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Community Housing Aotearoa, November 3, 2016 Newsletter

Great to see many of you in Auckland last week! If you weren't able to make it the presentations from the Social Investment in Community Housing joint workshop with Philanthropy NZ are available [here](#).

CHA-IMPACT conference date set



A date has been set for the next conference of 7, 8 and 9 June at Te Papa in Wellington. Please put this date in your diary for next year and we will let you know more details in the new year.

Welcome to Victoria Kingi



Congratulations to Victoria Kingi who was elected as the new member of the CHA council at the AGM on 26 October. Victoria works with Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust and Papakainga Solutions

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Ltd, has a legal background and been involved in the community housing sector for sixteen years. Read more about Victoria [here](#).

Victoria will be joining the current council who are continuing into the 2016/17 year. The council includes Julie Nelson, Warren Jack, Moira Lawler, Rau Hoskins, Garry Moore, Julie Scott, Carrie Mozena and Allan Pollard. Officer positions will be decided at the next council meeting in December.

Our Place - Setting a direction for improving housing affordability in Aotearoa New Zealand



Our Place - a plan for delivering affordable housing in Aotearoa-New Zealand and has been prepared on behalf of the community housing sector by Community Housing Aotearoa. Since the May 2015 edition of Our Place we've learned about the need to show where affordability sits across the housing continuum. This allows us to inform the housing debate in terms of people's needs rather than from the perspective of any single provider or government programme.

We want your feedback on the plan going forward to the CHA-Impact Conference 2017. [Go here to see the plan and to provide feedback](#).

We'll be updating the page on the website soon to include a support button for the plan and a direct feedback page (that you don't have to log into). We look forward to talking to you about the plan over the next few months.

That's why we invited Leonie Freeman to present Housing Connect at last week's seminar as it offers a collective impact approach we can be involved in to develop 'a local response' action plan to solve Auckland's housing crisis.

Go here to learn more about Leonie's plan here www.thehomepage.nz.

The Auckland Community Housing Providers' Network have a plan for Auckland.



The [Auckland Community Housing Providers' Network](#) have a plan for Auckland - and we need your help to make it happen!

18 for 4 is about using public land more effectively to create safe, healthy, affordable homes, in mixed communities that offer tenure choice. It will be launched officially at the launch event on November 15. A network 'kit' with everything you need to know will be sent out closer to the time. Meanwhile, ACHPN need your help to tell your networks and friends about what they're doing - encourage your teams and networks to like the Facebook page [here](#).

"We need your help to build homes that people can afford in the places they need to be. We'll keep you posted on how you can make 18 for 4 a reality."

Australasian Housing Institute Awards 2017



Nominations for the 2017 Australasian Professional Excellence in Housing Awards are now open in Australia and New Zealand. Nominations are open until Tuesday, 28 February 2017. The Awards provide an opportunity to showcase social housing success stories. They formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels. They promote to our colleagues and the community at large the difference that social housing professionals make to people's lives. [Go here for nominations.](#)

Thoughts on Tauranga Moana following the National Maori Housing Conference



Community Housing Aotearoa's Angie Cairncross, found herself pondering what a very different stock transfer approach could look like after listening to the experiences of Aboriginal Housing Victoria as relayed by Jenny Sams at the recent National Māori Housing Conference in Tauranga Moana. [Read more here.](#)

Responding to Indigenous Homelessness in Australia and New Zealand



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Homelessness

1730
7 / 11 / 16
143 Lambton Quay Pōneke

The latest edition of Parity looks at how indigenous people in both Australia and New Zealand experience homelessness that far exceeds their representation both in the population as a whole and also as a proportion of all people experiencing homelessness. This special joint edition of Parity is dedicated to the examination and discussion of the various policy and practice responses to Indigenous homelessness in Australia and New Zealand, what these responses have in common, where they differ and what can be learned from each other.

