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Newsletter 10 September, 2015

The new early registration date for the CHA IMPACT Conference on 21-23 October closes tomorrow. Make savings by [registering now!](#)

Transaction Unit announces Market Sounding

Market sounding for the proposed transfer of approximately 1140 Tauranga and approximately 370 Invercargill Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZ) properties and tenancies to registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) has commenced and will end on **September 25th**. Full details can be found on GETS for [Tauranga here](#) and for [Invercargill here](#).

CHA members have been contacting us with their thoughts about how we should respond and we want to hear your feedback on the proposed process. Please contact either Scott or Chris to share your thoughts.

Seeking feedback on 'Our Place' – a plan to house 50,000 more people

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Our Place: All New Zealanders well-housed



'Our Place' is the proposed sector strategy for community housing. The goal of the strategy is to house 50,000 more people in community housing by 2020. What do you think of this goal? Can we achieve it and what will it take to get there? What do you think 'success' looks like for our sector over the next five

years to 2020?

The strategy is a draft document and needs your input, suggestions and support. Paul Barber of NZCCSS (New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services) is working with CHA to get feedback on the 'Our Place' document.

Here is the link to '[Our Place](#)'.

We would be especially keen to receive endorsements from your board on the goal, vision and objectives as [found on this page](#).

Paul will be meeting with individual groups and networks around the country to hear what you think. Contact Paul here if you would like to set up a meeting.

There will also be an opportunity to provide your feedback at the CHA IMPACT-2015 Conference in October. Feedback from your organisation can be made directly on [this form](#), or you can wait and answer our survey to be sent out in the next newsletter.

We plan to spend the next few months gathering feedback and we will finalise the strategy in early 2016. This strategy will be key to setting the community housing agenda to carry New Zealand toward our goal of providing homes for 50,000 more people by 2020 - so please join the conversation.

Launch of Auckland Development Guide on October 5

"Making homes happen" will be the new website for the Auckland Development Guide for affordable housing that will link interested

parties and provide practical advice to assist in affordable housing delivery in Auckland.

It is a web-based tool that:

- Provides information to support practical joint efforts among the private development sector, community housing organisations and the public sector to deliver affordable housing.
- Supports the implementation of the affordable housing provisions of the Auckland Accord and Special Housing Areas. Special consenting and approval processes, along with set requirements for affordable housing, apply in these areas.

This web-guide will make the development process clearer for all those involved in housing developments and CHA are excited to be part of this pilot project along with Auckland City Council, BECA and BNZ. Links to the Auckland Development Guide will be provided when the site is launched.

Please contact Leonie Armstrong by 25 September [here](#), if you would like to attend the event. More information [here](#).

Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa

The Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa will be held at 6pm, 21 October at Te Raukura, Wharewaka Function Centre, 15 Jervois Quay, Wellington. Please see full details [here](#).

There are **four vacancies** that need to be filled on the CHA council. Please complete this [form](#) and return nominations for these vacancies [here](#) by 2 October, 2015.

There has been one motion to amend the constitution to allow voting by voice or ballots in addition to the current show of hands. Read the proposed amendment [here](#). A two-thirds majority vote of **full members** is required for approval.

CHA IMPACT Conference 2015



Thank you to all the early registrants for the CHA IMPACT 2015 Conference. We have a healthy number of registrations and indications are that this will be a very full conference – and not just the programme. Register now so you don't miss out!

We will again be galvanized by Shamubeal Equab's presentation at the conference. Shamubeal will be looking at the following:

Ghettoisation of the vulnerable: Unaffordable housing has led to the generation of renters (generation rent) and the ghettoising of the poor. We are increasingly pushing the least advantaged to live precariously on the edges of our society. Shamubeal will offer his thoughts on the big fixes that are needed to shape public opinion, change creaking policies and boost the supply of public and community housing.

We'd love you to attend the conference but if this is not possible remember that you can make a direct registration for the following:

- **The AHI Awards Conference Dinner** 7pm 22 October - [here](#)
- **Housing First** seminar with **Sam Tsemberis**: 10-4pm 21 October - [here](#)

Hop on the bus and join the tour of local community housing providers including:

- o Trust House in the Wairarapa – a portfolio of over 500 former state homes transferred in 1999;
- o The Riverside Gardens mixed-income, mixed-tenure redevelopment of a former HNZC estate with social and affordable rental and shared ownership homes provided by Accessible Properties, Dwell Housing Trust and HNZC;
- o Wellington City Housing's regeneration of the Central Park Apartments. You can now book for the Wednesday site visits when you register. Register for the conference. [Register here](#).

The Conference programme is out - [read it here](#).

**CHA Seeking Senior Programme Manager –
Auckland based**



Community Housing Aotearoa is a vibrant and growing organisation. Our mission is to support the growth and development of community housing in New Zealand to meet our vision of all New Zealanders well housed. If you share our passion for an increasing

role for community housing providers in meeting New Zealand's housing need and have great relationship and communication skills then we want to talk to you. You can see the [announcement](#) and job description on our website [here](#).

