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# **Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 20 October 2017**

Congratulations to the incoming Government. It is a new day and we look forward to working collaboratively to ensure that community housing providers play an equal role alongside Housing New Zealand to see all New Zealanders well-housed.

We thank the out-going Government for moving toward a level playing field with Income Related Rents available to community housing providers.

Now more than ever, we need your support for a Homes Accord that sees cross-party and cross-sector commitment to resolve the housing challenges facing New Zealand. We need to put in place the additional resources to address not just emergency and social housing, but also homes affordable to familes based on their incomes.

## Will we see you on 24 October in Wellington?

Come join with your colleagues for the 'Building our Sector for 2030' workshops and AGM at Te Wharewaka, Taranaki St wharf in Wellington. We're looking forward to seeing you after the long weekend. This will be a full day of workshopping and presentations and we're pleased to announce that Kay Saville-Smith will be facilitating.

With a new Government coming in, we want hear from you what our briefing to incoming ministers should contain. So put your thinking caps on now so we can get your thoughts on Tuesday. Thanks to your endorsements of Our Place, we already have a lot of the key priorities sorted.

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If you haven't already done so please send in your voting forms for the new CHA council.

Please note that registrations begin from 9.30am and morning tea will be available at that time.

Nominee details, voting forms and agenda can be found on our website here.

### 2017 Annual Report



It has been a great year and we want to thank you for your part in working toward 'All New Zealanders well-housed'. Here's the new look Community Housing Aotearoa annual report for 2017, which will be presented at the AGM. Pdf's can be downloaded at the bottom of each section.

### Gill Burns joins the Community Housing Aotearoa team



Welcome to Gill Burns who started with the team this week. Gill was previously with Habitat for Humanity, Wellington region. She has an extensive background in community housing and is a trained architect. Her role is Partnerships Manager until 22 December with a primary focus on preparing a set of philanthropic funding proposals, and supporting the preparation of a training and development plan for the sector.

Gill is very interested to hear from members about the type of training you think needs to be available. You can bring your ideas on 24 October. Her email address is here.

# Come hear Ken Marchingo on capacity building and the foundations for community housing growth



26 October: 9.30am-12.00pm

AHI New Zealand networking event with Ken Marchingo, CEO Victoria's Haven: Home Safe Housing Association in association with Community Housing Aotearoa and Te Matapihi.

Come and hear from Ken Marchingo, CEO of Australia's first registered affordable housing association. Followed by informal networking and discussion. Register here.

Read Ken's bio here.

Ministry of Social Development, the Aurora Conference Centre, 56 the Terrace, Wellington

Mana Wāhine: the invisible homeless mothers of New Zealand



This article was written by Tess McGlure for Vice. It looks at how New Zealand's housing crisis is forcing solo mothers and domestic violence victims onto the streets.

# **Building Pacific community housing capability**



Jo Hughes, (Head of Office of CE, MBIE) Minister Alfred Ngaro (Min for Pacific Peoples, Associate Min. Social Housing) Minister Amy Adams (Min for Housing, Justice, Assoc. Finance) Scott Figenshow (CE, Community Housing Aotearoa, Matalena Leaupepe (Chief Advisor, Pasifika) Roine Lealaiauloto (CE, Penina Trust) Tele'a Andrews (Senior Policy Advisor, MBIE)

Work to build Pacific community housing capability has been a collaborative effort between MBIE's Housing Policy team, MBIE's Pasifika team, the Community Housing Regulatory Authority, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples and Community Housing Aotearoa. In March this year, the Pacific Social Housing Network was established to provide ongoing support to newly established Pacific community housing providers and in August Penina Health Trust, the first Pacific organisation to become registered as a community housing provider, opened their first transitional housing development. Read more here.

The MBIE Pasifika team has recently doubled in size, with the addition of team members Derek Johnson (Senior Policy Advisor)

and Tuitapuono Milford (Policy Advisor). You can find out more about their team here.

### Winston Churchill Fellowship received

Congratulations to Claire Woolley who has received a Winston Churchill Fellowship for travel to the USA and Canada to identify models used to deliver affordable housing outcomes for Native Hawaiian, Native American and First Nations peoples that could be tailored for affordable housing projects for Māori in New Zealand.

#### 14 hours homeless



Last week, the four centres of Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington and Invercargill each took part in the 14 hours homeless fundraising event where people joined together to sleep in cars, on a couch or on cardboard.

CHA communications co-ordinator, Angie Cairncross, joined the Wellington contingent at Mt Cook Primary School. The courtyard of the school was transformed into a cardboard city as nearly 100 people slept rough as part of the event, now in its fourth year.

