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Minister of Social Housing to present at CHA-IMPACT Conference 2017



CHA is pleased to announce that the Minister of Social Housing, Amy Adams, will be presenting at the conference. The Associate Minister, Alfred Ngaro will be presenting on day one.

Remember early bird closes in a few weeks on April 14 and that all CHA members receive a discount on registrations.

[Go here to register.](#)

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Last week we asked for your support of **Our Place** and the revised goal of ‘**Homes for 50,000 more New Zealanders by 2030**’. This goal means scaling the sector up to deliver **1,000 homes per year**, both social and affordable, for the next 15 years.

To keep the **Our Place** momentum going we ask you to formally endorse **Our Place** by agreeing to place your logo on the back page of the document and on the CHA website.

Thanks to all of you who have already responded. We'd like to kick-off this endorsement campaign on 1 April and carry it through to the CHA-IMPACT Conference 7-9 June. Let us know if you're ready to be 'in' as an early endorser.

[Please email](#) us with 'yes' and the logo you would like us to use, or [lodge your endorsement here](#).

Responding to homelessness in Wellington



Three organisations sit at the centre of a Wellington City Council funded direct response to homelessness. Te Whakamara Ai Te Ahi means ‘to keep the home fires burning’. It is a cross-agency project involving Downtown Community Ministry (DCM), Kahungunu Whānau Services, the Compassion Soup Kitchen and the Wellington City Council. [Read more about how these groups are responding to homelessness in Wellington.](#)

New landlord for Tauranga HNZ tenants

From April, Accessible Properties will take over 1138 social houses and tenancies owned by Housing New Zealand. [See CHA and government's press releases here.](#)

Introduction to Housing First with Dr Sam Tsemberis – Auckland workshop



Participants at this workshop had a rare opportunity to learn about Housing First from its founder, Dr Sam Tsemberis. Over 80 representatives from housing organisations across Auckland and as far afield as Tauranga and Bay of Plenty, were hosted by Housing First Auckland and Community Housing Aotearoa at the magnificent setting of St Matthews-in-the-City.

[Read more and get the pdf on the presentation here.](#)

Treasury announces Christchurch EOI release date

On 29 March, Treasury posted a [GETS notice \(Rfx ID: 18526138\)](#) announcing the next stage in the process to potentially sell Housing New Zealand stock in Christchurch. The posting states:

"The Government intends to release an Expression of Interest Invitation (EOI Invitation) on 10 April 2017 for the transfer of up to 2,500 Housing New Zealand properties and tenancies in Christchurch to a Community Housing Provider who can bring fresh thinking to how tenants are supported and properties are managed and reconfigured to better match demand."

The Government will hold a supplier briefing for those interested in responding to the EOI in Christchurch on **12 April 2017**. Those wanting to attend must [RSVP via by email here](#) by **12:00pm on 11 April**.

Key events

Discussion with Hon Amy Adams, Minister for Social Housing

April 5th, Wednesday 5:45-7pm

Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE):
Ground Floor meeting room, Stout Street, Wellington

Jointly organised by the AHI NZ Branch and Community Housing Aotearoa The AHI NZ Branch and Community Housing Aotearoa would like to invite you to a networking event for members and friends. This is an opportunity to hear from Hon Amy Adams, Minister for Social Housing. Come and learn more about the Social Housing Reform Programme from the new Minister for Social Housing and Minister for Social Investment. Discuss with your peers what opportunities this presents for industry professionals and the families we serve.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided. [Register.](#)



Presentation on new research on the benefits of social and affordable housing

April 12 , 7:30-9am

St. Andrew's on the Terrace 30 The Terrace, Wellington

New independent research from key academic and economic studies show the results of moving low income households into secure, affordable and adequate homes. Come along and hear the findings, listen to the panel discussion and take part in the question and answer session on:

- The Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit on the link between housing tenure and social and economic outcomes;
- Research from BERL modelling the fiscal impact of transitioning New Zealand renters into home ownership; and
- Nexus Research survey on a new Auckland community built using the principles of community development and place making, tracking resident's experience of life before and after moving there.

