

Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 24 August 2017

BUILDING OUR SECTOR FOR 2030 and Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa

24 October 10am-3pm
Wellington

Te Wharewawaka, Taranaki Wharf,

How will you become the organisations you need to be in 2030

From your feedback following our June IMPACT conference, we heard your request for opportunities to engage and discuss a range of topics within the sector. Topics from how we can meet the operational training needs you face, to forming delivery partnerships to increase stock.

The day will conclude with our Annual General Meeting. Further details will follow but please [contact Scott](#) with your thoughts on how this day can best work for your organisation or [register your attendance here](#).

Wellington Homeless Women's Trust



Helping women feel safe is key at the Wellington Homeless Women's Trust. Paula Lloyd is the Manager at WHWT and she talked to Angie Cairncross about the service they provide in central Wellington. All of the women arriving at the Trust have their own story and their own experience of homelessness - and of trauma.

"People feel very vulnerable when they don't have shelter."

[Read more here.](#)

New housing initiatives to be introduced by MSD

MSD have announced a number of housing initiatives that will be included in their approach to improve the mental health of New Zealanders under the Mental Health Social Investment Fund.

These are:

- **Youth Supportive Housing** will provide stable housing as a foundation from where mental health issues can be addressed for young people aged between 16 to 24 years old.
- **Tenancy Support Services** will provide tenancy support services for people at risk, or experiencing an acute mental health crisis. The service will be for people in the private market and in social housing who can often struggle to establish and maintain stable accommodation, which can then become a barrier to their recovery and long-term well-being.

The Ministry of Social Development expects to have these services in place in the second half of 2018 and will be talking with the wider housing sector about them in the months to come. Further details [can be found here](#).

MSD's Better Access to Social Housing



The Better Access to Social Housing Result Action Plan is now available to read on the Ministry of Social Development website. It details how the Ministry expects to achieve the social housing target set by the Government to improve public services for New Zealanders.

In 2016, it took a median time of 48 days to house priority A applicants on the Social Housing Register. Government's 2021 target is to cut this time by 20 per cent. MSD have acknowledged the importance of community housing providers in helping meet that aim. [Read the plan here](#).

To achieve 'All New Zealanders well housed', don't we need an equivalent 'Better access to Affordable Housing' plan? [Let us know your views on this here](#).

Warrant of Fitness takes next step in Wellington

Congratulations to University of Otago and Wellington City Council for their partnership to roll-out a **rental Warrant of Fitness** in the capital. This is an important step towards better housing quality standards.

As a sector we can show our support by voluntarily assessing community housing rental units with these same standards and build support for its use across the country.

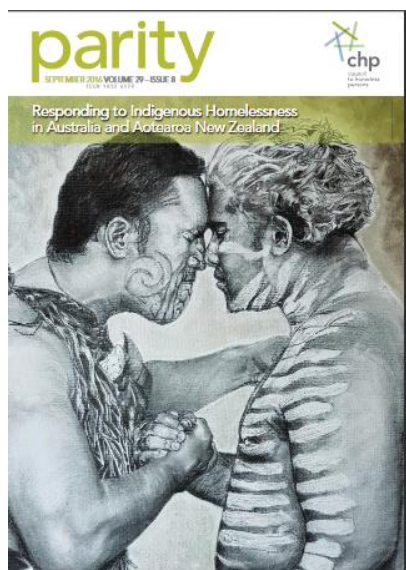
[Read more about these standards here](#).

Salvation Army report 'Taking Stock'



The Salvation Army released 'Taking Stock' last week. In this report Alan Johnson found the country's social housing stock needs to grow from 82,000 to more than 100,000 in the next decade. A similar level to what was identified in [Our Place](#). Alan Johnson said to Radio New Zealand that another 2000 a year was the bare minimum that needed to be constructed and half of those were needed in Auckland. [Read more here.](#)

Calling for contributors for the Parity edition of Homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand October 2017



Want to write an article for this edition on Homelessness in Aotearoa/New Zealand?

Community Housing Aotearoa, Te Matapihi and the Housing First Collective are all providing support to this publication.

[Let us know](#) if you want to be on the distribution list for the final publication.

Articles need to be with the editor by 22 September you can send them to the [Parity editor here.](#)

Manifesto for Housing



The Architectural Centre have released their Manifesto for Housing. In addition to their traditional postcard, the manifesto will also be emblazoned on an Adshel at Wellington's bus terminal near the railway station for the next two weeks. [Go here to read the Manifesto.](#)

Election 2017

Opinion on election 2017 – Māori Housing Policy Round-up

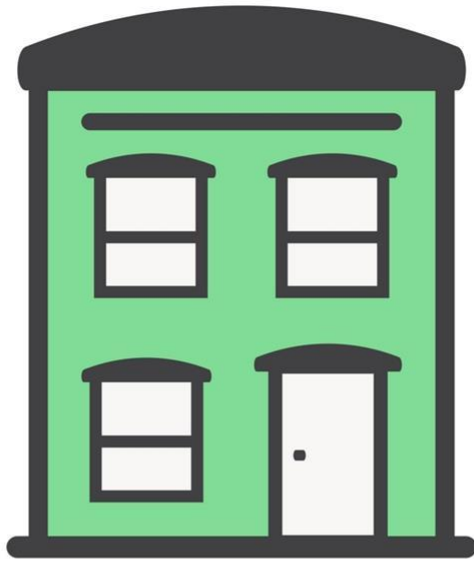
In the lead-up to the election, various parties are contributing their own solutions to the housing crisis. Do the policies stack up, and what do they mean for Māori? [Te Matapihi look at Labour's policy here.](#)

Introducing policy



Introducing Policy - launched by Spinoff. This is an interactive tool that gathers together all political parties' policies to help you decide how to vote in Election 2017. [Have a play with it here.](#)

Looking for office space in Auckland?



