



Dwell Housing Trust - Wellington

Dwell Housing Trust became operational in 2013 following the merger of Wellington Housing Trust and Mahora House Incorporated. Between them both organisations had over 60 years of experience in the community housing sector. So Dwell is a reasonably new organisation but one with a long history and a wealth of experience.

The joining of the two organisations has created a uniquely experienced and capable organisation committed to the greater Wellington region. The combined experience and resource increased the range and quality of services available to tenants and positioned Dwell well to grow further to meet the increasing housing needs in the region.

Dwell provides affordable, quality homes to people in need and on low incomes. Dwell provides a range of housing services including supportive housing for people experiencing mental illness, shared living for single people, general needs social rental housing and a shared home ownership programme for first home buyers. Dwell also manages social housing on behalf of other agencies.



Dwell currently manages around 100 tenancies, in properties Dwell both leases and owns.

Dwell provides housing that is connected to an extensive local network of support and service providers. Dwell is more than a landlord ensuring their tenants have access to the support they need and want to “live well, do well and be well”.

In 2013 Dwell CE Alison Cadman was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship to travel to Australia, the UK and USA to study the growth of not-for-profit social housing organisations - the growth in the provision of social and affordable housing by not-for-profit organisations has significantly changed the landscape of social housing in the UK and now increasingly in Australia. Alison’s report “Unravelling Housing” looks at how the scaling up of these organisations through government financial investment, the transfer of stock, and other initiatives has proved to be a highly successful method of increasing the quality and supply of social and affordable housing - evidence-based experience New Zealand can learn from.

Read Alison’s report ["Unravelling Housing"](#) here.

Read more about Dwell Housing Trust on their website www.dwell.org.nz