



**AVONSIDE  
HOUSE  
TRUST**

Welcome to the new and improved edition of the **Avonside House Newsletter, February 2013**. We hope to bring you all a little insight into the interesting things that our residents are enjoying and doing, and about the Trust generally. We look forward to any comments/suggestions you would like to offer.

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### Christmas/New Year Activities

Over the Christmas/New Year break the residents have enjoyed a range of activities:

- Walking at Halswell Quarry and McLeans Island
- Ferrymead Heritage Park
- Motukarara Races
- Garden Restaurant
- Tai Tapu
- The Watershed Restaurant and Bar
- Christchurch Airport
- Horseshoe Lake (to feed the ducks!)
- Botanical Gardens



*John, Myrna and Craig celebrating Christmas*

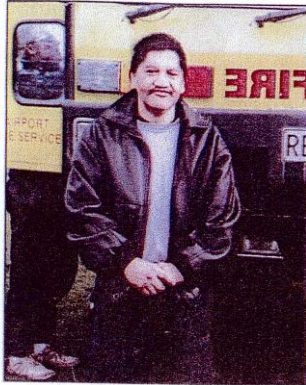
### Raratonga

Hi my name is Shane. I went to Raratonga for 10 days in May 2012 with SCS Charter Services. When I was there I went on a boat cruise, out for meals, bus rides, shopping, played musical instruments outside and relaxed on the beach. The weather was great, I had a great time and would love to go again.





In Loving Memory of  
**Edward Andrew Henry (Pep)**



I fought the good fight.

I finished my course.

I kept the faith.

16 May 1963 - 23 November 2012

Unfortunately, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 one of our residents, Eddie Henry, passed away. Eddie was a real leader who loved to be involved in welcoming or saying goodbye to new staff and residents, helping contractors who came around to Avonside House (especially our handyman Bill), and being involved in Avonside House activities. For a number of years Eddie helped operate the bar at Avonside House Mid-Winter and Christmas parties. Eddie's brother Will helped run the bar at the Christmas Party. Eddie was a very popular person and will be missed by his whanau, friends and all of us here at Avonside House.

### Christmas Party

We were very pleased that our Christmas party was enjoyed by all in our new venue in Beverley Park (adjacent Te Orewai Place). The weather was great, and people enjoyed the nice and relaxed atmosphere in the park. All of the food was very good, and the cultural food and hangi reflected the diverse cultural mix of staff and residents. There were also sack, three-legged and egg and spoon races, and a tug of war between resident and staff/Board members, which were a great source of fun and hilarity. And of course there was Santa Claus! We now look forward to the Mid-Winter party (which will be indoors!).



*John finishing the egg and spoon race*



*Craig receiving his Christmas present*



## Residents' Holiday to the North Island, September 2012

Fifteen residents and four members of staff went on a very enjoyable holiday to the North Island in September 2012. The residents and staff flew from Christchurch to Hamilton on 10<sup>th</sup> September where they enjoyed the meal and accommodation for the night. While staying in Rotorua on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September the residents visited the Clyde Street residence in Tokoroa and the Te Awamutu Residential Trust. This was a great opportunity for the residents to catch up with the friends they had made while they were resident in Tokoroa and Te Awamutu following the February 2011 earthquake. While the residents were staying in Rotorua they visited the Big Sheep Wool Gallery in Tirau and the Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Reserve. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of September the residents and staff travelled to Palmerston North, stopping for an enjoyable visit at the National War Museum in Waiouru on the way. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September the residents and staff travelled to Wellington, which saw a resident's sister give a tour of the city and a trip to the National Museum, Te Papa. The residents' holiday concluded the next day with a ferry and rail trip from Wellington to Christchurch.



*Ronald, Chris and Mark at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Reserve*



*Gary at the National War Museum in Waiouru*

*Murray on the train home to Christchurch*



## Earthquake Recovery and Property Development

Repairs to the residences and grounds at Lychgate Close are yet to be completed, and permanent power and telephone supply are still to be negotiated with EQC and the insurance company. These issues may take some time to resolve but we will keep you up to date with any developments. Various property improvements to Te Orewai Place are on hold at the moment until there is more certainty about the earthquake repairs at Lychgate Close.