Housing Foundation seeks General Manager

As a result of a focus on growth opportunities the role of General Manager has been created with the Housing Foundation. This position is based in Auckland and applications close **25 September**. Go [here](#) to see the job description and application details. For further information contact Ross Pearce [here](#).



Calls to change tenancy laws

Calls to introduce a set of minimum standards for all rental properties have been gathering strength, since the coroner's finding earlier this year that the poor condition of a state house contributed to a toddler's illness and subsequent death. But do the proposed standards go far enough? [Read more about it here](#) in this article by Kahureremoa Aki and Rōia Hapori of the Wellington and Hutt Valley Community Law Centre.

Leaving state care at 17 may mean teenagers end up on the streets for years

CHA member agency, Lifewise Trust, have collaborated with social agencies from around the country to create a petition asking the Government to raise the foster care leaving age from 17 to 21. Raising the age for support means that vulnerable youth aren't left out in the cold, homeless and living on the streets. Please [sign the petition](#) now and show that #WeDontStopCaring when our kids turn 17 actionstation.org.nz/wedontstopcaring.

In the news

Click on the title to read more:

[9 September-local bill to pave way for Christchurch housing](#)

Christchurch Deputy Mayor Vicki Buck has welcomed the first step in freeing up land for a proposed major housing development at Riccarton Racecourse.

[9 September-Minister defends Housing New Zealand dividend](#)

Housing New Zealand's plan to pay a dividend of \$118 million this financial year has come under fire.

[9 September-Squalid rentals in Queenstown](#)

Extreme pressure on housing in Queenstown is producing slum conditions for many workers, according to tenants who have contacted Radio New Zealand

[8 September-New Zealand to take more Syrian refugees](#)

The Government has announced New Zealand will welcome 750 Syrian refugees over the next two and a half years in response to the ongoing conflict in Syria, says Immigration Minister Michael Woodhouse.

[7 September - charities struggle to keep status](#)

On Wednesday 2 September Scott Figenshow (CHA Director) was interviewed by TV3 about the deregistration of some charities by Charities Services.

[4 September- Agreement on Auckland land development](#)

An agreement with the Government over developing surplus land in Auckland helps cement the commitment to housing for its people, says the chair of the Tamaki Collective.

[2 September- Green party comments on Serco's involvement](#)

Materia Turei comments that the Government needs to rule out Serco buying New Zealand's state houses.

2 September - Queenstown Lakes Housing Trust developments

CHA member Queenstown Lake Housing Trust has developed the infrastructure for 44 Houses at Shotover Country.

1 September-Market sounding on social housing

The Government released information memoranda to test market appetite for social housing transfers in Tauranga and Invercargill yesterday.

31 August - He Korowai Trust on Te Ahi Kaa

CHA member group, He Korowai Trust, were profiled on Te Ahi Kaa yesterday.

28 August-New houses in Fenchurch opened

A milestone in the first phase of the long-term plans of the Tāmaki Redevelopment Company (TRC) was reached today with the opening of the first completed homes as part of the Fenchurch neighbourhood regeneration project at Glen Innes, Auckland.

28 August- more special housing areas announced

Eleven new Special Housing Areas (SHAs) that will provide up to 1600 new homes across Auckland were announced yesterday.

Events

September 15: 10-1pm, Oceania Room, Level 3, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

September 29: 10-1pm, Te Whare Akonga o Te Akatoki 129 Ilam Rd, Christchurch

Te Matapihi invites Māori organisations with an interest in housing and the built environment to a series of hui to discuss National Science Challenge 11: Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities: Ko ngā wā kāinga hei whakamāhorahora. The purpose of these hui is to explore possibilities to partner with Māori organisations to develop and deliver research with Māori communities. [See here for more details.](#) [RSVP here](#) or phone Kaye-Maree Dunn on 021 029 24328.

21 October 2015 -Train for healthy homes advice in Dunedin

The Certificate in Home Energy Awareness is a course that has been particularly appreciated by the health sector. Warming and drying up cold older homes is both simple and complex. This is captured in the holistic approach of the Certificate in Home Energy Awareness which takes trainees through the conditions for a healthy home, controlling heat loss, heating, moisture control and ventilation, and keeping on top of other energy costs.

[Enquire here.](#) **Level 2 Training 9-11 November 2015.**

Non-structural systems seminars

BRANZ are holding half-day seminars to provide building designers and installers with a practical understanding of how to ensure non-structural systems in buildings are seismically resilient. The training will be provided in eight different locations over September. Go [here](#) for more information

14 October: Eco design advisor conference

The conference workshop, held annually by the Eco Design Advisor service, is designed to promote healthy homes for New Zealanders. This year's workshop includes: lung health and the home environment, performance testing of heaters and curtains, the toxicity of common building materials, designing for new homes and alterations, and behavioural change. [Go here for more information.](#)

7-9 October: Universal design conference, Melbourne, Australia. [More information here.](#)

17–19 Feb 2016 Australasian Housing Researchers Conference to be hosted by the University of Auckland

The conference is open to all researchers concerned with housing issues including: affordability and homelessness, housing policy and planning, housing economics, housing sustainability, and regional, national and international housing markets. As well as established researchers, the input and participation of early career researchers is especially welcome. [Go here for more information.](#)

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