

Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 27 July 2017



Honouring our colleague Natalie Jameson

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Natalie Jameson's peaceful passing after a long illness on the morning of Tuesday 18 July. Natalie was a stalwart supporter of New Zealand's community housing sector and will be sadly missed. [Please read her obituary here.](#)

Grenfell Tower – what lessons can we learn? Reflections from my home town of Manchester and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Conference



This article is part one of David Zussman's reflections following his trip to his home town of Manchester and attending the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Conference.

I arrived in Manchester early on Friday 17 June. It was great to be home and to be with my family. The fire at Grenfell Tower had only just been put out and was still smouldering. This awful tragedy played out during my visit and provided a powerful backdrop to day three of the CIH conference. [Read more.](#)

Consultation on Design Guide for Fire Safety: Residential Community Housing

MBIE is seeking feedback on a proposed Design Guide for Fire Safety: Residential Community Housing. The consultation will run until **11 September 2017**.

The proposed Design Guide was developed following stakeholder feedback on the 2012 edition of revised Acceptable Solution C/AS1-7. MBIE has received input from Community Housing Aotearoa, NZ Disability Support Network, Disabled Persons Assembly, Housing NZ, Ministry of Health, Accessible Properties, the New Zealand Fire Service and building control officials to develop the proposed Design Guide.

CHA would like to acknowledge Peter Saunders and Andrew Wilson for their tremendous leadership on this project and we will be working with them on our submission on the proposed guide.

[View the proposals and make a submission on the MBIE Corporate website.](#)

Shamubeel Equb is angry

Economist, author and commentator Shamubeel Equb says he's angry we're building housing for the landed gentry and not enough affordable housing. The housing crisis has been building for decades, Shamubeel says, and it's only going to get bigger over time if we don't take action. At the recent Community Housing Aotearoa IMPACT conference he talked about what needs to happen to relieve New Zealand's housing crisis that you can read about in this [article](#).

NZ Budget transparency supported

CHA is pleased to have shared our sector perspective into the recent research on making the New Zealand Budget open and transparent. The research was conducted by Colmar Brunton on behalf of the Treasury.

The findings from the research have now been published and can [be found here](#). The recommendations broadly align with the feedback we provided and we are glad that this work is being done.

More reflections from David Zussman



In this article David Zussman reflects on other insights from his recent trip to the United Kingdom. These include: the shift from social to affordable housing; the visible increase in homelessness; mergers and retaining social mission; digital platforms and customer service; mutualisation: co-ownership by tenants and employees; and tenant scrutiny panels. [Here it is](#).

Ministry of Social Development building its team

We are very pleased to learn of the clarity and strength shaping the housing team at the Ministry of Social Development under the leadership of Scott Gallacher, DCE Housing. In the last few days we've had a briefing on the new structure and how the pieces will fit together. There are several positions they are actively recruiting for and it would be a great time to consider whether your sector knowledge might be a good fit in one of the many open roles inside this agency. [Learn more about the team here](#).

Research

As cities grow worldwide, so do the numbers of homeless

Homelessness is a mark of failure for communities in providing basic security. Based on national reports, about 2 percent of the world's population may be homeless. Another 20 percent lacks adequate housing, reports demographer Joseph Chamie. Such statistics come with a caveat. Obtaining accurate numbers is difficult, mostly due to wild variations in definitions around the globe. [This article from](#)

[YaleGlobal is an interesting read as is the authors charting of homelessness by proportion of population in OECD countries.](#)

The material wellbeing of NZ households

The 2017 Household Incomes Report has been released. They include research on the ongoing housing costs and housing quality New Zealanders are experiencing. It was prepared by Bryan Perry for the Ministry of Social Development.

The Report showed that the poorest households were spending 51 percent of their incomes on housing, up from 29 percent in 1990. It found child poverty rates were either flat or falling, depending on how it is measured. About 155,000 children, or 14 percent, were living in poverty in 2015 and 2016, down from a peak of 200,000 hit during the Global Financial Crisis.

It also found the number of children living in severe material hardship has dropped from 100,000 in 2011 to 70,000. However, the report found the "working poor" remained an issue in New Zealand, with an estimated one third to one half of children in hardship coming from working families. Overall, median household incomes have risen 3 percent, inflation adjusted in the 12 months to June. [Read more here.](#)

Using data to understand housing supply and demand

A new online dashboard will enable councils to undertake data-based planning and better respond to growth pressures. The Dashboard and accompanying guide are provided to help "high growth" and "medium growth" local authorities to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC), particularly Policy PB6.

