



## SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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### SWAT GENERAL MANAGER: RUSSELL ENSOR

The start of the year has been really busy at SWAT with a SAM'S (Standards and Monitoring Services) Audit for Residential Homes at Kent Street and Clyde Street.

For Vocational, the business units have been extremely busy in Recycling, Kindling, eWaste and Packaging.

Creative Art and CHOICES have also been busy with their Community Participation.

A big 'pat on the back' must go to residential staff for their glowing report from SAM'S.

Comments taken from the report were:

85 Clyde Street - which has undertaken extensive refurbishment is now an extremely comfortable, well planned and individualised 'up market' residential home. The building has been well planned and does not have the feel or appearance of being a large 'Hostel', rather it appears to be similar to a 'boutique' facility in most aspects.

Kent Street - is a well maintained, happy home with five people who enjoy a good lifestyle including community activities in the home which reflect their combined interests.

Summary of the strengths of the Service:

- \* First Class facility and surrounding environment
- \* Diverse and skilled staff team
- \* Strong Leadership
- \* Good family / whanau connections

Excellent results from our team and staff members!

Until the next newsletter, take care, be safe and keep well!

### EMAIL FROM WAIKATO ENVIRONMENT Re: Expo

Kia ora Richard and Gary,  
On behalf of the Waikato Environment Centre team, I want to thank you for your great contribution to the 2015

Enviro Expo. Richard did a great job engaging with the public on the important issues of e-waste. Many good conversations were had and a good amount of awareness was raised. A photo of Richard at the expo is attached.

Thanks again and warm regards,  
Anna

Waikato Environment Centre  
PO Box 19104/Hamilton 3244



Photo Right:  
eWaste products (copper wiring etc) stripped and baled ready to be shipped off site!



# CHOICES Programmes



April already, time is flying by. We continue with our variety of programmes, keeping us all busy throughout the year.

We would also like to welcome Oliva Jacobs & Arorangi Iraia (Staff) to the C.H.O.I.C.E.S Programme.

## Our Sensory Garden—To Be!



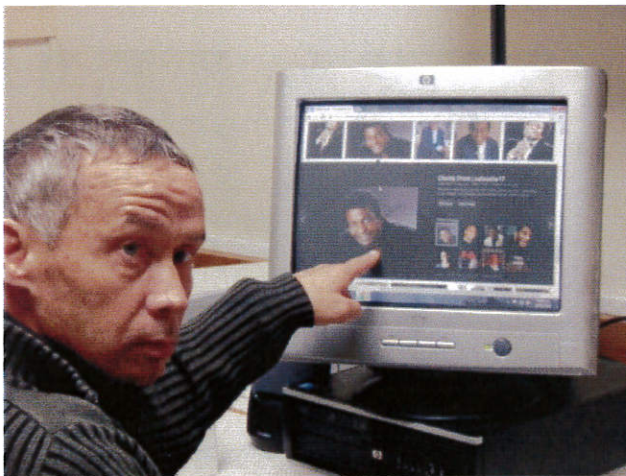
Oh no! time again to weed that garden, Timothy and Angelene our professional gardeners say to the staff, isn't it about time to get those plants in and get this garden going!

**Photo Left:** Timothy & Angelene starting to weed the garden area intended for the Sensory Garden.

**Photo Right:** This is what they are hoping to achieve in their Sensory garden for all to enjoy!



Our garden will appeal to the senses in one way or another, as every plant bears individual characteristics that entice different senses in unique ways. There is nothing more pleasant than to stroll through a garden and admire the rainbow of colours and diversity in texture while taking in the sweet fragrance of flowers in bloom.



**Photo Left:** Peter enjoying his computer time on one of the (3) computers available at CHOICES! There are no surprises of whom & what he wanted to research! Peter is a great fan of 'CHARLIE PRIDE' music and the internet is just the place for him to retrieve photos and info of his music idol!

**Photo Right:**

**Joy busy in the craft room,** participating in Poppy making for ANZAC DAY!



**Photo Left:**

Michael, Anya and Timothy making their own music and entertaining others at CHOICES! Michael is on the 'Bass Drum', Anya shaking a 'Maraca' and Timothy shaking a 'Moon Tambourine'.





**Changes at 12 Thompson Street:**

Our Main Office at Thompson Street after the Magnolia tree was removed creating an ideal area for our 'Sun Sail and Picnic Table'.....

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES:**

If you wish to attend our community programmes the following are available:

- Monday: 10 am -12 noon Video  
1pm - 3 pm Scrapbooking/Karaoke
- Tuesday: 10 am -12 noon Art (mixed media)
- Wednesday: 10 am -12 noon Open Mic
- Thursday: 10 am -12 noon Sculpture



Other programmes include swimming, exercise classes, gardening, cooking, craft, work options and work experience. Volunteers are welcome please contact Rachael Campbell (886 4507) for further details.

