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## Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 5 October 2017

### Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa now 12pm, 24 October

Te Wharewaka, Taranaki Wharf, Wellington

In response to member requests we've shifted the time of the AGM to 12noon (previously 2pm) to accommodate travel schedules.

There are four people to be elected from the list of six nominations standing for the council. They are:

- Bernie Smith - Monte Cecilia Housing Trust
- Carrie Mozena – Nelson Tasman Housing Trust (current Treasurer)
- Greg Orchard – Accessible Properties New Zealand
- Julie Nelson – LinkPeople (current Co-Chair)
- Julie Scott – Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (current council member)
- Peter Taylor – Habitat for Humanity Christchurch

A ballot form will be emailed to you if you are a full member organisation so that you can vote for the new CHA Council to be elected at the AGM.

We encourage full members to vote by email or mail to allow us to devote more time during the AGM to discussing your priorities for your peak body.

If you are unable to attend, even though you have voted, please consider providing your proxy vote to enable passage of the other business matters on the agenda, and return it by 2pm Monday 23 October 2017 [here](#).

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Please note this is the Labour Day holiday, so the Friday prior is preferred.

[Nominee details and agenda can be found on our website here plus more detail.](#)

## **Workshop: Building our sector for 2030 - 24 October 10am**

Please make a day of it and join us for 'Building our sector for 2030' on 24 October. We ask you to come prepared to workshop the transformation your organisation might undertake to respond to the regional supply challenges for growing more social and affordable homes.

Following the AGM and a catered lunch, the workshop will continue, wrapping up with an optional session to whiteboard what you think should be included in a CHA briefing to incoming ministers.

[See the full agenda here.](#)

[Email us here](#) with your registration.

## **CHA team has changes - introducing Ruth Avery and a change in role for Jordan Kendrick**



Ruth joined the CHA team this week as the new executive administrator and Jordan Kendrick takes up his role as programme analyst. This role will see Jordan leading the Supply Survey and supporting the work of staff on various projects.

Ruth previously worked at Callaghan Innovation providing administration, event and marketing support. Prior to that she worked with the Ministry of Health providing administration support to the communications team. She has extensive organisational experience in a variety of agencies and works voluntarily for the Wellington

Homeless Women's Trust and HUHA. She lives in the centre of the universe- Paekakariki.

## Meet the people working in community housing – Brook Turner from Vision West



Brook Turner is the head of community service development at Vision West in West Auckland. He's dedicated 20 years of his life to community development and joined community housing provider Vision West this year.

*"Vision West has a range of housing services that support people in the community in different ways. This includes 50 long-term social houses. They also run six emergency houses supporting up to 24 families a year. Our Housing First service aims to house 112 families in the next two years with 16 households housed so far. We are aiming to house 56 chronically homeless families by the end of January."*

[Brook talked to the Western Leader about his job and you can read more here.](#)

## Rotorua Lakes Council opens Request for Expressions of Interest to provide and develop pensioner housing

Rotorua Lakes Council currently manages 152 pensioner units located across five Rotorua sites.

The Council is keen to identify models of operating the pensioner housing asset through a registered community housing provider (CHP).

- to ensure a financially viable and sustainable future for the provision of pensioner social housing
- to provide greater support services for vulnerable tenants
- to optimise central government grants, allowances or other funds which support social housing tenants and social housing development
- to attract investment to improve the current assets
- to attract investment to grow the asset for the provision of pensioner, other social or affordable housing.

The current tenancies must continue to be supported in any future change of management. The REOI is available through [Tenderlink here](#) to view the documents and register your interest for RDC-783994 which closes on 27 October.

## World homeless day October 10



Photo Rotorua Daily Post

World Homeless Day is an annual global event held on October 10. Communities around the country are undertaking activities to raise awareness of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness.

One event is [14 Hours Homeless](#). On Friday 13 October hundreds of New Zealanders around the country will sleep out in a car, on a couch or on cardboard and raise funds to help New Zealanders experiencing homelessness.

