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Dear Colleagues

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Holiday break as much as we did. Like us, you may be struggling to keep up with two short weeks in a row. Therefore, we are keeping this newsletter short. If you have more time, go back to our last [newsletter on 26 March](#) which is packed with items to follow up on!

CHA Job Openings

Community Housing Aotearoa is searching for talented people who are passionate about housing to join our team as our **Communications Coordinator** (see [job listing here](#) and [full job description here](#)) and our **Programme Assistant** (see [job listing here](#) and [full job description here](#)). It is an exciting time to be involved in community housing and we are building our team to effectively support our members. Applications close 19 April.

CHA/NZCID Event - Partnering for Progress, Auckland 15 April

Hurry! There are only a few spaces remaining for the joint Community Housing Aotearoa and New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development event in Auckland on 15 April. "Partnering for Progress: How to accelerate the development of Social and Affordable Housing at scale in New Zealand" will bring together our members and other industry participants to engage on the ways we can deliver more housing.

Details are available [here](#).

Call for input on the Tax Matters Bill

As reported in our 26 March newsletter, CHA is drafting up a sector submission on the Tax Matters Bill. This Bill will, among other provisions, defer the application date for new tax rules applying to de-registered charities for another two years. Steve Thompson from Deloitte is providing expert advice to us regarding the sections we need to comment on. While we had hoped to have that for this newsletter, we have needed more time to understand what positions, and what examples from the sector we should be focusing on.

The bill also contains the KiwiSaver & HomeStart changes announced by government in a press release found [here](#). Please let us know what your thoughts are on whether we say much about using KiwiSaver with Shared Ownership through the CHO sector.

Please send comments to Scott at director@communityhousing.org.nz

We note with interest that the 'grand solution' for our sector, which we were expecting to have heard announced by the end of March remains elusive. Why is this so hard?

CRESA awarded BRANZ research grant

The Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment (CRESA) was recently awarded a research grant from BRANZ to investigate procurement for community housing. Effective procurement that maximises productive, sustainable margins to the industry, while delivering fit-for purpose dwellings at an affordable price to the community sector is needed to increase supply. Partnering approaches involving collaborative design, project management and procurement are increasingly being adopted in preference to competitive models. Currently, there is no systematic research into CHOs' approaches to procurement and project management or their relations with the building industry. Nor is there any evaluative assessment of the price and performance outcomes of different approaches used by CHOs. This research fills that gap.

IN THE NEWS:

Tamaki Redevelopment Company: New Appt CEO

The Board of the Tāmaki Redevelopment Company (TRC) wishes to advise that John Holyoake has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer effective April 14, 2015.

Read more [here](#).

Council Seeks Partners For New Social Housing Provider

Christchurch City Council has begun seeking proposals from organisations to form a new community housing provider (CHP) that will help to secure and grow the Council's social housing service into the future.

The new, non-profit provider will manage the Council's approximately 2,200 open social housing units and help to access extra revenue for the service via the Government's Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS).

Read more [here](#).

Housing NZ Sells Off 'Social' Land

A big state-owned site in Auckland once earmarked for social and affordable housing is being carved up for sale - and the first 50 houses will be sold privately at market rates.

The 24ha site formerly part of the Papakura army camp, between Walters Rd and McLennan Park, was bought by Housing NZ in June 2004 for \$10.7 million. Its rating valuation has more than doubled to \$23.4 million because of Auckland's desperate housing shortage, but no houses have yet been built.

Read the full NZ Herald article [here](#).

Council Acts for Capital's Housing Supply

Thirteen further sites to enable housing development in Wellington have been approved for consideration by Building and Housing Minister Nick Smith as part of the Housing Accord.

The City Council entered into a Housing Accord with Government in June 2014 that aims to support an increase in housing supply and improve housing affordability. The Accord sets ambitious targets for the number of dwellings and sections to be consented and built across the city over the next five years.

Read the full Wellington City Council press release [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

New South Wales Community Housing Conference and Awards, Sydney 5-6 May

Nominations for the 2015 NSW Awards for Excellence in Community Housing close on Thursday 16th April. The awards ceremony is Tuesday 5th May commencing at 6.30pm with the Conference Drinks Reception, followed by the Awards Dinner commencing 7.30pm. Nominations information and link is [here](#).

The discounted accommodation rate of \$179 per night at Rydges World Square will expire on Friday 17th April. Bookings can be made through: reservations_worldsquare@rydges.com. **Applications for Travel and Accommodation subsidies close on Monday 13th April with successful applicants notified by Thursday 16 April 2015.** Family and Community Services has generously made available funding for subsidies to assist representatives from community housing providers to attend the 2015 NSW Community Housing Conference. Guidelines and Application form is [here](#). See the [website](#) for further details.

Seminar: Housing Matters For Health, Wellington 15 April

Hear the highlights on housing and its effects on health from the research team that won the 2014 Prime Minister's Science Prize, He Kainga Oranga/Housing and Health Research Programme.

Time: Wednesday 15 April 2015, Noon-1 pm,
Place: Nordmeyer Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago
Wellington, 23a Mein Street, Newtown.

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