Cheers Rachael  
Creative Art—Team Leader



**Below:** Removing the old roots from the Magnolia so they could prepare the area for laying concrete tiles...



**Below:** The Sun-Sail up and the Office was given a fresh coat of paint.....



**Below:** A great social place to have lunch! The new outside lunch area is enjoyed by many of the workers and staff!



**Photo Left:** Micaiah & Jonathan in a Dog Walking Programme.



**Photo Left: WORK EXPERIENCE**

Ashlee doing her 'Work Experience' at the Community Gardens here in Tokoroa. She was sorting and cleaning fresh onions!

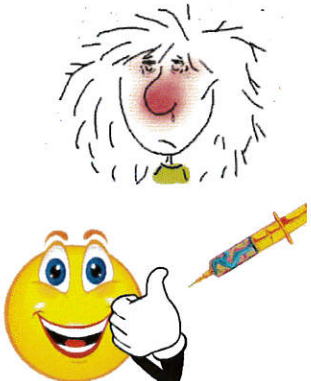


**PREPARING FOR THE WINTER:  
(April 21, 2015)**

Every year the SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST offer our Staff and Employees the option to have the Influenza Inoculation.

We had a great response from the staff & workers. Julie from the Medical Centre arrived at 9:00am and with the help of staff she had finished the Inoculations by 10:00

Are you prepared for the winter?



# RIDE FOR ELLIOTT @ COUGAR PARK - Tokoroa

Sponsored by MORRISSEYS

Sunday 17th May 2015 - 10:30am Start

On Monday 7th July 2014, Elliott Keys, aged 14, was enjoying a mountain bike ride with a friend on the trails in Oropi Forest, just outside Tauranga when he misjudged a jump, missed his landing point and fell, hitting the ground head first. Elliott broke his neck at C4, leaving him a tetraplegic with no movement from the shoulders down.

(Elliott's full story—<http://www.elliottkeys.nz/>)

This is a **FUNDRAISING MISSION FOR ELLIOTT**

Options are: 1, 2 or 3 Lap MTB RIDE

(catering all abilities, approx. 10km per lap)

Kids Ride, Run and Walk Events on the Day

**MAJOR SPOT PRIZE: \$1000 Bike Shop Voucher**

(By South Waikato Cycles & Lawncare)

**3 Lap Ride—\$30**

**1 or 1 Lap Ride \$20**

**Spot Prizes / BBQ**

**Runners and walkers \$20**

**Kids ride \$5**

Register on <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/tokoroamtb/92966/>



Before



Photo Right: John & Robbie at Croad Place



## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:



[www.swac.co.nz](http://www.swac.co.nz)

Our website is in the process of being updated and if you are interested in seeing some of our past 'Newsletters' click on "Latest News" this is where they will be archived, new and past Issues.

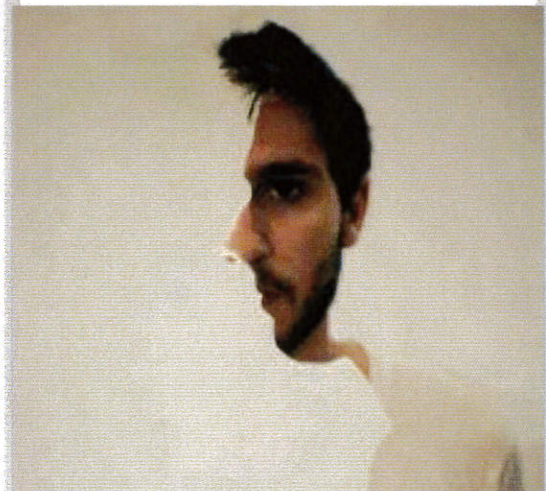
More photos will be added onto the site as we update our information!

But, there are heaps to see in the News Archive's!

Feel free to download and print your own copy!

For any further information about the South Waikato Achievement Trust, feel free to contact us at our office at 12 Thompson Street, Tokoroa, Phone 07 8868941

An eye, brain trick. You will enjoy this if you are using the right side of your brain. Stare at this pic carefully and you will see this man turn his face. Share this with your friends if you saw him turn his head.





**Photo Left:**  
Our 'front of house' person is Leah, she will help you sort your Recycling when you bring it into the new site at CROAD Place!

**Below:**  
Leah with a member of the public helping him with his recycling!

**Photo Top Left:**  
Forklift driver Willie, clearing the glass bay area before dropping the bottles to be sorted onto the table.



**Photo Left**  
All smiles and happy at her work is Alice. She mainly helps Tua & Barry (her supervisors) with feeding the main baler with recycling!

