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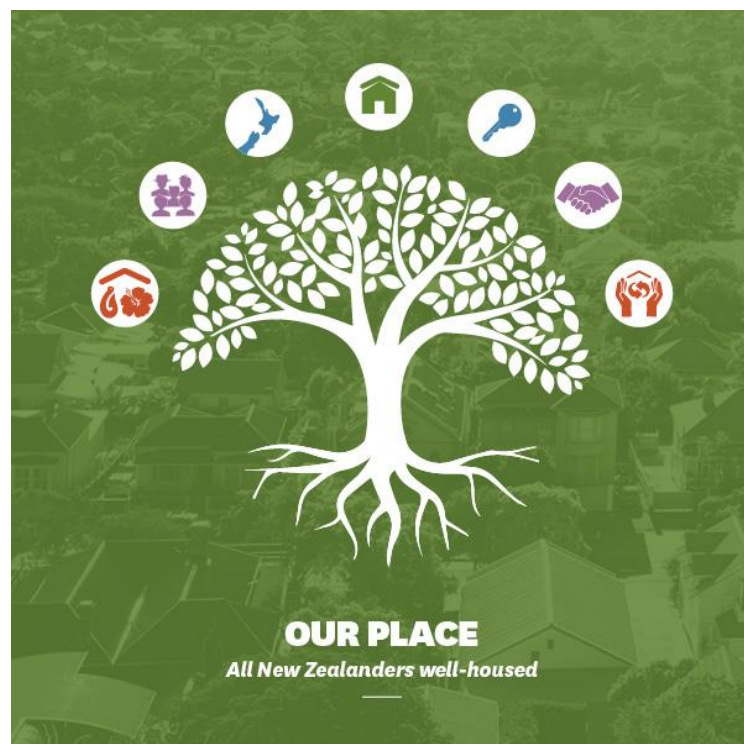
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Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter, February 2, 2017



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017.

We extend a warm welcome to Amy Adams, our new Minister for Social Housing, and her staff. We look forward to working together to provide the social and affordable homes required to see all New Zealanders well housed.

We'd like to take the opportunity to draw people's attention again to **Our Place**. Thanks to those of you who have given us feedback. We've heard you're happy with the objectives and goals but that the actions need more work. [We encourage you to go here to show your support or make a comment.](#)

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Here at CHA, we believe the fundamental strength of this plan is to empower local responses. The new National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity requires local authorities to document local housing demand. This identification of demand allows for the assessment of supply along the housing continuum. Where it is falling short, the development of appropriate local responses that offer options in communities can be implemented. A number of communities are already looking into how to deliver these housing assessments and CHA are working with them to establish a framework for consistent data collection and monitoring.

9000+ homes provided by the community housing sector

While local authorities are beginning to assess the demand for housing in their local areas CHA continues to document the social and affordable homes supplied by the community housing sector. The importance of this work is becoming more evident as the need for accurate data to inform policy decisions grows.

CHA thanks all the community housing providers who took the time to take part in the survey for the 3rd quarter of 2016. With your help we now have a more accurate view of the sector. This is fantastic news as this data can lead to a more informed purchasing strategy, seeing providers get the support where it's needed.

[Go here to read about what the survey is showing](#)

Methamphetamine contamination draft guidelines issued

Feedback on a draft standard for the testing and decontamination of methamphetamine-contaminated properties is now sought by Standards New Zealand.

The committee that developed the draft welcomes all feedback on the standard and all comments will be considered individually before the final standard is developed.

The public comment period for the draft standard is open until 20 February 2017 with the final standard expected in April 2017.
[View/download the draft and submit comment here.](#)

18 for 4 campaign a success



The Network's 18 for 4 campaign has been a great success. The launch and media campaign were well received and they have had ongoing support through social media.

Facebook has been a particularly good tool for spreading the community housing message widely and the videos of the families are very popular. [The Facebook page](#) has nearly 600 likes and the videos and posts were seen by thousands of Aucklanders. Intelligent Ink managed the media and PR side of the campaign with assistance from CHA and ACHPN. Members of the project team met with HNZA who have expressed interest in working with them to demonstrate the 18 for 4 concept.

Minister announces first pilots for Sustaining Tenancies funding

Under the Sustaining Tenancies Initiative, tenants with complex or serious needs who may be at risk of losing their tenancy will receive practical support from community providers to help get back on track, Social Housing Minister Amy Adams says. The first three providers in the initiative were announced on 1 February. These are:

- Affinity Services (Auckland)
- Downtown Community Ministry (Wellington)
- Comcare Trust (Christchurch)

[Read more here.](#)

Welcome to new members

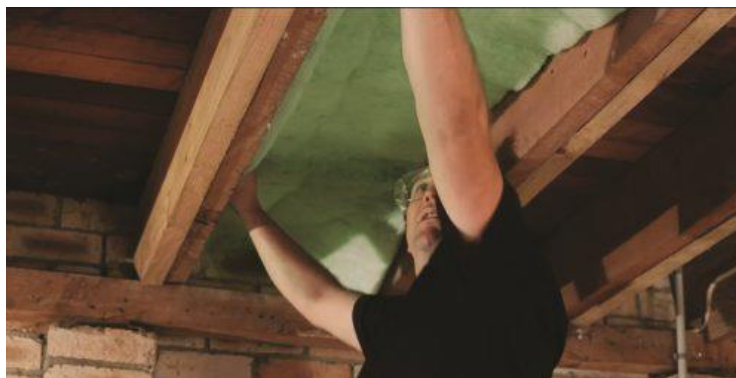


Horizon Housing Company

Windows Trust

Fatugatiti Housing Trust

50% of assessments don't meet new Residential Tenancy Act guidelines



The Insulation Association of New Zealand (IAONZ) is encouraging all landlords to start having their insulation requirements assessed and installed now, to comply with the Residential Tenancy Act amendments before the 2017 winter rush arrives. Rental homes that require ceiling and floor insulation must have it installed by 1 July 2019 however a Statement of Insulation (including compliance to NZS4246:2016 – the New Zealand Standard for Installing Insulation) is now required for all new tenancy agreements.

