

Community saves Alcohol and Drug Residential house.

Today a community residential facility will reopen due to the efforts of the people who had used its services, managers for the treatment sector and a range of community champions, including Minister Jim Anderton.

Elm Tree Lodge a community half way had operated in Christchurch for 35 years. In 2005 it closed due to changes in the treatment sector and a lack of ongoing funding.

“This house has been saved due to the determination of the Consumers who have had connections with Elm Tree Lodge over a number of years. Without consumers demanding that something be done to save this house it would have been lost” said Cate Kearney one of the AOD managers on the new trust

The list of people to thank is too long. This has been a community effort with consumers, politicians, business people, alcohol and other drug and other services all stepping in to get us here today”.

The house will reopen to consumers in Mid July. It will be available to people of Canterbury requiring supported accommodation post treatment, during treatment and also short term for people who have completed detoxification and await the next treatment episode.

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