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Does the budget deliver?



We're pleased to see a group of four announcements in the budget:

- \$100m towards the 10 year crown land housing programme
- \$224m boost for mental health
- An increase in the Accommodation Supplement of nearly \$255m per year to update the benefit levels for 136,000 households.
- Further investment in social housing, particularly for the Housing First initiatives.

While we recognise the importance of emergency housing assistance, without a greater scale of investment in additional social housing places we are not fully addressing the housing problem. We were looking to the budget for commitment toward a further 8,500 new social housing places (in addition to the 6,400 already announced in December 2016) to bring us to the 15,000 additional places over the next 10 years needed to meet the demand that would end the housing crisis.

[See our press release, the announcements and our thoughts here.](#)

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CHA-IMPACT Conference 2017 update



Register here

It's nearly here folks - so if you haven't registered for the conference now's a great time to do it before registrations close on June 5.

With over 60 presenters there will be a wealth of informed discussion, great scope for making sector connections and the opportunity to be at the cutting edge of social and affordable housing policy.

We will again be joined by **Louise Crabtree, Western Sydney University**, an Australasian expert on land trusts. Also from Australia, **Karyn Walsh, CEO of Micah Projects**, Queensland, will be joining us to look at how we can work together to end homelessness. Karyn has worked in the Australian not for profit sector and homelessness for 35 years.

MSD's Director of Housing, Scott Gallacher, will be attending to help unpack what New Zealand's social and affordable housing will look like in the future.

Lead sector researcher, **Kay Saville Smith of CRESA**, will be looking at procurement capacity in the community housing sector and what that might mean for community housing providers.



Housing policy debate 7 June Te Papa



Hosted by Te Matapihi, The Salvation Army, NZ Council of Christian Social Services, Platform, Community Housing Aotearoa and Prefab NZ the debate will be held to coincide with the CHA-IMPACT conference.

Moderated by NZ Human Rights Commissioner David Rutherford, political spokespeople will be asked what is required to end the housing crisis in New Zealand.

Expert commentators Hurimoana Nui Dennis, from Te Puea Marae, Major Campbell Roberts of the Salvation Army and Stephen Selwood of Infrastructure NZ will ask follow-up questions and give their view on whether the responses would “move the needle” in the right direction. The event will be held 6-8pm, 7 June at TE PAPA, Wellington.

[More information here.](#)

Safe and Affordable Housing for all

Representative church leaders have met with the Prime Minister and Government ministers to ask for more action in the areas of immigration, housing and social investment.

The church leaders told the Prime Minister, *“An insufficient supply of safe and affordable housing in New Zealand is contributing to a level of poverty that is fracturing the well-being of people and communities and hindering the educational progress of our children.*

“Ensuring everyone has access to affordable housing is perhaps the most important means to lifting New Zealanders out of poverty and boosting the nation’s collective health and prosperity.”

The church leaders thanked Government for providing increased support for homeless people, but asked for more urgent attention to permanently address people’s long-term housing need.

[The church leaders statement presented to Government can be found here.](#)

We’re really impressed with the Church leaders statement, which includes an analysis of the 2010 HSAG recommendations.

Their analysis highlights the importance of our on-going work to build [Our Place](#).

CHA submission on Urban Development Authorities

The CHA submission on the Urban Development Authority bill was submitted this month. We view the problems and solutions identified in the Bill's discussion document and regulatory impact statement as generally correct. We differ, however, on the appropriate response. CHA believes a systemic improvement of the planning, infrastructure and funding frameworks is a better approach. UDAs are a band aid approach covering problems requiring deeper reforms. While we agree that the UDA signals a significant and welcome departure from the current system we only partially support the UDA provisions. Our support is subject to mandatory housing affordability requirements and combined planning and funding provisions being sorted. As currently set out it is a \$1 solution for a \$100 set of problems. The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment intends to post its report on public submissions on its website at www.mbie.govt.nz in July.

