

Doorways to Community Housing 2011



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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES FOR 2011 CONFERENCE – 22-23 March 18, 2011

AT QUALITY HOTEL LINCOLN GREEN, 159 Lincoln Road, Henderson, Waitakere.

Hon. Phil Heatley

Phil Heatley has been the Minister of Housing in the current Government since 2008. He has been the electorate MP for Whangarei, where he was born and educated, since 1999. Before entering Parliament, Mr Heatley worked for a NZ Dairy Board subsidiary. Between 1993-1995 he worked with an international relief agency with his wife Jenny, a registered nurse. Mr Heatley holds a Masters with Honours in Horticultural Engineering from Massey University, as well as a Certificate of Adult teaching completed at the Northland Polytechnic. He taught Maths and Science at the Tikipunga High School in Whangarei between 1991-1993.

Len Brown

Following the government decision to merge Auckland's eight previous councils Len Brown became the first elected Mayor of the newly formed Auckland Council in 2010. Len studied arts and law at Auckland University before joining the Auckland law firm Wynyard Wood, where he became a partner. He also co-founded the Howick Free Legal Service. He entered politics in 1992, when he was first elected to the Manukau City Council. He served as a councillor until 2004, and was successful in his bid for the Mayoralty in Manukau in 2007. As Mayor of the new Auckland, Len believes it can be the most liveable city in the world.

Jeremy Gardiner

Jeremy Gardiner is chief executive of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, an iwi authority representing about 19,000 descendants of Ngāti Awa. Ngāti Awa's rohe (tribal area) is located in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, Aotearoa/New Zealand. The Rūnanga is responsible for progression of the economic, cultural, social, political and environmental interests of Ngāti Awa. In 2010 Te Runanga o Ngati Awa was successful in securing a grant through the Maori Demonstration Partnership Fund to build quality homes on Maori land. The project highlights the shift away from the traditional approach of building on Maori land, to a new model that provides security for banks, flexibility for home owners and allows land owners to retain ownership of the land. Jeremy has been chief executive since 2006 and was involved in the establishment of the current Rūnanga structure. He has had a range of roles in public and private sector. The title of his speech: "The Role of Iwi in Housing in a Post Settlement Environment" looks at the economic, cultural, social and political positions of iwi operating in a Post Settlement environment, and what the implications of these have on the role of iwi in housing.

Michael Lennon

Michael Lennon is a leading authority on housing issues. Since 2008 he has held the position of CEO of Housing Choices Australia, a new affordable housing organisation, modelled on British and European models. – a new affordable housing organization, modelled on the British and European models. He has also served as a special policy advisor on housing in Australia to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Michael is well known in New Zealand for his role as Chief Executive of Housing New Zealand Corporation, a position he held between 2000-2003. As Chief Executive of Glasgow Housing Association (GHA) Limited from 2003-2008, he led the organisation during a period when over 80,000 public sector houses were transferred from Glasgow City Council to GHA, making it the biggest housing transfer in Europe and the largest social landlord in the UK. Michael's earlier career encompassed a number of executive leadership positions in a wide range of public agencies associated with housing, planning and urban development. Michael is an Honorary Professor of Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow.

Kay Saville-Smith

Kay Saville-Smith is a New Zealand sociologist and director at CRESA (Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment). Kay specialises in applied social research and evaluation in housing, public policy and community development. She led the FRST (Foundation for Research, Science and Technology) programme 'Sustainable Housing in Disadvantaged Communities', was involved in the Wellington School of Medicine's Healthy Housing programme and in the Household Energy End-Use programme at BRANZ (Building Research Association of New Zealand). Amongst other projects Kay also leads 'Ageing in Place: repairs and maintenance of older people's housing', a FRST funded programme. Her recent housing research includes: Beacon's sustainable neighbourhoods research; research into retrofitting existing homes; children's housing futures; housing and disability: future proofing New Zealand's housing stock for an inclusive society; access to safe and secure housing for at risk and vulnerable young people.

