

Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 7 September 2017

Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa

24 October 2-3pm Te Wharewaka, Taranaki Wharf, Wellington

Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) is seeking to **elect four Council members** at this year's Annual General Meeting.

The CHA constitution provides for a maximum of five elected Council seats. In addition, one seat is appointed by Te Matapihi and up to three appointments may be made by the Council.

[Please go here to read more about the AGM and find the nomination forms and agenda.](#)

Please note these dates:

- Council nominations received – 5pm, 26 September 2017
- Proposed amendments to the constitution – 5pm, 28 September 2017
- Proposed additions to the agenda – 5pm, 28 September 2017
- The slate of candidates and voting forms will be distributed on 5 October
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Workshop: Building our sector for 2030 - 24 October 10am-1pm

Preceding the AGM we are holding a workshop: '**Building our sector for 2030**'.

This workshop will delve into the 'Taking Stock' report with Alan Johnson from the Salvation Army. We will then work together to determine the transformation your organisation might undertake to help build the thousands of new social and affordable homes required to meet need across New Zealand..

[Email us here](#) with your registration.

Aged care provider rescues social housing village



Stevenson Village would likely have been bought by a property developer had HBH Senior Living not purchased the Auckland social housing village. Jude Barback talked to HBH chief executive Bonnie Robinson in this article from INsite magazine.

"Homelessness is quite hidden among older people," reflects Bonnie Robinson, chief executive of HBH Senior Care & Living, in Auckland. Because older people generally won't sleep rough, or in cars, the problem goes largely unnoticed by the public or the media, she says.

But Bonnie reels off a number of examples of people living in very poor situations, who have contacted HBH for help. She mentions a 75 year old sleeping on a sofa at friends, a single woman living in what is effectively a converted garage, a woman living in a unit that does not have its own kitchen.

[Read more in this article from INsite magazine.](#)

Executive Administrator role

We are looking for an Executive Administrator to support CHA in the great work we do on behalf of New Zealand's community housing sector.

The Executive Administrator will be an essential member of the team to help us with the following:

- Ensure the team is fully supported to be effective, efficient and able to deliver on a complex work programme in multiple locations across New Zealand.
- Build the capacity of community housing providers by developing resources, organising training, advice and guidance to sector organisations
- Manage the internal operations that sustain CHA as a vibrant and innovative organisation delivering quality services.
- Provide great customer service to our members, funders and partners.

Applications are required by **September 17**, [here](#). See the [job description here](#).

Building the capacity of the community housing sector



One of the things New Zealand's community housing providers will be thinking about as they grow from providing 10's to 100's or 1,000's of homes - is what type of vehicle to use to do this. Mike Myers of the Australian National Affordable Housing Consortium was in New Zealand recently presenting as part of the CHA IMPACT Conference alongside New Zealand's Kay Saville-Smith where they looked at how to grow the capacity of the community housing sector here.

[Read more here.](#)

Report back from August's Auckland Housing Summit



A report on the findings from the Auckland Housing Summit held on 1 August 2017
Leonie Freeman, Robyn Phipps, Anna Crosbie,
Paul Gilbert, Kitty Rothschild
1 September 2017

Establishing an independent not for profit organisation tasked with solving the City's housing woes is crucial – and just one of the key actions identified in the first Auckland Housing Summit report.

A wide range of concepts are presented in the report but it is clear that all sectors identified the need for a comprehensive approach and a plan with targets and accountabilities. Better quality data, clear benchmarking and reporting shared amongst everyone involved, are also vital to ensure key initiatives are on track.

The report highlights the importance of “a central vision” and engaging all Aucklanders on the journey to fix the issue.

Feedback can be submitted via action@aucklandhousingsummit.co.nz.

The Auckland Housing Summit Report and full address from Chief Human Rights Commissioner, David Rutherford, is available to [download here](#).

This is Tau and Kelly's story



Within the last year the 100th household graduated to independent home ownership, purchasing the final share of their home from **the NZ Housing Foundation**. What a great achievement that is. This is the story of one of those households. It is Tau and Kelly's story, in their words, describing their journey and what it means to them.

[Read it here.](#)

Towards 2020: Increasing Social Housing Survey



Housing Survey

Earlier this year MSD met with providers to discuss how they can support increasing social housing and to hear feedback and insights first-hand. From those conversations many new opportunities to support vulnerable people have started to emerge across the country. MSD now want to capture more information with their housing survey.

