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Dear Colleagues

A reminder that the networking event with the Hon Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Housing event is happening next Tuesday in Wellington - please register your interest in attending to support@communityhousing.org.nz by 4pm Friday 13 March.

When/where:

Tuesday, 17 March 2015, 5-6:30 pm

Ministry Building Innovation & Employment, Ground Floor, 15 Stout Street, Wellington.

There will also be a Q&A session, so please bring along your questions.

Find out more [here](#).

CHA/NZCID work

CHA and the New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development believe that we have a window of opportunity to demonstrate real projects where CHO's and commercial partners can accelerate the development of social and affordable housing. We have all been saying that a partnership-based framework that is based on delivering enhanced community and family level outcomes is where we want to be. Now we want to demonstrate how that would work.

To turn talk into action, CHA and NZCID are partnering on a joint workstream to assist our members to develop the required tools. We want to be open about the work we are doing, so here's what is ahead for the year:

1. A small workshop 11 March, 8-11am, Auckland – with 5 CHO members and 5 NZCID members, to work through the mechanics of 'enhancing community well-being through mixed tenure housing

at a NZ scale'. From this small workshop we expect to nut out how such partnerships would work, areas of alignment & disagreement, and next steps for subsequent sessions.

2. A 'speed dating – CHO's & commercial partners' seminar on 15 April, Auckland building on the info from the workshop, with further dialogue on next steps for specific partnerships in Special Housing Areas.
3. A May 2015 workshop on the mechanics of doing retained affordable housing in Special Housing Areas.
4. A July 2015 release of a report on the learnings from the first three sessions.
5. NZCID Building Nations Symposium, 20-21 August, Christchurch,
6. CHA IMPACT Conference, 22-23 October, Wellington,

Please let us know what parts you're interested in participating in. We want to move this from being an Auckland discussion, to being one that supports partnerships to work anywhere in the country. At times we'll ask just a few people to come together to test out a particular idea, through forums like the Growth and Development Sector Solutions Group, or the Auckland Community Housing Providers Network, for example – and other times we'll want to take it wide and broad. Our intent will always be to deliver the widest possible benefit for the whole sector.

Wellington City Council Social Housing Rental Policy

CHA is holding a discussion with interested members regarding the WCC Social Housing Rental Policy consultation document which can be found [here](#). The purpose will be to identify common sector feedback on questions such as: eligibility criteria setting; groups requiring rental accommodation; barriers faced by households to accessing housing; rental levels and services for tenants. In addition, we will be able to discuss broader Wellington housing issues including Special Housing Areas and opportunities for CHOs to collaborate with Council to address housing need. Geoff Lawson and Phillipa Aldridge from WCC will be joining us to answer questions and hear our views. CHA will submit a formal response to the consultation based on the feedback we receive from you.

The meeting will be from 9:30am-11am on Monday 23 March at the CHA office. RSVP to CHA Programme Manager Chris Glaudel at projects@communityhousing.org.nz. If you are unable to attend, but have feedback on the policy please send your comments to Chris.

SHRP - Release of Additional Information

The Government has released an additional tranche of documents regarding the Social Housing Reform Programme. These can be found

on MSD's social housing website [here](#). CHA is encouraged by this openness demonstrated by this release and the breadth of the advice going to ministers. Papers from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Social Development, The Treasury and Housing New Zealand Corporation are posted. Topics covered range from Income Related Rents, Client segmentation, stock transfer transactions, engagement with iwi/Maori regarding transactions, overall affordability issues, and tenancy issues. There is too much information to detail here, we encourage you to delve in and see directly the advice and options presented.

Dwell Housing Trust opportunity

Dwell Housing Trust is looking for a temporary Director for a fixed term of 6 to 8 months. Our current director Alison Cadman is taking a six-month sabbatical from July 2015 to December 2015 and we need someone to undertake this role for this time. If you would be interested in leading and managing a dynamic, growing community housing organisation based in Wellington please contact Alison for more information on 04 3844874 or alison@dwell.org.nz. Please do also pass this onto others.

Member Profile: Beacon Pathway

Beacon Pathway is an Incorporated Society committed to making New Zealand's homes and neighbourhoods more resource efficient, healthier to live in, adaptable, resilient and affordable.

Beacon uses demonstration projects, robust research and a collaborative approach to stimulate and drive change.

Beacon's work with homeowners has shown how difficult it is for people to know where to go to get good unbiased advice. This led Beacon, Community Energy Network and the EnviroSchools Foundation to develop a nationally recognised training programme for home performance advisors.

The next Home Performance Advisor training (Level 2) will be held in Hamilton from 30 March - 1 April 2015.

Read the full member profile and find out more about the Home Performance Advisor training [here](#).

Join Better Block's Jason Roberts in a Tactical Urbanism Masterclass

Want to learn how to create quick, inexpensive, high-impact changes to revitalise your streets and neighbourhoods?

CoDesign Studio is excited to be joined by Jason Roberts for a Tactical Urbanism masterclass at the Smart Urban Futures conference in Melbourne next month. Jason Roberts is the originator of the globally recognised **Better Block** project, dedicated to helping cities develop their own neighbourhood improvement projects throughout the USA and overseas.

Presented by Victoria Walks and the Municipal Association of Victoria, Jason and CoDesign Studio's Lucinda Hartley will run a hands-on workshop to demonstrate how short-term neighbourhood projects can lead to long-term change.

Bring your own projects or ideas to the discussion and gain hands-on skills from a global leader of the field.

March 24th 10:00am - 4:00pm

Municipal Association of Victoria

Level 12, 60 Collins Street, Melbourne

Full event details [here](#).

IN THE MEDIA:

Mob Street Makeover Brings Buyers

CHA members Accessible Properties and Dwell Housing Trust have bought homes in this new development, to be used as affordable rentals and shared home ownership.

A street that was once notorious as a Mongrel Mob stronghold is now turning into a middle-class dream. Farmer Cres in Taita, Lower Hutt, and its surrounding area, was once known for all the wrong reasons. In early 2009, Mob members were accused of terrorising a single mother into leaving her home. The charges were later dropped. Housing NZ battled in court to evict three gang-linked women, spending more than \$1 million on the case before eventually allowing the women to stay.

Read The Dominion Post article on Stuff [here](#).

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust With David Steemson (Aired On New Zealand Society, RNZ)

One of Auckland's biggest emergency housing suppliers is facing challenges to its own future. The Monte Cecilia Housing Trust says it depends on outside help for much of its income. But costs are outstripping funding. Each year Monte Cecilia helps about seven hundred desperate families, and provides short-term shelter to only

about twelve of them at one time.

Read more and listen to the programme aired on Radio New Zealand's New Zealand Society [here](#).

Council Moves Forward With Housing Accord

Nelson City Council today agreed to commence negotiations to enter into a Housing Accord with the Minister of Building and Housing Hon Dr Nick Smith. The Nelson Tasman region was identified by Government in January as a priority area in Schedule 1 of the Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas Act 2013 (HASHA), which aims to improve housing affordability by helping to increase land and housing supply in specific regions.

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

Kete Kupu Issue 34 - Social Housing Special

The March edition of the newsletter of the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services includes a Social Housing Special - Show me the houses!

You can read it [here](#).

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