Come share an office space in Ponsonby with other housing related organisations

- Up to two desks and the potential for a further hot desk
- Potential lockable single office space also available
- Fast broadband, handy location, great local cafes and housed in a warm heritage building
- Includes access to an amazing newly refurbished event space with full kitchen and other facilities

Contact Glenda on 021 082 13976

The people's review of renting

The people's review of renting Action Station launched their report from their People's Review of Renting on 23 August. The report is based on the personal stories of over 600 people who shared their experience of renting. They paint a heart-breaking picture of the realities that too many face while living in rented homes. [Read the report. Add your name to the open letter here.](#)

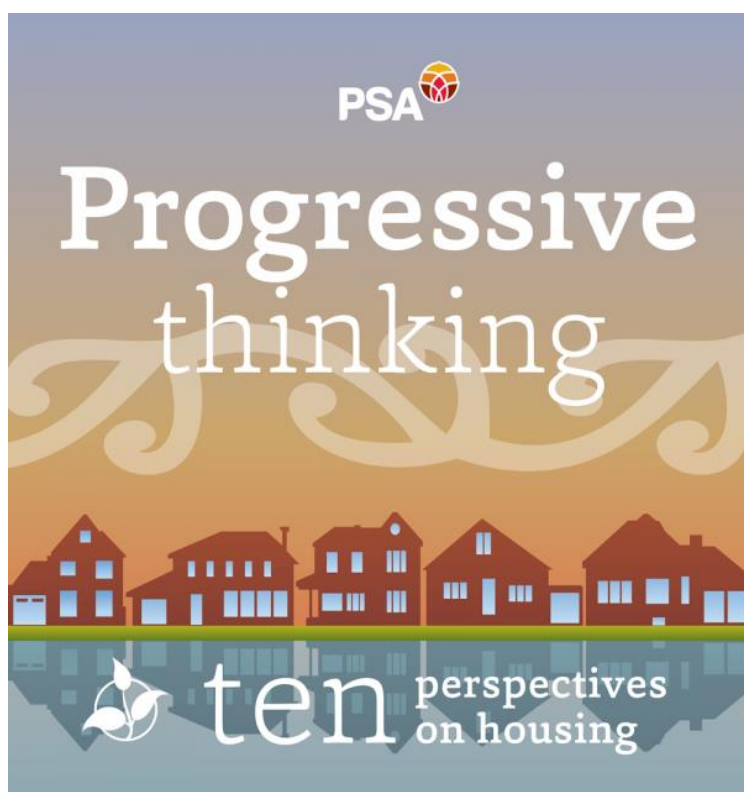
Member news

[Accessible Properties](#) aiming for 5000 homes by 2024

In the news

- [The nation covered an in-depth debate on housing between Phil Twyford and Amy Adams here](#)
- [Four developers in bidding for Barrowcliff land](#)
- [Queenstown considers solutions to housing](#)
- [What's happening with the Gordon Wilson flats in Wellington](#)
- [Maori look toward Waimahia as a good example of affordable housing development](#)
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Progressive Thinking: ten perspectives on housing



This document contains articles on housing affordability and access, state housing and rental laws, architecture and history, housing policy analysis and broader reflections on what caused the current housing crisis.

Authors include Alan Johnson (Salvation Army), Philippa Howden-Chapman (University of Otago), Jess Berenston-Shaw (Morgan Foundation) and David Rutherford (Human Rights Commissioner).

Some recurrent themes emerge during the booklet's ten chapters - the centrality of affordable, secure, quality housing to the health and wellbeing of communities, and the need to think very differently about housing provision in the future. Several authors argue that the private market will not provide affordable housing of the type and volume that New Zealand needs, and that government needs to step in to fulfil this function. [You can find it online here.](#)

More resources

2.The latest MSD social housing newsletter can be found [here](#).

3.Charities Services has new General Manager

Natasha Weight is the new GM at Charities Services. She has a background in anti-money laundering within the Department of Internal Affairs and was a lawyer at a community law centre before that. [See the latest newsletter from Charities Services here.](#)

Events

26 August 10am-3pm

DISABILITY AND HOUSING HUI

Auckland Deaf Society Rooms 164 Balmoral Road, Mt Eden [Please register for catering purposes](#) or 027 4046593.

Fire regulations and residential community housing draft design guide - consultation forum

Christchurch: 28 August: 10.30am - 12.30pm Fendalton Library Boardroom corner of Clyde Rd and Jeffreys Rd



7 September - The Housing Crisis panel

PrefabNZ, the New Zealand Green Building Council and Community Housing Aotearoa are co-hosting a pre-election Housing Issues panel on 7 September, 6pm - 8pm at Lecture Theater One, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Victoria University of Wellington, 139 Vivian Street, Wellington. A spokesperson from across the Political Parties is to present their housing action plans at a public audience panel. [Go here to register.](#)

30 August Christchurch AHI - 'Anti-Social Behaviour' Management

[This workshop](#) looks at good practice in managing challenging behaviours in a social housing context.

22-24 October NZCCSS and Community Networks Aotearoa Conference



EMPOWERMENT & SUCCESS conference for NGO/Community organisations. For more information go to the [Conference website here.](#)

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ORGANISATIONS by September 15th . [Please send an application by clicking on this link](#)

21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



NZCEH is looking for abstracts by **31 August** 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.