CHA will have copies of this edition available if you'd like to email your address to us [here](#). If you need more than one or two copies please order them from Parity [here](#), these copies cost \$10.00 each and \$2.00 postage.

RFP for 'better outcomes' funding closes 18 November

In July the Social Housing Minister announced Government commitment of \$9 million to a package of initiatives to improve housing outcomes for individuals and families who are either homeless or in social housing tenancies. Of this funding \$5 million has been set aside to help vulnerable social housing tenants to sustain their social housing tenancies.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released seeking submissions from community organisations interested in participating in a trial to support these tenants to prevent them from ending up in

emergency housing or insecure living circumstances. The trial will be carried out over two years and is expected to support around 1,000 tenants with complex and multiple needs in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. The tenants will be identified by Housing New Zealand and MSD. The link to the [RFP document \(GETS 18040459\)](#) is here and **closes 18 November**.

Recommendations for methamphetamine contamination clean-up



A Ministry of Health funded report provides key recommendations for the country's first national standard for methamphetamine contamination. The report, prepared by ESR, recommends that a different level be used to guide clean up where meth has been used, compared to the level for houses where the drug has been manufactured.

The different levels reflect the level of health risk from living in a house where someone smoked methamphetamine, and living in a house used to manufacture the drug. Based on the recommendations now provided, the Ministry of Health believes houses which don't trigger the clean-up levels for methamphetamine are as safe to occupy as any other similar house. The Ministry of Health believes the new recommendations will help guide clean-up efforts based on an appropriate assessment of risk.

The recommendations will now be considered by the committee appointed by Standards NZ to develop the new standard. In the absence of a guideline for remediating property contaminated by methamphetamine use but not manufacture, these recommendations can be used in the interim. But the recommendations will not pre-empt the standard which is currently being developed. [Go here to read more.](#)

New housing policy from Christchurch City Council

Congratulations to Paul Cottam and Christchurch City Council for their recently adopted housing policy – it incorporates the housing continuum and makes reference to housing adequacy. Our Place actions have been well-aligned to this landmark policy. We hope other Councils who are considering new housing policy, will take a look at this leading example from Christchurch, that you can find [here](#).

The state of the housing market in New Zealand – trends, policies tried to date and their effectiveness

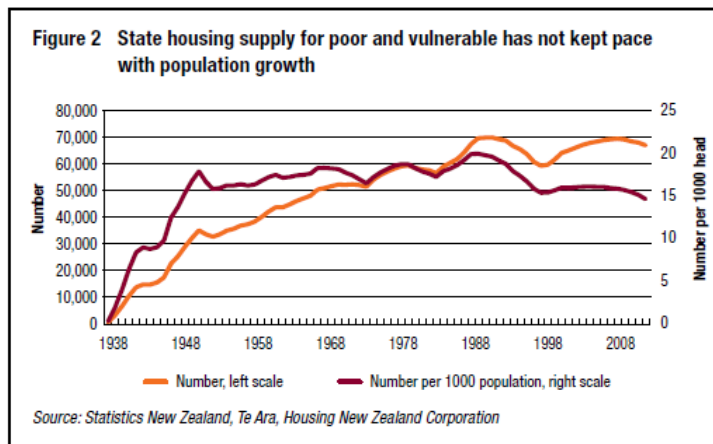


Figure 2 : State housing supply for poor and vulnerable has not kept pace

A new article by Shamubeel Eaqub in Housing Finance International; Autumn 2016; looks at the state of the housing market in New Zealand. While there are sufficient numbers of houses being built through the cycle, it is not accessible to all, says Shamubeel Eaqub in this article.