IAONZ President Stu Henwood stated “We have completed our own membership survey and over 50% of rental home assessments completed from July – October 2016 didn't meet the new Residential Tenancy Act guidelines and therefore require insulation.” Anyone installing insulation in residential rental homes must install it in accordance with New Zealand Standard for installing insulation (NZS 4246:2016).

[You'll find information on this standard here.](#)

Recent research on housing affordability

Several reports have been released in the new year that look at New Zealand's housing affordability (home ownership only).

These are the Massey University Home Affordability report quarterly survey December 2016 and the international Demographia report that shows Auckland is still the fourth most expensive city in the world.

[Read more here.](#)

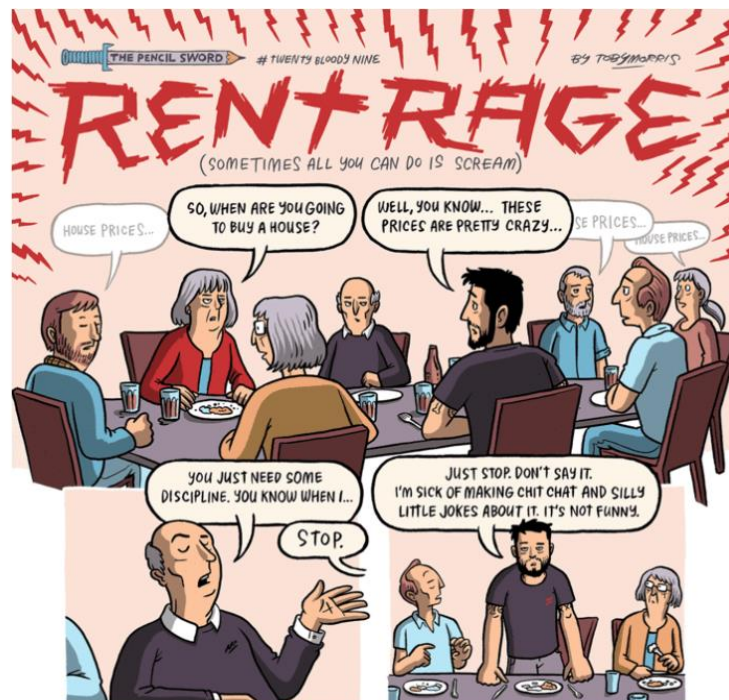
In the news

- [Commentary on homelessness:](#) In the new year RNZ's political reporter, Demelza Leslie, talked to Scott Figenshow of CHA, UNICEF's Vivian Maidaborne and Human Rights Commissioner, David Rutherford where they explore what

can be done about an issue which was seldom out of last year's headlines-homelessness.

- [Housing First project a success in Hamilton](#). At a time when homelessness is high on the national conscience, one city is showing the rest of the New Zealand how a collaborative response can change systems and drive results. Since its establishment in August 2014, The People's Project in Hamilton has advised, assisted and housed over 800 individuals and families. Among the housed are 78 of the 80 rough sleepers or chronically homeless people identified in the central city in 2014. 94 percent of those housed by The People's Project were still in their homes a year or two down the track.
- [Home ownership rates continue to drop](#)
- [Residents of Paekākāriki, north of Wellington, have launched a campaign to buy a house for a family they simply don't want to lose.](#)
- **Apartment & townhouse law to be strengthened.** The Government is proposing reforms to better protect people buying and owning property under the Unit Titles Act. [Read more here.](#)

Rent rage – a reminder of what it might be like for young New Zealanders



A reminder of what many young people may be feeling given the rising cost of housing in New Zealand is in this cartoon from Toby Morris who appears in The Wireless.

[Go here to see the full cartoon.](#)

Events



[Go here for the Green Property Summit.](#)



Invitation to Chintaro NZ User Group meetings and showcase events

13/14 February - National Not-for-Profit Sector Conference, Auckland

If your work involves developing strategy, recruiting, managing or supervising staff or volunteers, leading a team, or workforce planning then this Not-for-Profit Sector Conference is for you.

February 17; 10:00am to 1:00pm - Te Matapihi Special General Meeting

Amelia Earhart Room, Holiday Inn Auckland Airport 2 Ascot Road Auckland

March 1 World Habitat Awards 2017-18 entries close

March 21-22 -PrefabNZ CoLab in Auckland

Christchurch on Tue 21 Feb

Auckland Fri 24 Feb

Showcases are interactive demonstration and Q & A sessions for prospective customers who want to learn more about how Chintaro can help their organisation manage their properties, tenancies and reporting requirements in a networking breakfast event from 8 - 9.30 am.

User Groups are 1.5 hour networking and information-sharing lunch events where customers see what improvements are being made to the system and Chintaro developers have the opportunity to learn about what new functionality and reports our Users would like to see added.

[Register here](#) or contact Jen Rutherford at Chintaro 613 9005 6447 06 613 438 682 597

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