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Our Place: All New Zealanders well-housed

Newsletter 24 September, 2015

Welcome to our newsletter.

Seeking feedback on 'Our Place' – a plan to house 50,000 more people



'Our Place' is the proposed sector strategy for community housing. The goal of the strategy is to house 50,000 more people in community housing by 2020. What do you think of this goal? Can we achieve it and what will it take to get there? What do you think 'success' looks like for our sector over the next five

years to 2020?

Please take 10 minutes to complete this survey.

Housing more refugees

The Government has announced that New Zealand will welcome an additional 750 Syrian refugees over the next two and a half years in response to the ongoing conflict in Syria. A number of Government and Non-Government Agencies will be involved in the settlement of these emergency refugees. It is highly possible that community and social housing providers will be called upon to provide housing for our new residents.

CHA would like to find out how many refugee families community housing providers currently house? How many additional refugee families could you house or what additional support would you need to house more refugee families?

Please **contact us here** with your responses.



See the Wellington-based charity ChangeMakers Refugee Forum (CRF), and supporting organisations, open letter to the New Zealand Government calling for the immediate establishment of a task-force in response to the on-going refugee [crisis here](#).

Best Practice Guide Update

CHA is pleased to announce that Koromiko Consulting has been selected to kick-off an update of the Best Practice Guide. Marc Slade from Koromiko will be leading the work, starting with mapping the guide to the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) performance standards. Marc is well qualified to assist with the update as he wrote the original edition. Additional qualifications include work with CHRA and as lead auditor evaluating organisations under the accreditation standards. Marc will be at the IMPACT Conference in October to share his initial findings with us.

Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa

The Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa will be held at 6pm, 21 October at Te Raukura, Wharewaka Function Centre, 15 Jervois Quay, Wellington. Please see full details [here](#).

If you are a full CHA member, you will have received mail from us this week with the ballot paper for the proposed constitutional amendment and other forms relating to the AGM. Please bear in mind the following dates:

Proposed amendments to CHA Constitution received by CHA - Friday 25 September 2015.

Proposed additions to the AGM agenda received by CHA - Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Completed Council nomination forms received by CHA - Friday 2 October 2015.

CHA will distribute to all members the slate of candidates - Friday 9 October 2015.

Return of ballot papers: 20 October

Please contact CHA if you did not receive your voting papers. Go [here for further information](#).

Celebrating the work of CHA members

Tauranga Community Housing Trust

Congratulations to the Tauranga Community Housing Trust who will take ownership of 79 pensioner housing units on October 1 after purchasing them from Whakatane District Council. TCHT Manager Chris Johnstone says the Trust is excited to have the opportunity to extend its social housing services into the Eastern Bay of Plenty. "We believe that affordable and suitable housing is not only fundamental to people's health and wellbeing, but is at the heart of a vibrant and sustainable community," she says. "We look forward to delivering this key service for the Whakatane and Murupara communities, and to meeting the needs of our new tenants into the future."

Papakainga Solutions support Nga Potiki a Tamapahore develop kaumatua housing

Minister for Maori Development, Hon Te Ururoa Flavell officially opened the Nga Potiki/Pirihima Housing project in Tauranga on Saturday 30 August. CHA member group Papakainga Solutions supported local iwi group Nga Potiki a Tamapahore in partnership with the Pirihima Maori Land Trust in Tauranga to build six two-bedroom accessible homes for the elderly. A further four, four bedroom homes are planned to be built as stage two of this Papakainga known as Te Ohaaki o Miriama. [Read more here.](#)

Accessible Properties opens new homes in Miramar, Wellington

Tuesday 15 September saw community housing provider, Accessible Properties, open its newest homes aimed at providing top quality housing for low income tenants with social support needs. [Read more here.](#)

Welcome to new members

Housing Action Network Australia

CHA IMPACT Conference 2015



ONLY FOUR WEERKS TO GO Register for the conference [HERE](#)

We are excited to announce that Hon Bill English will be the closing speaker at the Conference where he will be presented with the living community housing sector strategy 'Our Place' before his presentation.

Pre-conference Māori and Pasifika forums on Wednesday 21st October

We encourage members and other conference goers to attend the pre-conference forums.

- **Māori Housing Forum:** Hosted by the Māori Housing Network at Te Puni Kokiri, with support from Te Matapihi, this will be an opportunity for organisations and individuals with an interest in Māori housing to come together and share information, experience and successes. The Te Puni Kokiri: Māori Housing Network will also take the opportunity to outline its programmes, investment approach, and plans for the future. The forum will be held at Te Puni Kokiri House, Nau Mai Room; 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington on 21 October 2-5pm. Please RSVP [here](#) or text the network on 027 555 086 if you are interested in being part of this.

- **The Pasifika forum** will be held at MBIE: 15 Stout Street on 21 October 9:30am – 3.30pm, 15 Stout Street, Wellington Rooms G.02 and G.03. This is for both Pacific and non-Pacific parties who are interested in working together to support Pacific housing solutions. This workshop focuses particularly on how Pacific communities might be able to leverage their assets and create key partnerships with other sectors and skills to realise their housing aspirations. Your involvement in the day is encouraged as there will be a speed dating session in the afternoon to match up developers, land owners and housing providers. If you would like to know what else will be covered on the day, [see here](#). If you are interested in being part of the forum please [email here](#).

