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Our Place: All New Zealanders well-housed



16 July 2015 Newsletter

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the July 16 newsletter in a week of cold and frosty mornings and continuing announcements.

Insulation only half the answer

The new regulation framework proposed by Government under the Residential Tenancies Act includes insulation and fire alarm requirements but not heating.

CHA's media release [here](#)

Nick Smith media release [here](#)

Dave Wilson of Jennian Homes media release [here](#)

An analysis of people living in temporary and communal dwellings from 2013 Census

The Department of Statistics has identified information about people in New Zealand at the time of the 2013 Census who lived in dwellings considered to be outside the norm of private houses, units, and apartments. 'Outside the norm' dwellings include non-private (communal) dwellings and alternative forms of private housing includes:

- residential care for older people
- residential and community care facilities
- boarding houses

- hotels, motels, and guest accommodation
- prisons and penal institutions
- other occupied private dwellings

Go [here](#) for a breakdown of this information.

What's happening around the country?

CHA will be setting up a google group for members to post news and views about community housing. Our aim is to encourage healthy dialogue across the sector and connect you with each other. Meanwhile, please feel free to email your feedback on what's happening in your region, or organisation, and feedback on items posted in this newsletter [here](#).



- A meeting has been set up by SHAN (State Housing Action Network) for this Sunday, 19 July, in Invercargill to give the local community an opportunity to discuss the government's plans to sell state houses. For more information go [here](#).
- A partnership to provide rental housing for the homeless is being set up in Christchurch. Read more [here](#).
- Welcome to new partner members: Mike Greer Homes from Canterbury.

Dealing with the media?

Are you having to deal with the media in your area and finding this difficult? Or do you want to engage with them locally to write a story on your housing project, a housing issue or other community housing matter? Now we have a communications person in the office, Angie may be able to assist you. And remember, your stories, photo's news and events are also important to us, so keep in contact and email [Angie](#).

Let's set the agenda for the way forward



At its recent meeting the CHA council addressed the question “If you were the Minister of Housing how would you make sure all New Zealanders were well-housed?”

A number of clear strategies were identified that support the intentions of **Our Place**. These proposed solutions are being shaped-up and we'd like to talk them over

with you. Do you have a regional forum that CHA can attend in August or September that we can attend to discuss these strategies?

Email us.

From the CHA office

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2015-2016 YEAR

This membership gives you access to members-only resources and training, keeps you linked in to contribute to the voice of the sector and new developments in community housing. Please renew now.

Staff met last week to work through a communication strategy for CHA. The strategy will be based on Our Place and will keep our stakeholders at the forefront of all our communications.

CHA are keen to hear how what you think of the website and newsletter and what could be improved. Please send an **email** on your thoughts.



New staff from left Angie Cairncross, Gunda Tente, and Lucinda McNally

In the News

- Labour's spokesperson on housing, Phill Twyford, believes state house sell-off's are exempting Ministers from normal legal requirements, Read [more](#).
- 1800 new homes planned for Auckland in two new special housing areas, read more [here](#)
- The Dominion Post printed [this opinion piece](#) on the sale of state housing.
- The construction of 16 new Housing New Zealand houses are well under way in Hamilton. Read more [here](#).
- An article in the Dominion Post on 4 July by Catherine Harris highlights Steven Joyce's bid to lure capital to New Zealand and the social housing sector. Read the article [here](#).
- The pressure is on to give tenants more rights, as increasing numbers of people find themselves renting for longer and later into life. The number of people in their early 30's who own their own home has dropped from half in 2001 to about a third. Go to the Radio New Zealand Insight programme to [read more](#).
- Releasing land and building thousands of new homes won't solve Auckland's housing crisis, says one expert. [Read more](#).

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