

## ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



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## Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 2 November 2017

### POST-ELECTION EDITION

Our message to the sector is to breathe deeply. We know it feels like a roller coaster when there's so much change going on. Stay grounded in your messages and in your delivery. This is a Government that wants to see change in the housing area and they know that you have been doing the hard work for many years to see **all New Zealanders well-housed**.

[Listen to the podcast](#) of Scott Figenshow from Community Housing Aotearoa talking to 95bFM in Auckland about what he'd like to see the Government deliver.

## Welcome to the new Community Housing Aotearoa Council



Community Housing Aotearoa's new and out-going council: Peter Taylor, Habitat for Humanity; Warren Jack, out-going councilor; Victoria Kingi, Papakainga Solutions; Moira Lawler, Lifewise Trust; Bernie Smith, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust; Julie Scott, outgoing councilor; Scott Figenshow, CE; co-chair Julie Nelson, Link People; co-chair Alan Pollard, Trust House. Absent is Carrie Mozena from

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Nelson Tasman Community Housing Trust who was re-elected as Treasurer, and Rau Hoskins Te Matapihi representative.

Our thanks to Warren Jack for his service to the CHA council since 2011 and to Julie Scott for her involvement over the last year.

## **New Labour-led coalition announces housing policy**



**Community Housing Aotearoa welcomes the new Labour-led coalition Government and our message is - we are ready to partner with you.**

[In our press release](#) sent out last week we congratulated Phil Twyford in his new role as Minister of Housing and Urban Development and Carmel Sepuloni as Minister for Social Development. They are joined by Jenny Salesa as Minister for Building and Construction and Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development.

[The Labour/Green and NZ First agreements can be found here.](#)

The new Government have ambitious goals in the housing area and we want to work with them. We think that New Zealand will achieve these goals more quickly when community housing providers and Housing New Zealand both have access to similar investment tools. Some of the new Housing Minister's statements on housing are [on-line here.](#)

## **Building our sector to 2030 – seminar 24 October**

**Community Housing sector leaders met on 24 October 2017 to build consensus on the settings that would increase supply of social and affordable housing and working toward 'all New Zealanders well-housed by 2030'.**

We heard from Alan Johnson, Salvation Army Social Policy and Research Unit, on the Taking Stock report he produced earlier in the year, with discussion facilitated by Kay Saville-Smith of CRESA. Consensus was reached on the goal and the settings necessary to build the sector.

These high-level consensus points would see annual delivery goals through to at least 2030 in the areas of funding, land, regulation and procurement.

Consensus points have been summarised into a document on this page [here](#), and Alan Johnson's presentation about the current social housing stock available in New Zealand and the projected need can be viewed in a video on the same page.

## Invitation: the 'Getting Ready' project – a sector leaders' forum towards innovation

Community Housing Aotearoa are inviting leaders in community housing to journey with us to explore how we'll lead the innovation required within our sector to see 'all New Zealanders well-housed'. We propose to start this journey on Thursday 23 November, 10am-3pm at [venue TBC, in Auckland or Manukau].

We're calling it the 'Getting Ready' project and we've asked Leonie Freeman, Housing Connect and the Auckland Housing Summit, to help us get ready by exploring:

- Is our business model fit for purpose and for growth?
- Is what we are doing making enough difference?
- Can we do more – and still maintain our commitment to quality and community?
- How do we grow and lift our partners at the same time?
- What are the potential disruptions, threats and risks facing our sector?
- How can we get ready to fully participate in a housing collective impact initiative?
- How will our sector reach ambitious targets such as 15,000 new social and 85,000 new affordable homes by 2030?

**This event is for chief executives and leaders of community housing organisations. Please contact [Ruth here](#) for further details.**

## Introducing Community Housing Solutions Ltd



Community Housing Solutions Ltd (CHS) is the new technical consulting subsidiary of Community Housing Aotearoa. It was set up to provide us with a delivery arm for services to individual members and community housing organisations which are beyond the scope of normal peak body services. CHS is now trading and contracted to

provide services to several organisations. [You can learn more about CHS here.](#)

## Queenstown Lakes Mayoral Housing Affordability Taskforce



Queenstown lakes District Council has accepted the recommendations proposed by a mayoral taskforce including building a portfolio of secure long-term rental options, changes to visitor accommodation such as Airbnb, changes to zoning and intensification regulations, addressing household income support with central Government and building a long-term housing strategy for the district with a stronger, scaled up Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT).

The Queenstown Lakes District would become the first in New Zealand to deliver an affordable housing scheme known as Secure Homes. Taskforce chairman John MacDonald said the model would see the land and house value split with the land being rented to the home owner. The land would stay in community ownership in perpetuity and the value of the house would be capped at a CPI rate.

"If people want to move out or trade to another house in the market then that gets offered back to approved buyers."

Scott Figenshow, who worked with the taskforce to develop the report, says the Council have been innovative and courageous in their adoption of a transformative plan that will see change in the supply of affordable housing in the area. He says this strategy exemplifies partnership from a local council that builds the capacity and delivery through a community housing organisation, Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust, and private sector partners.

This was an opportunity for Community Housing Aotearoa to provide technical assistance to help in shaping solutions. [Read the report here.](#)

[The QLCHT website here](#) gives more resources that you may be interested in.

## A satellite city in the south of Auckland - key to funding and meeting growth say Infrastructure NZ.

“The new Government should target new housing and employment on un-zoned land along the rail line through Paerata to meet Auckland’s growth challenge,” says Stephen Selwood, CEO of Infrastructure New Zealand.

“Our latest report released last week examines the cost of growth in different greenfield areas around the city where land is accessible and non-sensitive and finds Paerata to be the best on balance for major new development. Stephen Selwood says it is cheaper to service with water, energy and transport and strategically located near to employment. [Read more here.](#)

## Congratulations to Ricky Houghton

The New Zealander of The Year Office has announced a number of outstanding Kiwis who will receive the [Kiwibank Local Hero medals this year](#). Among the recipients is **Ricky Houghton** from He Korowai Trust, which provides affordable homeownership for whānau in the North.

## In the news



1. **Danish cohousing project** Lange Ende by Dorte Mandrup Arkitekter is one of the eleven solutions to the housing shortage looked at in this [article here](#).
2. **A rise in the number of homeless older women in Australia:** [At a solutions-based workshop in Canberra, Australia, Andrea Sharam said](#) there was a significant number of middle-aged women facing housing stress and homelessness, that Australia’s governments “should have seen coming”.
3. **[A new definition of homelessness developed by indigenous people](#)** in Canada has 12 dimensions dating back to colonisation and provides more complexity than the current definitions used.
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## Events



## 9 November - Parity magazine launch

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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.](#)

## Community Research webinar 11.00am, Monday 20th November.

### Treaty Voyages - How's Your Organisation Faring?

Engaging with the Treaty of Waitangi is a journey. Jen Margaret, a leading trainer on this subject, shares research and insights for organisations who wish to be more engaged with the Treaty. She is joined by friends from Occupational Therapy NZ who tell their story of implementing Treaty processes in their organisation. [REGISTER here for this free webinar.](#)

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



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