In Wellington, \$41,338 was raised for homeless support agencies: the Night Shelter, the Salvation Army, the Soup Kitchen, Wellington City Mission and the Wellington Homeless Women's Trust. Raising awareness about issues of homelessness was an important component of what the event did and participants took part in workshops to learn more about the work of each of these organisations.

#### Member news

#### He Korowai Trust set up Sweet As trades-training school

He Korowai Trust in Northland has been housing the homeless and is about to start a trades-training school for young Māori. The Sweet-As Academy will take on 20 students a year to train as carpenters and painters. He Korowai Trust has recently gained a \$2 million grant from Foundation North for the Sweet-As Academy. Read more here.

#### In the news

#### Panuku adopts Homestar rating for Auckland

New homes on sites controlled by Panuku Development Auckland will be required to meet at least a level 6 Homestar rating for houses built across its Transform and Unlock locations – where more than 10,000 homes are expected to be developed.

Homestar is New Zealand's rating tool for residential sustainability, with above-Building Code standards for insulation, ventilation, warmth and efficiency.

#### What's news in Australia

Currently around 19 per cent of social housing dwellings in New South Wales, Australia, are managed by the not-for-profit sector. That figure will rise to 32 per cent under the state's Social Housing Management Transfer program. Compass Housing in Australia are one of the winners in this programme.

It was announced this week that from mid-2019 Compass will take on the management of an additional 1796 social housing tenancies as part of the programme. The move will bring Compass' portfolio to more than 6200 homes, making it one of the largest community housing providers in the southern hemisphere. Read more here.

### Is a yimby movement needed in New Zealand?



There's a trend overseas of yimbys: angry millennials with a radical housing solution. They see themselves as progressive housing activists.

Yimbys say their lives are threatened by housing shortages and skyrocketing rental prices and they are standing up to say "Yes, in my back yard" to any kind of new housing development.

Overseas, the movement is fuelled by the anger of young adults from the millennial generation, many of whom are now in their late 20s and early 30s. Rather than suffer in silence as they struggle to find affordable places to live, they are heading to planning meetings enmasse to argue for more housing – preferably the very kind of dense, urban infill projects that have often generated neighbourhood opposition from nimbys ("not in my back yard"). Read more here.

#### **Positions vacant**

#### **Monte Cecilia Housing Trust**

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust in Auckland need a Tenancy Team Leader to manage a staff of 5-6 people and a developing housing portfolio of over 90 properties. <u>You can find the position description here.</u>

#### **Lifewise Trust**

<u>Lifewise in Auckland are recruiting for a Community Services</u>
<u>Manager</u>. This role offers an exciting challenge, leading teams
working with people experiencing homelessness, families/whanau
under stress, young people, and vulnerable children. This includes
the management of their growing Housing First programme.

## Resources - THIS is Housing First for Youth: A Program Model Guide



Canadian Observatory on Homelessness & A Way Home Canada

The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness and A Way Home Canada are launching THIS is Housing First for Youth: A Program Model Guide. This guide adapts Housing First to address the needs of young adults who experience homelessness (or who are at risk), by providing them with immediate access to housing that is safe, affordable and appropriate. It also includes the necessary supports that focus on wellness and social inclusion to help young adults successfully transition to adulthood.

See the guide here.

#### **Events**

# Co-design and Community Development 11.00am Friday 20th October



Korero and Insights from Maori Co-designers Rangimarie Mules, Crystal Pekepo and guest co-designers swap stories of how codesign can rapidly empower people to achieve their full potential and create positive change, by engaging them in the design of real projects.

Free webinar - book here.

### 22-24 October NZCCSS and Community Networks Aotearoa Conference



EMPOWERMENT & SUCCESS conference for NGO/Community organisations. For more information go to the <a href="Conference website">Conference website</a> here.

### 9 November - Parity magazine launch





Responding to Homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand

**Venue**: Tainui Group Holdings Limited 6 Bryce Street, Hamilton **Date**: 09 November 5.30pm - 7.30pm

The Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) and Te Matapihi invites organisations and individuals with an interest or role in responding to homelessness to attend the launch of the 'Responding to Homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand' October 2017 edition of Parity Magazine. Read more here.

### 21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



NZCEH is looking for abstracts for this conference Read more here.

### October 27 - Auckland AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar



This professional practice seminar provides senior housing professionals with an interest in asset management the opportunity to exchange ideas and innovative practice methods to manage housing portfolios for sustainable stakeholder outcomes.

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