

ASCO



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Mission Statement

The Advisory and Support Centre Otago affirms the rights of Members to have access to a range of quality services to meet their physical, emotional and social needs, which in the provision of an integrated delivery will enhance their well-being, break barriers to opportunities and ensure a secure future.

MIHI

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga matawaka tenei te mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Ka mihi ki to tatau kai hanga mo ana manaaki tanga ia tatau.

Kia whakapai hi toona nei ingoa.

Ka mihi ano ki o tatau tini aitua puta noa I Aotearoa.

Haere, haere moe mai I roto I Te Ariki.

Ka apiti hono tatai hono te hunga mate kia ratau.

Ka apiti hono tatai hono tat au te hunga ora kia tatau.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Up-to-Date with Geoffrey White



I have been visiting various community support agencies over the last 6 months as part of developing a community network.

The official re-launch of ASCO was held on Thursday 15th November 2007 at the Southern Cross Hotel. The re-launch went really well (Liz's speech is further on in this newsletter).

The Activities at ASCO are going really well.

On behalf of ASCO, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe New Year for 2008!!!

Geoffrey White,

Member Representative, Resource Support Assistant

ASCO would like to thank the following agencies for their support: J.R.McKenzie Trust, Pub Charities, TAB for the launch and Dunedin Casino for the launch.



Denizen of Brighton, Photograph by Colleen Boyd

ASCO hours over Christmas and New Year

ASCO will be **closed** on Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and Wednesday, December 26th (Boxing Day).

ASCO will be **open** on Thursday, December 27th and

Friday, December 28th.

ASCO will be **closed** on Monday, 31st December to Monday 14th January 2008.

ASCO will be **open** on Monday the 14th January 2008.

Sincere wishes for peace profound, from all of us at ASCO.



What's on in December 2007

Every day except Friday: Horticulture Activity Group: Every Morning (except Friday) at 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. If the weather is unsuitable then the back-up programme will be implemented.

Every day: Project Activity Group; 10am-12pm and 1-3pm.

There is a Centre Activity Group - for more details please see the kitchen supervisor.

Mondays: Computers for Free, meet @ ASCO at 12:45pm

Tuesdays: Tapestry group, 11am @ ASCO

Tuesdays: Craft Day 10:30am @ ASCO
Wednesdays: Talk at 1:30pm @ ASCO
Thursdays: Writing Group, 1:30pm @ ASCO
Fridays: Walking Group 11am
Fridays: Music appreciation, 1:30pm @ ASCO
Fridays: Craft Day 10:30am @ ASCO

Once a month the photography group go on an outing.

An Anxiety/depression group meets fortnightly; please see a staff Member if you would like to be involved.

The Wellington times...

The moving welcome to those tortured souls of the dozen penitentiaries falling though the gates of freedom to be met on the lines of the calling and cash.' good they seem to rear like main to reach us here vantage'...'sure are the dated left over those years mamba'...'we'll cover the worst of the difficulty on the yards of roaders mangel'...'sure snoopy take the trip[upon the showroom and we'll fix everything to suit ya needs'...'The Buick passing lanes of congestion seeing the outer city blues but the benefit to rains of years that the hells men van be saved the time of coming out...strike they key and gather the kin folks for the cover of funds the irrefutable payments on the foundation of human sciences league to seem right the cost it meant in the claims of the network..'Absolutey dill ions!! Boss'...'sure they need a mighty lot of help'. 'good boss'...'we'll see the next from that truck (a kenworth to snoopy)... 'keep it up Vance they'll turn in the days and becoming right to it'...

Nearer the destination ours is this wild living which leads to a flight over plains of miles in air and the glass class set arrive on the loose from such destiny a place that has drawn interest from thousands in friend the least is to get together the goods on sale within forty hours to the amazement of here we all go...'that Vance is the best of those bold,yr,aures carrying the stamp of the good sort to catch the many fine eyes of the sales'...

Regular write Vance the institute for a look'."Sure boss 'the flight of the memorable vectra Boeing lines over the skies fleeting on the harmonic and streaking the carbon coating into reading no digit correctly...ancients evenings in tight fixed attentions to read and waiy-up the seasons heat.."fair weather ahead boss"... "should only bring in gates at night for sure"... "goodnight all"... "night mister"...

Story by Andrew Morrison.

ASCO re-launch

Liz McGregor attended the ASCO launch, below is a copy of the speech Liz wrote and delivered to everyone on the day.

"Before I start I would like to acknowledge that it is an honour that I am speaking to you this evening.

Membership:

I have been involved with A.S.C.O for the last 6 years and I have been an official Member of A.S.C.O for approximately 2 years.

Horticulture Group:

I've been involved with the Horticulture Group now for the best part of 2 years and found it not only enjoyable all around but very much educational.

Thank you A.S.C.O for that, especially Louise Timlin the Horticulture Group Supervisor for opening up that opportunity.

Music Appreciation:

I am really grateful for Music Appreciation as I am a great lover of music and have been since I was a kid growing up. Thank you, Danny and Robin for making the enjoyment of music accessible to me and A.S.C.O.

A.S.C.O. Ramblers:

Friday morning Ramblers are great. Lots of choice is there. It is thoroughly enjoyed by all who take part in the weekly outings.

Photography Group:

I enjoy especially going out in the van with the others on the Group to take photos. It is a very sociable and very special, it means a lot to me, I find it soothing as well.

How has A.S.C.O supported me to reach my life goals?

By being there for me, pulling me through every possibility.

Thanks to A.S.C.O and all concerned for getting behind me throughout the last 2 years in supporting me with getting a position working at Countdown 12 hours a week. This was a valuable work experience for me, I thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Please acknowledge the management skills of the Manager, and the staff team at A.S.C.O including Geoffrey White the Member Representative for A.S.C.O. Keep up the good work!

Without A.S.C.O I would not be where I am today.

I would like to finish by thanking all staff, board members and Geoffrey White. "

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