It includes data on:

- a. Prices and rents for housing, residential land and business land by location and type; and changes in these prices and rents over time.
- b. The number of resource consents and building consents granted for urban development relative to the growth in population; and
- c. Indicators of housing affordability

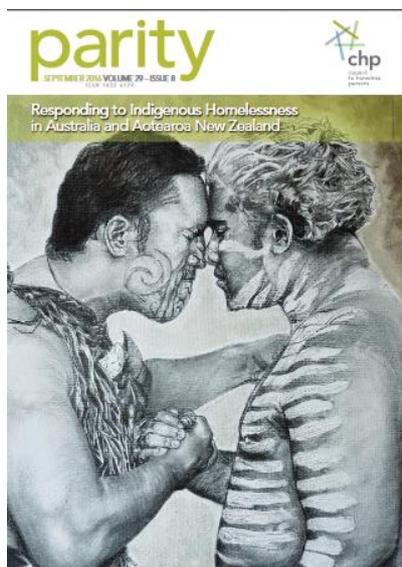
The online dashboard will allow councils to access interactive charts, maps, data on housing: To view the Dashboard [visit the site here.](#)

Dwell Housing Trust need a new chairperson



Dwell Housing Trust are a Wellington based community housing provider. Their current chair is approaching the end of his six year term and they are now seeking his successor. The new chair will play a crucial role in Dwell's development and growth. For more information about Dwell [and the role please go here.](#)

Calling for contributors for the Parity edition of Homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand October 2017



Parity is a publication of the Victorian Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) and the national homelessness publication in Australia.

The aim of this edition is to develop an up-to-date, comprehensive and detailed resource for all those working to respond to homelessness in Aotearoa, whether they are working in government policy, homelessness, mainstream government services, Māori or community housing, universities, or other research bodies.

Community Housing Aotearoa, Te Matapihi and the Housing First Collective are all providing support to this publication.

[You can download the call for submissions, relevant back editions and some information about sponsorship here.](#)

Expressions of interest close 15 August please send them to the [Parity editor here](#).

Hui E! election focus

The election is coming up in September and [this paper prepared by Hui E!](#) is intended to help communities and community groups make sense of the many different issues that we are involved in, and give some ideas for how you can make a difference in the election.

In the news

- [A public rally to be held in Napier on August 6 to raise awareness of the extent and effects of the worsening housing crisis in the Hawke's Bay](#) and to demand that all political parties commit to a fast-tracked implementation of the recommendations made in last year's final report of the Cross-Party Inquiry on Homelessness.
- [Social housing waiting list grows by 40 per cent](#) in the last year
- Community Housing Aotearoa CEO Scott Figenshow talked to Radio New Zealand about the short list for the tenancy management of Tamaki Housing Association [in this news post here](#).
- [Nga Hau e Wha](#) national marae develops papakainga in Christchurch
- Authorities told [Auckland solutions won't work for Queenstown](#)
- [Habitat help build home on whanau land](#)
- [Lifewise says government policy can have a big impact on homelessness.](#)
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Events

1 August 8.30am -4.30pm Auckland Housing

Summit The day combines powerful presentations, the release of Scoop Media's unique housing survey and facilitated roundtable workshops. It will enable a collective commitment to actions, accountabilities and timeframes within our reach to bring about change. [See more here.](#)

August 4 - Realities of Renting: Launch of The New Zealand Rental Sector report

Panel presentations by:

Professor Karen Witten, Massey University

Dr Penelope Carroll, Massey University

Dr Lucy Telfer-Bernard, University of Otago

Alison Reid, RIMU.

This seminar will present key findings from a comprehensive study commissioned by BRANZ, into the private rental housing sector in four New Zealand cities, with a focus on Auckland. The study explores the drivers to investment and the nature of relationships between landlords and tenants. Results from a complementary study into the practices and attitudes of residential property managers in Auckland will also be discussed.

Details: Time: 10.15 – 12.00 noon Venue: Council Chamber, Ground floor, Auckland Town Hall, 301 Queen St.

Please register your attendance by Wednesday 2 August for catering purposes by [emailing here](#).

9 August - Election forum on housing

6pm ; St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 45 Molesworth Street, Wellington

Community stories of the housing crisis; Christian perspectives on housing from Cardinal John and Bishop Justin; and party spokespeople sharing their housing policies. Hosted by Anglican and Catholic churches will co-host an election forum [More information](#)



7 September - The Housing Crisis panel

PrefabNZ, the New Zealand Green Building Council and Community Housing Aotearoa are co-hosting a pre-election Housing Issues panel on 7 September, 6pm - 8pm at Lecture Theater One, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Victoria University of Wellington, 139 Vivian Street, Wellington. A spokesperson from across the Political Parties is to present their housing action plans at a public audience panel. [Go here to register](#).

[30 August Christchurch AHI - 'Anti-Social Behaviour' Management](#) - This workshop looks at good practice in managing challenging behaviours in a social housing context.

21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



NZCEH is looking for abstracts by **31 August** for this conference [Read more here](#).

October 27 - Auckland AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar



[This professional practice seminar](#) providing senior housing professionals with an interest in asset management the opportunity to exchange ideas and innovative practice methods to manage housing portfolios for sustainable stakeholder outcomes.