

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



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Community Housing Aotearoa, October 13, 2016 Newsletter

Kia ora koutou

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the CHA events on 25 and 26 October in Auckland.

Your feedback on the Our Place 2016 plan is very important, particularly on the development of detailed actions for the sector. So please make the effort to join us in Auckland- details are below.

CHA workshop and panel discussion on Our Place -2016

26 October 9am-1pm at The Front Room, Spark New Zealand,
167 Victoria Street, West Auckland

Our Place: a housing plan for New Zealand - Here's what a real, comprehensive housing plan with multi-sector support would need to do to see all New Zealanders well-housed. This is your opportunity to provide the detail needed in this plan and feedback on how the sector work with other stakeholders to see our vision a reality.

Please let us know [here](#), if you will be attending.

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The Front Room, Spark New Zealand, 167 Victoria Street West, Auckland

Nominations for an elected position on the CHA Council have closed. We have four nominations, these are:

- Bernardette Pinnell (Compass Housing New Zealand)
- Bernie Smith (Monte Cecilia Housing Trust)
- Neil Porteous (Tāmaki Housing Association)
- Victoria Kingi (Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust and Papakainga Solutions Ltd)

[Go here to see the agenda and nomination statements.](#) The voting forms and proxy form are also available on this page. They need to be returned to CHA by **2:00pm Tuesday 25 October 2016.**

Social Investment in Community Housing: moving beyond traditional grant making



This is a unique opportunity to be part of the solutions that drive new investment in community housing by joining forces with like-minded funders, providers and investors.

**Tuesday 25 October
10am - 4pm
The Front Room, Spark New Zealand, 167 Victoria Street West, Auckland.**

[Go here to register.](#)

Cross-party Inquiry into Homelessness releases report



Labour, the Greens and the Māori Party released their cross-party inquiry report into ending homelessness this week.

The Cross-Party Inquiry into Homelessness made twenty recommendations. Four priorities are: roll out Housing First as the primary response to severe homelessness; increase the state housing stock; provide a systemic fix by building more affordable homes, reduce the cost of building homes and tackling speculation; and create a national strategy to end homelessness.

The Inquiry heard repeatedly from organisations and others that they were stressed and unable to cope with the level of homelessness they were facing. Wellington social worker Jude Douglas said the experience of working with the homeless is “like a medic in a war zone with no supplies.” Comcare Trust housing support services manager Annette Sutherland said “Do I choose a woman who is eight months pregnant living in a car? Or do I choose somebody who is homeless in hospital and about to be discharged? These are the choices you have to make when you're running emergency housing.”

[Go here to read more.](#)

Announcement on emergency housing RFP

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) is looking for emergency housing providers to deliver additional emergency housing accommodation and accompanying services. The process will be by a request for proposal through GETS 18011607 and includes a fast-track option that closes on 31 December 2016 for:

1. those emergency housing providers that were shortlisted through the Emergency Housing Accommodation Request for Proposals released by MSD on 1 June 2016.

2. emergency housing providers who can otherwise demonstrate that they hold a current contract with any Government agency in relation to the provision of emergency housing services.

MSD anticipate contract opportunities becoming available soon so it would be worth registering early. Register through GETS at GETS.GOV.TZ. [Here's](#) the Minister's press announcement.

Moving to results-based contracts with community investment

Ministry of Social Development's Community Investment business group is about to begin an acceleration for results programme with partner Ākina Foundation and are seeking to work with community investment funded providers on this initiative.

The programme is a co-design approach to support the Ministry's Community Investment Strategy. Over the next nine months, Ākina and MSD will team up with a number of providers and Community Investment Advisors, to work together to develop new results-based contracting models.

Registrations of Interest are being sought now from providers who have an existing relationship with Community Investment and, in particular, are delivering services to families that specifically aim to:

- prevent the occurrence of child maltreatment
- increase children's physical and mental health and development and/or
- increase resiliency in families/whānau.

This is also on GETS – 18007685, and closes 24 October. [Go here](#) for the registration of interest document.

Update on the standard for the testing and remediation of methamphetamine-contaminated properties

The development committee held its fourth meeting on 27 September and worked through a second working draft of the standard. Matters raised included:

1. Setting out procedures to follow depending on whether a property is known to be a methamphetamine laboratory, for example, uncovered by the police, or known or suspected of being contaminated from the recreational use of methamphetamine (for example, smoking).
2. Structuring the standard so that it addresses the necessary stages and requirements such as: screening of properties for the presence or absence of methamphetamine contamination; validation of onsite screening techniques, and the necessary training required to ensure competency in their use and to minimise uncertainty in the results.

Go [here](#) to read the full list of requirements that are being explored by the working groups.

Improvements to the code of practice for retirement villages

Building and Housing Minister, Nick Smith, recently announced changes to the Retirement Villages Code of Practice to better support residents' rights and resolution of complaints.

The Retirement Commissioner undertook a review of the code and recommended changes in August. The changes include a new step by step complaints process that includes the option of mediation to encourage earlier resolutions. The review also recommended more regular and robust reports on complaints. These changes have been incorporated into a new Code of Practice gazetted today and will take effect on 1st April 2017.

The number of senior New Zealanders living in retirement villages has grown by 10,000 over the last decade to a record 32,000. Amendments to the code of practice for retirement villages are [here](#).

In the news

- The Government will be a provider for the next 10 years of significant numbers of medium-density, medium-priced housing into the Auckland market. [Read more.](#)
- It's not just the low paid who are being squeezed out of Auckland's housing market. According to Greg Ninness from [interest.co.nz](#) **it will now take a typical Auckland couple nearly eight years to save a 20% deposit on their first home**, compared to about four years in other main centres. [Read more here.](#)
- [The Wellington housing market](#) continues to show strong levels of activity and demand. **Values in the capital have risen faster than the Auckland region over the past three months** and year on year.
- As urban house prices in New Zealand soar, are we in danger of building socially stratified, exclusive cities of privilege? Research into collective urban housing by Mark Southcombe, senior lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington's School of Architecture, suggests that there are proven international solutions which can help address the housing affordability crisis we are currently facing in this country. [Go here to read more](#)
- [New data reveals](#) just 18 affordable homes have been built and sold to first home buyers in Auckland's Special Housing Areas under the retained and relative affordable requirements.

Rental bond data available

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment have made a selection of raw data available. This data comes from MBIE's tenancy bond database, which records all new rental bonds that are lodged

with us each month. Every month we'll update the data sets with the latest month's data. Go [here](#) to read more.

Proposed Changes to the Incorporated Societies Act



A template to assist with the rewriting of constitutions is now available on the Community Networks website [here](#). This is a combined trust/society template so take out what doesn't apply to your organisation. The template has been produced by the Southland Community Law Centre and updated to include the contact officer and mediation/arbitration requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act.

There is a transition period of at least two years and this will enable all incorporated societies to take time to revise constitutions and ensure that they comply with the requirements of the new Act and regulations once they are passed and put into place.

Charities right to appeal important decisions about their status and future

The Select Committee has reported back on the Charities Amendment Bill recommending that the proposed amendment to section 61 not be made. In other words - they recommend that charities should retain their right to appeal decisions made by the Chief Executive of the Department of Internal Affairs. The amended Bill and Select Committee Report in full is [here](#).

Events

14 October 11:00-11:45 AM AEDT; [Becoming a Certified Housing Professional Webinar - AHI](#)

21 October 11:00-12:00 AM AEDT; [Asset Management Framework - AHI](#)

26 October; [Access All Areas: Universal Design Symposium 2016](#) sponsored by Lifemark™ at the Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland

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