[See the submission here.](#)

Sector news



Scott Figenshow with Tamaki Housing Association General Manager Neil Porteous at the Elstree Street site

Scott Figenshow visited Tamaki in Auckland recently where Neil Porteous took him to the Elstree Street site where approximately 137 new, mixed tenure homes will ultimately be built in the Overlea neighbourhood.

Congratulations to Members' HR Team



The Human Resources Team working across Lifewise, Airedale Property Trust and Methodist Mission Northern won the national Human Resources New Zealand Award for Human Resources Business Contribution for Small Enterprise / Not for Profit Organisation. The Award's recognition is a result of the significant amount and quality of work that the small HR team of two had achieved over a two year period.

Congratulations Fiona Masson and Annie Komarinski on this recognition.

Congratulations to Wellington City Council



[Wellington City Council's social housing department, City Housing](#), recently won two awards at the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) regional awards for the refurbishment of the Kotuku Apartments in Kilbirnie.

The upgrade work on the 73 apartment units, which are home to 114 people, was part of the Council's 20-year, \$400 million partnership with the Government to improve its social housing. The judges called the work exemplary and praised the way the upgrading of the properties had resulted in a *"community orientated outcome"* and went on to describe the work as *"a truly outstanding example of a little being made to go a long way in a critical housing sector"*.

Support Lifewise Trust's The Big Sleepout



The annual Lifewise Big Sleepout is on Thursday 6th July 2017. Lifewise want business and community leaders to experience one night sleeping rough, to get a taste of life on the streets and raise critical funds to tackle homelessness. This year the funds raised will go towards [Ending Youth Homelessness](#).

A guide to Māori housing support across Government



[This booklet](#) is a guide to Māori housing support available to you, your whānau and community from Te Puni Kōkiri and other government agencies.

MSD's Social Housing Update



[Here's a link to the May newsletter.](#)

The mess we're in: Auckland's housing bubble from a construction sector perspective

AUT Professor of Construction Management John Tookey, has written a report on the mess that is the Auckland housing market. While a lot has been written about the crisis of housing affordability, not a lot of this commentary has looked at the logistics – and the logic – of the construction industry. Why can't we ramp up the rate of building? Will more land solve the problem? Will productivity gains reduce prices? Importantly, John explains why the market will not solve the problems of supply and affordability. John Tookey's report for The Policy Observatory [can be viewed here](#).

A big welcome to new CHA members:

Anglican Diocese of Wellington

And new partner member Rachel Hornsby

This brings our membership to over 120 individuals, organisations and partner members

Events

6 July - AHI Tenant Participation and Engagement Professional Practice Seminar - Building social inclusion and empowering tenants in Hamilton



Local Government NZ conference

23 to 25 July, SKYCITY Convention Center, Auckland



[Creating pathways to 2050: liveable spaces and loveable places](#)

Life When Renting - mid-term summit 30 May 2017

This summit will report on findings to date at the midpoint of a four-year programme.

Life when Renting: Enabling Older People's Independence in the Tenure Revolution research programme asks, what are the future implications for NZ of growing dependence on the rental market?

The Summit is an opportunity for you to hear from the research team and give feedback on their findings as well as talk with an international expert on ageing and resilience.

- Dr Rob Wiener - Executive Director, California Coalition for Rural Housing and lecturer in housing policy at the University of California.

[Read more here.](#)

RSVP is essential to CRESA on freephone 0508 427 372 or [here](#)

[26 and 27 May Safer Homes Wellington](#)


The Environmental Protection Authority and Wellington City Council have collaborated with key government and not for profit agencies to hold the inaugural Safer Homes Event on 26 and 27 May, Michael Fowler Centre. Activities at the event will explore and highlight themes from safety around hazardous substances, earthquake preparedness, fire safety, community safety, looking after pets, safer homes for under 5s, and how to have a healthy home.

[4-5 September Beyond Boundaries: Collaboration in Action - Social Service Providers Aotearoa \(SSPA\) - Wellington](#)


This year's SSPA conference is for all those working in social services whether as practitioners, administrators, researchers or policy makers.

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