[Lifewise Rotorua](#) is hosting an event with local entertainers to raise awareness of the challenges faced by people who experience homelessness in Rotorua's community. Lifewise Rotorua has been supporting the Rotorua Lakes Council, community and voluntary agencies to formulate and develop the local **Whiria Te Aroha - Homeless Action Plan**.

## Ageing Well National Science Challenge consultation process



Ageing Well National Science Challenge is holding a consultation process for the Tranche 2 Research Investment Plan for 2019-2024.

Ageing Well is one of the eleven National Science Challenges identified by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

They are seeking your feedback on:

- Focus Areas of research
- Research Priorities
- Funding Allocation (for non-governmental organisations, government ministries, and research organisations)

[Go here to take part in the online survey.](#)

## Community Housing Supply Survey update

We'd like to share the results for the quarter ending June 2017 of the Community Housing Supply Survey with you. This project has now been running for a year and is showing us a dynamic view of the sector.

As at 30 June, 39 organisations have responded to the survey reporting on 9,834 homes and with an occupancy rate at 94%. The homes surveyed are providing primarily long-term rental accommodation at 85% with 6% in shared ownership programs, 6% rent-to-buy, and a small number of emergency and transitional homes.

We estimate that the community housing stock exceeds 13,000 and we would like to get closer to reporting on this mark for the September 30 quarter. It is an important step towards having a better understood and provided for community housing sector. Please contact [Jordan here](#) and you can [read the full report here](#).

## How Finland ended homelessness



While New Zealand struggles with a lack of affordable homes, one Nordic country has come up with a permanent solution. In the last ten years, Finland has provided 16,300 permanent low-cost flats to homeless people.

A recent report by European Union housing organisation FEANTSA found every country in the EU is in the midst of a crisis of homelessness and housing exclusion, with one exception – Finland. There, the Government, local councils and NGOs are working

together on a 'housing first' strategy to end homelessness, instead of managing it.

[Read more here on this newspiece by Radio NZ.](#)

## New international platform set-up on social housing

A new website is being launched this week that is a resource on social housing initiatives world-wide.

**Housing Futures** is an open ended platform where those working in social housing can contribute ideas, articles and stories about the work they are doing. While concentrated on Europe and the US they are looking for submissions from other countries. Please consider sending articles (and we'd also love to include your contributions in our newsletter here). [Here's the link to this site.](#)

## Member news



### De Paul House

In June this year, De Paul House opened new facilities to accommodate 23 families, almost doubling its capacity from 12 families last year. Half of the families taken in by De Paul House's emergency housing facility on Auckland's North Shore last month had a least one working parent. [Read more here.](#)

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## In the news

- [\\$470 a week to live in a Ranui Caravan Park](#)
- [Wellington Council passes affordable housing plan](#)

## Events

14  
HOURS  
HOMELESS  
EVERYBODY DESERVES A HOME



Every day in New Zealand, agencies work together to help people experiencing homelessness with access to food, emergency accommodation, clothing, furnishings, counseling and other welfare support to address their financial, health, security and social needs.

But they could do much more with your help. So they've started 14 Hours Homeless. On Friday 13th October, you can join hundreds of other Kiwis around the country and sleep out in a car, on a couch or on cardboard and raise funds to help New Zealanders experiencing homelessness.

[Go here to join them.](#)

## Co-design and Community Development 11.00am Friday 20th October



Kōrero and Insights from Māori Co-designers Rangimārie Mules, Crystal Pekepo and guest co-designers swap stories of how co-design can rapidly empower people to achieve their full potential and create positive change, by engaging them in the design of real projects.

[Free webinar - book here.](#)

## 22-24 October NZCCSS and Community Networks Aotearoa Conference



EMPOWERMENT & SUCCESS conference for NGO/Community organisations. For more information go to the [Conference website here.](#)

## 21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



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

## October 27 - Auckland AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar



[This professional practice seminar](#) provides 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.

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