**Photo Below:**  
Kapu & Alice with supervisor Barry sorting the paper as it goes up the main baler to be baled!

**HAPPY AT THEIR WORK!**



**Photo Left:**  
Our most capable 'Tea Lady' Rachel ready to make a pot of tea for afternoon smoko!



**Photo Below:**  
Mark and Leah sorting the Aluminium and Tin cans so they can be baled!



**CROAD PLACE - RECYCLING**

# HAMILTON EXPO— APRIL 2015

The three days at the 'Expo' was a new experience for some of our staff and clients. Overall they had an awesome experience, learning about other organisations and how we fit in the service area. We were inundated with enquiries about our service and people were generally disappointed to learn that we were based in the South Waikato.



There were over fifteen other exhibitions within the Claudelands grounds ranging from Home Shows, Wellbeing Services, Hospitality, Education, Cultural, Environmental, Farming, Craft, Gardening, Performing Arts, Equestrian, Talent Quests, Make-overs and Carnival activities.

Our group had the opportunity to perform on two stages, interacting with several members of the public. The public were very impressed with our group who were challenged to perform on stages that were new to them!



We had a very tired bunch on the way home. They are all looking forward to next year's Expo.

**TEAM LEADER: RACHAEL CAMPBELL**

**BASED AT CREATIVE ART**

**Cnr BONALY ST & BRIDGE STREET, TOKOROA**

**(Information about the Services that we provide in the South Waikato can be seen on our**

**Website: [www.swac.co.nz](http://www.swac.co.nz) click on 'Latest News for Newsletters')**



# TOKOROA AFC ANNUAL SOCCER BUSINESS TOURNAMENT - Sponsored by DAVID FOOTE

When Tokoroa AFC announced the return of its 'Annual Soccer Business Tournament', I thought "here's an opportunity for us to have some fun." Chicky, Nacole, Russell and Linda were equally enthusiastic so I set about inviting people to join the team and having hilarious lunchtime 'training sessions'.

Saturday 21 March dawned hot and dry and happily, people turned up to play. Pauline, Phil, Willie R, Dean, Linda and Micaiah were ready. Games were 20 minutes each way and we took to the field with determination. Determination to have a go and have some fun. Kent Street residents stopped by for a look, but of course ended up on the field too! Brett arrived and immediately decided on being in, throwing himself around and getting in the way of a number of shots. We scored a goal! Go Dean!

Second game was against Tokoroa High School. "Put your whole team on" they said. So we did. People were everywhere and some were tackling their own team mates, very keen to get the ball but we had a blast. Brett proved himself in goal again, stopping some very good shots and I think again, we got some goals.

The final team again let us field our whole team. It was hot and we were glad for Chicky's tents and refreshments. We pulled out all the stops and the other team were heard to say "ok, it's time we got a goal" they tried and they tried and Linda's shins showed the next day how hard they tried to score but many didn't get through. In the end they were victorious but we'd had a great day too, topped off with winning a \$25 bar tab for the best dressed team. Phil, Dean and Willie took care of that!

A huge thank you goes to Mr Foote for his sponsorship of our entry fee, Tony from the Trees Tavern for supplying some very welcome adult refreshments and especially to everyone who turned up and had a go because that's what it was all about.

**Submitted by Susan Mends—Team Organiser (SWAC—Packaging Area)**





**Above:** Ryan and Glenn cutting through the cores that are passed on to the other Saw Workers that cut it down to Kindling size lengths!



**Right photos:** Roger and Dean Packing the Kindling bags!



**Photo Above:** This is the first step in the process of producing the Kindling which our team pack! Ryan and Glenn cutting the 'Cores' into thinner and smaller strips, then it is passed on to Dean, Phil and Teagan to cut into the required lengths ready to be packed.



**Photo Above:** Teagan (Staff Supervisor) cutting the Kindling into lengths for the packers to pack to fore full the many orders that we handle at SWAC!

**Photo Left:** Crystal and Pauline busy packing in the KINDLING DEPT! We would like to welcome Pauline back to SWAT as she was here when the 'Achievement Centre' was called 'South Waikato Sheltered Workshop' and she has settled in well with all the other employees and staff!

## DONATED FOOD DISTRIBUTED FROM 'SWAT'

In collaboration with 'Waikato Environments' we (SWAT) collected a truck and trailer load of donated dried food (noodles, pasta etc) and tinned Peaches from Hamilton to be distributed around the South Waikato region.

Donated food has been given to groups like LOVE SOUP, SALVATION ARMY, FOOD BANK and also to some places in Rotorua & Mangakino!.

**Pictured Right:**

Julie King (from LOVE SOUP) and Matt Heinz collecting the 2nd pallet load of Pasta, Peaches, noodle etc which they have been distributing around our district.