Conference exhibiting opportunities

There is an opportunity for CHA members or others to present your business at the IMPACT Conference in the exhibition hall. Please contact Sarah [here](#) if you are interested in following up this opportunity.

Opportunities to meet Dr Sam Tsemberis

Lifewise and Community Housing Aotearoa, with support from the New Zealand Coalition to End Homelessness, have teamed up to bring Dr. Sam Tsemberis to New Zealand to share his knowledge and experience about Housing First.

Sam founded Pathways to Housing in 1992, based on the belief that housing is a basic human right. There he developed the consumer-

driven Housing First model, which provides immediate access to permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless. If you would like to find out more about Housing First there are opportunities in Auckland (Tuesday 20th October) and in Wellington (Wednesday to Friday 21st-23rd October)—please see the attached flyer for Auckland [here](#) or see the conference programme [here](#).

Tamaki Redevelopment Corporation seeks EOI's for residential property development partners

Here is a link to the [Government procurement process](#) (GETS) in which TRC are seeking development partners.

TRC would like to ensure momentum with its redevelopment pipeline as it concurrently develops its large scale procurement process. To that end, TRC invites EOIs from suitably qualified and experienced developers interested in being selected for a panel of suppliers to develop medium to high density residential property for small to medium sized projects. An information session on Thursday 1 October (4pm) will be held at the Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre in Panmure for those interested in the EOI.

Making the lives of housing managers easier

CHINTARO is a social housing management system that has been customised for New Zealand needs and in use by a number of CHA members. The system includes financial and management functions; reporting and exporting; a property inspection app; asset management and maintenance functions; free e-learning modules and webinars; and unlimited user support. It is updated twice a year and is quick and simple to set-up.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a YouTube clip demonstration (30 min)
- [REGISTER HERE](#) for the CHINTARO explained webinar on Friday 2nd October @ 2 pm (same content as 30 min demo above with Q & A session)

Contact [Jen Rutherford](#) for more information or go to www.chintaro.com.au.

Employment opportunities



CHA Seeking Senior Programme Manager – Auckland based

Community Housing Aotearoa is a vibrant and growing organisation. Our mission is to support the growth and development of community housing in New

Zealand to meet our vision of all New Zealanders well housed. If you share our passion for an increasing role for community housing providers in meeting New Zealand's housing need and have great relationship and communication skills then we want to talk to you. You can see the [announcement](#) and job description on our website [here](#).

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust are looking for a new CEO Find the job description and other details [here](#).

Abbeyfield seeks new executive officer

CHA member and social housing provider, Abbeyfield New Zealand are seeking a new executive officer to replace their retiring general secretary. This position is based in Nelson. An information pack and job description can be found [here](#).

More effective social services report available

A final report on the Productivity Commission's More Effective Social Services enquiry examined the commissioning and contracting of social services and recommended changes to the system to improve the effectiveness of social services, and ultimately provide better outcomes for clients. A summary of the findings and recommendations on how to improve the performance and effectiveness of social services can be found [here](#).



In the news

23 September- New social housing units in Christchurch

Three new social housing units in St Albans have been purpose built to cater for the needs of elderly tenants.

16 September- Government expects a large HNZ dividend next year

The Prime Minister must explain why Housing New Zealand is set to pay the Government \$454 million in dividends in the next financial year – four times more than expected, Opposition Leader Andrew Little says.

16 September- Makeover for old state homes

Housing New Zealand has worked in partnership with the Spring Hill Corrections Facility since 2008 to transform old and damaged dwellings into new homes.

11 September-Auckland housing market in dangerous territory

Events

5 October: Launch of Auckland Development Guide

The launch of “Making Homes Happen”, the new website for the Auckland Development Guide, is only a few weeks away. Scheduled for 5 October why don't you make this a day of events and join Habitat for Humanity at their comedy fundraiser for Nepal: stand up for Humanity. [See more here.](#)

More information here about the launch of the [Development Guide.](#)

16 October: Dunedin, Healthy and affordable housing: local and national issues

A Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) event, speakers include:
Fatima McKague -PhD candidate, Centre for Sustainability, University of Otago - "Voices of the fuel poor: the cold truth - Understanding energy hardship in New Zealand"

Nicola Liebergreen - Assistant Research Fellow, University of Otago - "Out in the cold"
Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull- the Cosy Homes Project
[More information here.](#)

7-9 October: Universal design conference, Melbourne, Australia. [More information here.](#)



**17–19 Feb 2016 Australasian Housing Researchers
Conference to be hosted by the University of Auckland**

The conference is open to all researchers concerned with housing issues including: affordability and homelessness, housing policy and planning, housing economics, housing sustainability, and regional, national and international housing markets. As well as established researchers, the input and participation of early career researchers is especially welcome. [Go here for more information.](#)