



# Wellington After-Care Association Inc

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## Wellington After-Care Association Oct 2014 Newsletter

### Note from Management

We would like to thank the Vavasour Trust once again for their generous donation. We have also received grants from Pub Charities for new laptops and from the Welfare & Rehabilitation Trust for a Community Recreation Facilitator at Ace House. These grants and donations are increasingly playing a vital role in our organisations ability to provide quality services.

On 24 September we held our 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at Ace House. This year the meeting was held during the afternoon as this was a request by our membership and the meeting was very well attended.

Our facebook page has proven to be successful in letting people know what is happening in the programmes and activities, especially at Ace House. If you have not seen our page please visit and "Like" us if you can. The link to our page is listed above.



### ACE House

Every year Wellington Airport and the Wellington Community Trust recognise voluntary organisations that make our community a better place. For the second year Wellington After-Care Association Inc was again a finalist Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards, Health & Wellbeing. On the night of the awards we had two staff, Mardy Streater and Diane Nesbitt, and two of our Ace House members, Lee Rutene and Kathryn Prattley attend the awards to represent our organisation.

Kone Aparila, the winner of Wellington City Council's Bravery Award 2014, visited Ace House. Speaking to us about leadership and never giving up, Kone is a true inspiration!



### ACEmployment

ACEmployment has surpassed its MSD reporting targets with a final count of 44 placed and supported into employment. We have also made another placement immediately after the MSD reporting period. In total, the people we have supported into employment have worked a combined 41,000 hours and our employment consultants have provided 2,200 hours of support. Some of the employers we are working with include Tip Top, Farmers and NZ Navy.

We are regularly visiting new work places to increase their employer base and foster new business relationships. Our employment consultants are looking forward to the new laptops and software to manage and maintain their workloads.

Expect Success has signed on two new people for our transition service. We are keeping in regular contact with many of the local High Schools and Colleges and have given presentations to the staff and families about the transition process. We are also part of the organising committee for the next *Exploring Futures* Transition Expo. We will keep you posted as this progresses.

#### Ace House Term Dates

**Term 3:** Mon 8 Sept – Fri 19 Dec

**Term 1 2015:** Mon 12 Jan – Fri 26 June

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### Executive Board Members

#### **Judith Fyfe, ONZM, LLB, Vice President**

Judith Fyfe has a background in research and communication. Prior to co-founding the New Zealand Oral History Archive she worked in Television as a journalist and in the film industry. Currently Judith practises as a barrister specialising in forensic law.

Judith Fyfe has training and experience in governance in both the voluntary and public sectors. She is a partner in City Associates, a film production company, a former director of Radio New Zealand Limited, a former member of the Arts Board of Creative New Zealand and former member of the Copyright Tribunal the Film and Literature Board of Review and the Medical Council of New Zealand. She is currently on the board of NZ Film Archive. In addition to involvement in a number of community organisations she is a long-time member of the Wellington Medico-Legal Society, the New Zealand Law Society and a trustee of Wellington After-Care Association.

#### **Kevin Carr, Treasurer**

Kevin Carr is retired and resides in Wellington. He is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Accountants (CA) and a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management. Kevin has worked in both Government and the private sector in accounting, computers and management. He was General Manager Finance for the New Zealand Housing Corporation for 5 years and then in 1992 when the Corporation was restructured was appointed CEO for the mortgage portfolio of approx \$3.5 Billion and land and buildings of over \$200 million.

Kevin was appointed Financial Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management for the Cook Islands Government in July 1998 and retired from that position in February 2007. As Financial Secretary he was responsible for the Treasury, Inland Revenue and Customs, Statistics and Aid Management for the Cook Islands. During 2008 and 2009 he was a member of the boards of the Financial Supervisory Commission and the Public Expenditure Review Committee until appointed as Acting Financial Secretary in March 2010 until October 2010 pending a permanent appointment to the position.

#### **Lee Rutene, Consumer Representative**

Lee is in his second three year term of serving on the Board for Wellington After-Care Association as a consumer of disability support services and a service user representative on the Board from Ace House. *'I have really enjoyed my time on the Board. I am also a volunteer at People First, WCC Accessibility Advisory Group, Community Connection Board member and Capital Support Board member to name a few. I am passionate about Wellington After-Care and want to see that we can do as much as we can for our service users and members.'*

