

Welcome to the **Avonside House Newsletter, July/August 2013**. We hope to bring you all a little insight into the interesting things that our residents are enjoying and doing.

Activities & Events

Midwinter party and AGM

This year the residents' Midwinter party and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Avonside House Trust will be held together on Saturday 3rd August at the Union Church, 378 Linwood Ave. Drinks and nibbles will start at 4.30pm and the AGM will commence at 5pm. Once the AGM is completed a dinner and disco will follow.

Residents' Holiday

In October the residents are going on holiday. The residents will be going to Dunedin in October. Visits are planned to Larnach Castle, the Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Speight's Ale House tour, Taieri Gorge Railway, the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame and the Tropical Rainforest. Some hiking daytrips nearby may be organized.

Golden Guitars

Ian and Craig enjoyed attending the Golden Guitar Awards in Gore between 30th May and 4th June 2013.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics National Regional Games were held in Nelson between 22 and 24 February 2013. Robin, Craig and Jason competed in the Athletics competition and Shane and Ian competed in the bowling competition, with all gaining at least one medal. Well done!

John C enjoying his new red chair



Remembering Absent Friends

On 21st May a Remembering Absent Friends celebration was held at Te Orewai Place. This was a time to celebrate the lives of friends and family who had passed away. A tree was planted in memory of Eddie who passed away in 2012. Our thoughts were also with Marty who passed away in 2009, and with Fred Murray, the former Trust Board Chairman and Chairman Emeritus, who passed away in 2010. Our thanks go to Yanny Walker-Webb, Chaplain at Enrich community chaplaincy, who led the celebration in a very thoughtful manner.



Eddie



Fred



Marty

Robert's Art

Robert attends *Art for Life* once a week where he paints a range of portraits, landscapes and original paintings. Below is a sample of Robert's paintings (based on other artists' original work).

