plan was to work alongside the South Waikato District Library, which included set up and interactive story telling for the community to enjoy.



The restrictions have limited us to where Dr Seuss would have been located. 'Creative Art' is now the viewing venue. We wish to thank 'Creative Communities and the volunteers' who worked at making this happen.



PHOTOS BELOW: Some of our workers in the PACKAGING DEPARTMENT— working on the 'SEALED AIR' contract.



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NEWSLETTER

SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

Postal Address: PO Box 147, Tokoroa

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From our

SWAT Chairperson -

David FOOTE

To all Residential and Vocational Staff -

On behalf of the Trust Board I would like to thank you for the way you have cared for our people in these challenging times. It has been two arduous years that we have been fighting 'Covid 19' and the latest variant 'Omicron' has been especially challenging. We have tried to keep our people safe in Residential and Vocational. Because of your care, we have managed to keep those that have been infected by 'Omicron' down to a minimum. In Vocational, we have been able to put out a considerable volume of work to satisfy our contracts.

Once again a big thank you for your dedication in looking after our people in these unusual times.

Regards David Foote



PHOTO ABOVE; SWAT Chairperson—David Foote, Rachael Campbell and SWAT CEO - Russell Ensor

At the end of 2021, Rachael Campbell retired from SWAC after more than 18 years at Creative Arts. Rachael was a driving force in keeping the Creative Art presence and high profile in the Tokoroa town centre as she led the team into new and interesting activities. There was always a new community activity or project to be worked on, the Tokoroa Christmas Parade, the ANZAC walk through, the community gardens or the sensory room to name just a few. She also initiated a huge range of personal improvement classes and activities that have assisted hundreds of people over the years.

As well as the people that were directly involved with Creative Arts, Rachael is very well known and respected by other community groups and community leaders. She has been able to connect with many people and groups as well as welfare agencies, to always see that the people she looked after as well as the less fortunate in Tokoroa were being cared for and not left behind. Rachael, a high energy person, full of ideas and inspiration. She had a huge level of empathy for the people she met and was constantly on the look-out for opportunities to make things better for everyone at SWAC and in the community.

We wish Rachael all the very best in her retirement and we are very fortunate that we have not completely lost touch with Rachael as she has agreed to stay on the Creative Arts team (part time) for a while, so that she can pass on her experience and knowledge as well as keeping up the Creative Arts connections with the community.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CREATIVE ART : 50 BRIDGE STREET,



Photo above:

Kara and Noel working on the window display!

Photo: Left

The finished window which was designed and painted by one of our fellow artist that attends Creative Art -

Kara Seuseu

(A very Talented young man)



CREATIVE ART - end of Year 2021 Prize giving

was held in conjunction with Rachael Campbell's farewell luncheon in December!

The Luncheon was held at the Tokoroa Cosmopolitan Club with invited guests as well as the SWAT - Trust Board Members and Creative Art attendees!

Receiving their certificates were:

Bill D - for 'Perseverance' - Morgan F - for 'Catering Skills'
Ashlee C - for 'Catering Skills' - Theresa H - for 'Catering Skills'
Peter C - for 'Leadership Skills'
Sheree P - for 'Access Online Education Independently'
Trinity H - for Literacy, Language and Numeracy Upskilling'

After the prize giving Trinity, Morgan, Brenda and Daniel each gave excellent speeches in thanking Rachael and wishing her well in her pending retirement!



CREATIVE ART:

Bill proudly shows off the completed Dolls House that Creative Art have donated Te Rau Awhina - 'Tokoroa Women's Refuge.' The 'Dolls House' was in 'Kitset form' and was donated to us in 2013 by Jean Lamb!

Over the pass 4 -5 years they have worked on/off with this project but it was Bill who stepped up to see this project through. His patience and willingness to put together the furniture certainly has achieved an outcome that was well merited.

We wish to thank the 'Menzshed - Tokoroa' for their assistance and our 'High Needs group' at 'CHOICES' for their input on the interior design.