The key points he makes are:

- The New Zealand housing market is hot
- Auckland in particular is overheated
- The effects are spilling over to other regions
- This is in part due to government policies
- Many new policies have been tried, none are having the desired effect. Some have bought time
- The solutions are known, but politically unpalatable

While there are sufficient numbers of housing being built through the cycle, he says, it is not accessible to all. *“Much of the new supply is aimed at the top end of demand and there is plenty of spare capacity (under-occupancy in much of the new supply). Conversely new supply at the bottom end of the market has become constrained. There is increasing housing deprivation, seen in long waiting lists for state housing, overcrowding, people living in garages, cars and homelessness. Public sector or state housing supply has not increased since 1991 and on a per capita basis is at the lowest level since 1949.”*

You can access the [article by going here](#).

In the news

- Wellington Mayor Justin Lester has announced the establishment of a [Mayoral Task Force on housing to tackle the escalating issue of housing affordability in the capital](#). Community Housing Aotearoa has been asked to participate.
- [Social investment in community housing on the news](#).
- [Housing NZ](#) ramping up build programme in Auckland.
- The Government is considering [changes to the Residential Tenancy Act](#) over when property damage costs can be reclaimed from tenants.
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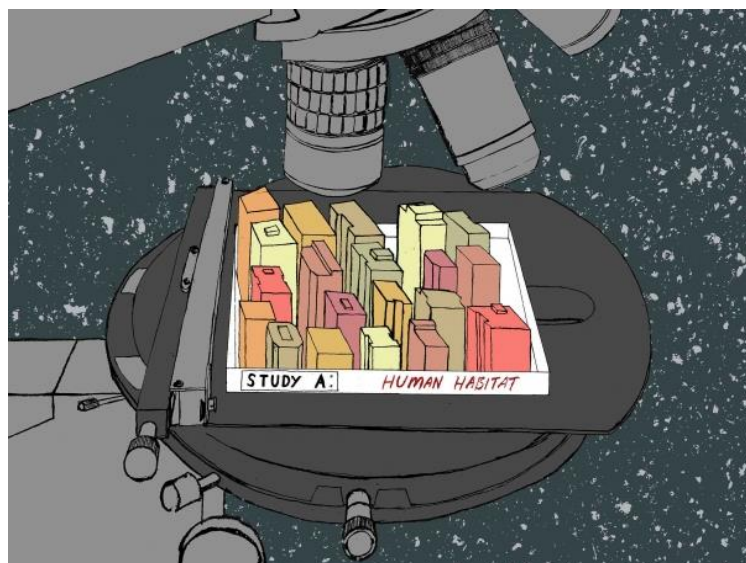
National Policy Statement on Urban Development confirmed

Government has issued its National Policy Statement on Urban Development and it includes “a housing and business development capacity assessment that . . . estimates the demand for dwellings, including the demand for different types of dwellings, locations, and price points. . . .”

CHA submitted that this should explicitly describe a housing needs assessment by each stage of the housing continuum. It appears that what we have called for could be achieved within the language of the statement. We will take further advice on how this policy can support delivery of more social and affordable housing. Read the statement [here](#).

Our colleagues in Sydney have managed to put forward an inclusionary programme – perhaps the new national policy statement will make it safe to try again with a best practice programme? Read more about this [here](#).

Report evaluates urban challenges facing Aotearoa New Zealand



Managing urbanisation by looking after smaller as well as larger centres, clarifying the political power of local government, and clearly identifying greenhouse gas emission implications of city-based

development, are among crucial issues identified in a report on New Zealand produced in time for the United Nations (UN) Habitat III conference this month.

Also identified are critical demographic changes, the importance of Māori, the continuing uncertainty of the role of the Resource Management Act, and the need to better account for social complexities in addressing housing and transport challenges. [Read the report, 'A State of New Zealand Report – Habitat III' here.](#)

Events

Mixed tenure housing professional practice seminar

29 November, 9 am - 5 pm; Auckland [Go here to register.](#)

[Strengthening Whānau Aspirations - A free webinar, 23 November 10:00 - 10.30am](#)

AHURI one-day conference, examining homelessness, Brisbane in March 2017. [Subscribe to AHURI conferences to make sure you receive event notifications](#)

[17-18 November -Youth Housing Conference: living the dream Brisbane.](#)



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