A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. [Register here.](#)

Hosted by the New Zealand Housing Foundation and an AHI Networking event

Talk to MSD about 'Towards 2020: Increasing social housing'

You're invited to meet with Scott Gallacher, Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Deputy Chief Executive Housing, to discuss opportunities about increasing social housing in the Wellington or the Auckland region.

The title change for Mr Gallacher – to the single word housing signals the opportunity to work more closely on expanding the options for housing across both social and affordable pathways.

The discussion will focus on MSD's 2016 Purchasing Strategy which sets out where and how the Ministry is looking to increase supply of social housing places, and how MSD can partner with groups and individuals interested in developing more social housing.

Attendance is limited so make sure you RSVP below to secure a space. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

[Wellington: 7 April 9am to 1pm](#)

[Auckland: 5 April 9am to 1pm](#)

Research

Renting in New Zealand: perspectives from tenant advocates

Elinor Chisholm, Philippa Howden-Chapman, and Geoff Fougere
Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online (published online Jan 2017)

Currently, around a third of New Zealand's households, and half its population, live in rental accommodation. The proportion of tenant households is growing. Tenant advocates, who are a first port of call for tenants experiencing difficulties in their housing situation can provide unique insight into the experience of renting in New Zealand.

This article presents key themes generated from semi-structured interviews with tenant advocates. Tenants are confronted with issues of poor housing quality, insecure housing, high rents relative to income, lack of autonomy and difficulty asserting their legislative rights. These aspects of renting in New Zealand are likely to have adverse effects on health. Tenant advocates play an important role in supporting tenants to better housing. Their knowledge of the relationship between a landlord and tenant, particularly in times of trouble, means they can provide unique perspectives on policy solutions. [Read this here.](#)

In the news

Better Urban Development report delivered

The Productivity Commission released its final better urban planning report on 29 March. The inquiry examined the current urban planning system in New Zealand and points the way to a future, better-performing system. [Here's the report.](#)

- [First landlord conviction under new law made](#)
- [Nine ways to fix New Zealand's broken rental market](#)
- [New emergency housing for Hutt Valley](#)

Welcome to new members

- Regenerative, Hastings
- Alcohol and Drug Community Support Trust, Hamilton
- The ASH Foundation, Auckland
- New Zealand Coalition to End Homelessness
- Easy Build, Wellington

New Australasian publication



The Australasian Housing Institute has launched HousingINFO, a comprehensive news resource that people working in the social and affordable housing sector in Australia and New Zealand can subscribe to. HousingINFO will bring you the latest sector news and updates, ideas and recent articles in the media, recently published books and research pieces. [Take a look at it here.](#)

**[Board Builders Forum](#)
**[Auckland 3 April and](#)
[Wellington 5 April](#) A practical training event for board members of not-for-profit boards.****

**[Understanding the Statement of Service Performance](#)
[Webinar April 13, 2017 12pm to 1pm](#)**

[The centre for Not-for-Profit leadership](#) has a number of workshops over the year on topics such as:

- Leading Community Organisations
- Managers as Coaches – developing people and performance
- Not-for-profit governance



**[April 5- AHI Asset Management – professional practice seminar](#)
[Sydney, Australia AHI](#)**

**[23 July to 25 July 2017 Creating pathways to 2050: liveable spaces and loveable places](#)
[- LGNZ conference- SKYCITY Convention Centre Auckland](#)**

- Collaboration for not-for-profits

4th - 5th May MELBOURNE: Implementing the New Urban

Agenda: Making cities and human settlement inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Social and community issues are critical to the new urban agenda and the organisers of this conference are particularly interested in direct examples of programs and projects that currently address the objectives of 'a city for all' and 'no-one left behind'. For those who have a proposal for contributions accepted, the conference fee is waived.



Fast Forward 2017 – Auckland University School of Architecture and Planning - autumn lecture and discussion series

5-6 April. Medium Density Housing Summit

[and more on the site.](#)