David McLean

David McLean is Westpac's General Manager of Wealth, Insurance, Private & Institutional Banking in New Zealand. Before joining Westpac, David worked as a lawyer in private practice and as in-house counsel for Natwest, before joining the Capital Markets Group of Southpac/National Bank in 1988. Subsequently he joined Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in 1994, and during this period established a branch of Deutsche Bank and was New Zealand Resident Branch Manager. He joined Westpac in February 1999. David is Chairman of the Institute of Finance Professionals New Zealand (INFINZ), and serves on the boards of the NZ US Council and the New Zealand Institute for the Study of Competition and Regulation (ISCR). David has a LLB (Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington and is a Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

Elaine Lolesio

Elaine Lolesio is the Housing Manager of the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. Elaine has worked for the Trust for 20 years and has a passion for housing homeless families, as the Trust provides emergency housing, advocacy, advice and support. She is responsible for managing the delivery of services which meet the needs of low-income families facing a housing crisis. Elaine is of Ngati Kuri, Ngati Kahu and Samoan descent and works cross culturally with many ethnicities.

Alan Johnson

Alan has been involved in various community based housing projects for over 20 years. He is the Chairperson for Community Housing Aotearoa, a trustee of the Auckland Housing Association and a founding shareholder in Habitat for Humanity Manukau. Alan works for The Salvation Army's in the Army's Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit and author of a number of reports including 'Rebuilding the Kiwi Dream'. He has an academic background in town planning and economics and grew up and lives in South Auckland where he is active in a variety of community projects.

Gwyn Llewelyn

Gwyn Llewelyn is an Associate Director in KPMG's infrastructure advisory team based in Wellington. Gwyn has extensive experience of advising private, not for profit sector providers of social housing and Government within the UK. This experience focuses on public private partnerships and their role in delivering social housing and urban regeneration. Outside of social housing, Gwyn has also advised on PPP in a wide range of other sectors including education, justice and defence, and is currently advising on both the Wiri prison PPP and the first schools property PPP within New Zealand. Gwyn co-authored a brief paper in 2010 on the topic of accommodating contestability in social housing. This paper stated that real change in the efficiency and delivery of social housing in New Zealand requires "proactive steps to encourage private or third sector investment". The conclusion made was: "If the New Zealand Government gets this right then the international evidence suggests that this could lead to an improvement in housing stock, a more customer focused approach and an improvement in tenant satisfaction, all while retaining Government control of price and quality and providing better value for money".

Rob Steel

Rob Steel is a manager in the Strategic Management Services team at multinational consultancy Opus. He began his career managing diverse property portfolios before moving to Scotland to establish a consultancy business advising on Public Private Partnership (PPP) urban regeneration schemes. In 2004 he moved to New Zealand. He joined Christchurch City Council and was part of the leadership team responsible for creating a Project Management Office. Rob's current work at Opus includes facilitating and advising on business case development, PPPs and benefits management. He is a fan of social media and maintains his own blog at <http://robsteel.typepad.com/rob-steels-blog/>

SIXTY-ONE ORGANISATIONS ARE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING : Abbeyfield NZ, Accessible Properties NZ Ltd, Affordable Timber Limited, ANZ Bank, Auckland Community Housing Trust, Auckland Council, Auckland District Health Board, Auckland Housing Association, Bays Community Housing Trust, Centre for Housing Research Aotearoa New Zealand, Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment (CRESA), Community Energy Network, Community Housing Aotearoa, Community Living Trust, Community of Refuge Trust, Comcare Housing Trust, Connect for Supporting Recovery, Department of Building and Housing, Dingwall Trust, Dunedin City Council, Energy Options, Habitat for Humanity, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Health Care Aotearoa, Houhanga Rongo Trust, Housing New Zealand Corporation, KPMG, Lifetime

Design, Lifewise, Manawatu Community Trust, Marlborough Sustainable Housing Trust, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, NZ Housing Foundation, NZ National Refugee Network, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust, Ngawari Housing, Ngati Kahu Te Pura Trust, Opus, Otago Institute of Design, Pact Group, Palmerston North City Council, Presbyterian Support, Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Refugee Services, Russell McVeagh, Salvation Army, Tauranga Community Housing Trust, Te Kotuku Ki Te Rangi Trust, Te Runanga o Ngati Awa, Te Wana Quality Programme, The Property Group, VisionWest Community Trust, Waiheke Local Board, Wellington Housing Trust, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Westpac, Whangarei Accessible Housing Trust

AND FROM CANADA AND AUSTRALIA: Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Coast to Country Housing Company, Housing Choices Australia.