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**Our Place: All New Zealanders well-housed**

## Newsletter 4 February, 2016

Happy new year to you all. We hope you've had a good break as this year looks to be every bit as busy as 2015.

### Emergency housing support through partnership

We'd like to welcome David Zussman to the role of senior programme manager. David's role will be to support emergency housing providers (EHPs) assist more families into homes, more quickly. David will assist EHPs to develop a policy framework for emergency housing, supporting capacity building and best practice objectives that providers are seeking to achieve. This initiative came about through the dedicated work of providers and CHA is thrilled to support this development.



David has experience of social housing in both the UK and in New Zealand. His previous roles in New Zealand include tenancy



manager with HNZC, community development manager for the Talbot Park Community Renewal project and, for the last 10 years, he has been the trust executive for emergency and community housing provider, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. More news on this exciting development to come in the next few weeks. David can be contacted [here](#).

## MSD survey youth housing

A questionnaire has been sent out to organisations across New Zealand to gain a better understanding of the housing situation for young people in New Zealand aged from 16 to 24 years. MSD want to understand the situation and challenges faced by young people who are, or who are at risk of, living in insecure housing situations. Please go [here](#) to answer this survey by 9 February if you haven't already done so.

## Stock transfer process: next steps

Expressions of interest for the transfer of social housing in Tauranga and Invercargill close on **9 February**. The next stage will then be a request for proposals (RFP), due to be released to the shortlisted respondents on **March 23rd**. The preferred bidder for each region is expected to be announced by the second half of the year. For more information please go [here](#).

## What does the year hold for us?

Here at CHA we've prepared a calendar of events and processes to keep in mind over 2016. [Go here to have a look](#).

## Local authority housing



A number of local authorities are partner members of CHA and we look forward to strengthening the opportunities that community housing organisations and councils can work together to create.

The article [here](#) on Wellington City Council housing is part one in a series looking at what is happening in local authority housing around the country.

You can also watch the great video on the

Wellington City Council housing upgrades [here](#). Other videos on the tenant engagement and Wellington City Council social housing can be found [here](#).

## New resources

### Beacon Pathway learning from study tour to Vancouver, Portland and Seattle

Beacon's study tour in July 2015 was the opportunity for 20 New Zealanders to experience successful medium density solutions in both suburban and inner city settings. Here are five key things they think New Zealand should take on board.

- Make the most of opportunities (especially large scale brownfield) – they lead to success
- In addressing affordability, think about long term rental and different models of tenure
- Pursue institutional investment in large scale rental
- Always think about transport, infrastructure, housing and land use together
- Embrace medium and higher density but also think about new types of lower density living such as pocket neighbourhoods.

**What Works** is a new website that helps people, especially smaller community groups, to show the value of their work. It provides tools to help gather robust data and information to tell a real story about

what groups are doing and the difference it makes. Go [here](#) to have a look.

## Residential tenancies amendment bill

Last week CHA, along with NZCCSS, prepared a submission on the RTA amendment bill. You can read the submission and our press release [here](#).

The submissions of Beacon Pathway and **NZGreen Building Council** also provide evidence for these regulations to move in a more robust direction.

We are turning our focus to the submission to MBIE on the RTA regulations due **11 February**. Because of time constraints we are preparing submissions based on what we have heard our members saying for sometime- please let us know if we're on the right track.

A [research paper](#) written by Phillipa Howden-Chapman et al looks at the 2015 budget and its significance for social housing and provides some very good information around the housing warrant of fitness.

[Another paper](#) worth a look at is a paper by Sarah Bierre, Mark Bennett, and Philippa Howden-Chapman. They pointed out that our law on residential tenancies requires rental homes to be "free of dampness". And yet, the dampness standard was not mentioned in the Government's guide to renters' rights or in the standard tenancy agreement.

## In the news

CHA Director, Scott Figenshow, WCC Councillor, Paul Eagle, and Labour housing spokesperson, Phil Twyford, talk to Demelza Leslie on Radio New Zealand about the current environment in social housing. This is an excellent discussion on some of the current issues facing the community housing sector. [Go here.](#)

**Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) outstanding achievement award winner: Lisa Woolley** "Lisa has helped grow VisionWest to what it is today while also achieving an honours degree, being involved in the social services committee and other chairing responsibilities. The judges felt her hard work and notable achievements deserved this award." [Read the article](#) in the latest Housing WORKS about Lisa's achievement. If you don't

receive **HousingWORKS** become a member of AHI [here](#) and receive the quarterly magazine as part of your subscription.

**Congratulations to the Chinese New Settlers Services Trust (CNSST).** On 12 February the CNSST will begin construction on their new social housing project in Panmure, Auckland. CNSST support Asian new settlers and the community in New Zealand. Their new project is a four story apartment building with 36 one bedroom units on the top three levels. The ground level of the building will be used by CNSST as an office to provide wrap-around support to the residents and wider community. The building will provide social affordable rental housing to local lower income families including Asian seniors

## Events

### Unitech cohousing course

Cohousing is intentional clustered housing with some common facilities and shared neighborhood life. Unitech will be offering a course on cohousing in March over 12 weeks, eight hours a week on a Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Coordinators are Paola Trapani (Unitec) and Robin Allison (Earthsong). **Contact** [ptrapani@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:ptrapani@unitec.ac.nz)

### 17-19 February – Australasian Housing Researchers Conference

A reminder about **this event** being held in Auckland this month. The programme [here](#) includes some great presentations on Māori housing issues, ageing and housing, homelessness, affordability, energy and housing and much, much more.

### 25 February - Programme on future directions for retirement villages, healthcare and aged care in New Zealand

Held in Auckland this workshop will look at the dementia needs of New Zealand's ageing population and programme highlights include:

- Future seniors living housing trends in New Zealand:  
Transformation of investment and operational models
- Where is the retirement village and aged care industry headed:  
Trends, opportunities and challenges

- Four global case study modules (Using De Hogeweyk as Case-Study) - Understanding the realities of dementia, creating a conducive built and stress free living environment, professional services to support living with dementia and financial model of a dementia village
- Understand how to adopt philosophies and services of successful dementia friendly living environments without building the entire De Hogeweyk village
- Hear the latest update on the reality of evaluating and implementing De Hogeweyk model in New Zealand. [Go here for more information.](#)

### **25 February – Call for contributions to March HousingWORKS**

HousingWORKS is the quarterly magazine of the Australasian Housing Institute. It is a practice journal highlighting the work and interests of people involved in housing across Australia and New Zealand. More contributions from New Zealand are needed so [go here to find out how to contribute.](#)

### **25 February to 11 May— Consultative seminars on proposed changes to the Incorporated Societies Act**

Hui E is organising a series of consultative seminars to get feedback on proposed changes to the legislation covering incorporated societies. There are 25 seminars planned in eight cities. [Go here to read more.](#)

### **7 March - Home energy awareness courses**

The next level 1 certificate in the home energy awareness course is 7 March 2016 with the level 2 home performance advisor certification course on 4 - 6 April 2016. [More information is available here.](#) Email [here](#) . Closing date of 19 February.

### **29 April – 2016/17 World Habitat Awards applications due**

The World Habitat Awards recognise innovative, sustainable and scalable solutions to key housing challenges facing communities around the world. They want to hear about projects that: • focuses on affordable and adequate housing • are in progress or have been completed in the last ten years • have been designed and/or delivered in close collaboration with the residents/local community [Go here for more information.](#)

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