

Vale Christopher Newell

The Reverend Canon Associate Professor Dr Christopher Newell AM died recently in Tasmania. Christopher served on the staff of St.David's Cathedral, Hobart and in the medical faculty of the University of Tasmania. He received many accolades from the community for his service to people with disabilities, particularly through advocacy and research, and to the development and practise of ethics to health consumers. In April 2008 he was a delegate to the '2020 Summit' convened by the Prime Minister, Hon Kevin Rudd.

Christopher became a member of ASPEA after completing a basic unit of CPE. He was entertaining the possibility of further units with the thought of becoming accredited at supervisory level. In November 2007 he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of ASPEA Inc. in recognition of his prodigious writings on a range of pastoral care issues. He was a person who had the compassion, ability and patience to 'suffer fools gladly'. Both personally and professionally he will be greatly missed. RIP Christopher – an unstinting advocate and friend.

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