Please take 10 to 20 minutes to complete the survey which seeks your views on MSD's Purchasing Strategy, your involvement in social housing, future housing opportunities and how they can stay in touch. [Start the Towards 2020: Increasing Social Housing Survey here.](#)

Research

Understanding mothers experiencing homelessness: A gendered approach to finding solutions for family homelessness

Katrina Milaney; Kaylee Ramage; Xiao Yang Fang; Marilyn Louis

[This report](#) examines social experiences for mothers and children who are experiencing homelessness in two shelters and one housing program in Calgary, Alberta.

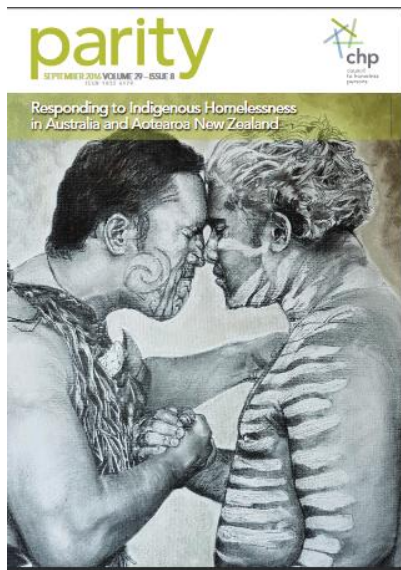
Currently, much of the research on homelessness and what works for supporting individuals into sustainable housing comes from research on the single, adult, male population. It provides evidence to better understand how families become homeless, and the experiences of mothers and children as they move within various public systems while dealing with a history of violence, trauma, and poverty. It concludes with several recommendations, from an asset- or strength-based approach, to reduce structural barriers, bridge gaps between public systems, increase access and availability of supports and ensure cultural supports and trauma-informed care is at the root of interventions for vulnerable women and children.

Housing, homelessness and violence against women

Women's Shelters Canada

[Research has shown](#) that housing remains one of the leading barriers for women escaping violence and that domestic violence is one of the main causes of homelessness among Canadian families. Women's homelessness is vastly underestimated and often hidden. This paper outlines the social and affordable housing options and supports available to domestic violence survivors.

Calling for contributors for the Parity edition of Homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand October 2017



Community Housing Aotearoa, Te Matapihi and the Housing First Collective are all providing support to this publication.

[Please let us know](#) if you want to be on the distribution list for the final publication.

Articles need to be with the editor by 22 September you can send them to the [Parity editor here](#).

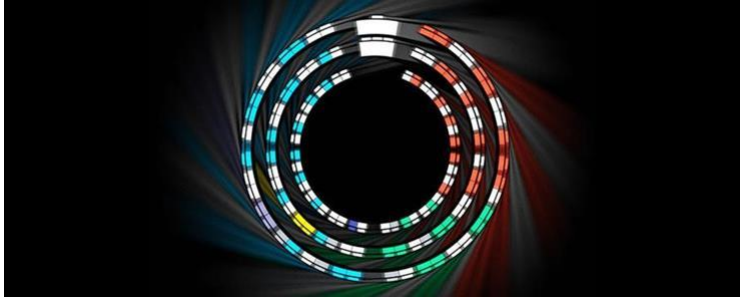
Election 2017

Opinion on election 2017 – Māori Housing Policy Round-up

1. In the lead-up to the election, various parties are contributing their own solutions to the housing crisis. Do the policies stack up, and what do they mean for Māori?

[Read Te Matapihi's perspective](#) here to see if the Greens' policies stack up for Māori and the [Māori Party policies here](#).

2. [Bill McKay comments](#) on each parties housing policy on Radio NZ



3. Power Shift Deloitte BusinessNZ Election Survey

[This survey presents the views of business](#) on the issues that matter to them, side by side with relevant policy statements from all the political parties, offering a unique view of the political landscape as it relates to business.

4. **Unsettled** The Spinoff, together with TVNZ, have produced an [interactive documentary](#) on the housing crisis and the dissolution of the Kiwi home ownership dream.

In the news

- [Auckland City Mission](#) receive funding for new housing
- [Housing First funding extended](#) to regions
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Events



Every day in New Zealand, agencies work together to help people experiencing homelessness with access to food, emergency accommodation, clothing, furnishings, counseling and other welfare support to address their financial, health, security and social needs.

But they could do much more with your help. So they've started 14 Hours Homeless. On Friday 13th October, you can join hundreds of other Kiwis around the country and sleep out in a car, on a couch or on cardboard and raise funds to help New Zealanders experiencing homelessness.

[Go here to join them.](#)

22-24 October NZCCSS and Community Networks Aotearoa Conference



EMPOWERMENT & SUCCESS conference for NGO/Community organisations. For more information go to the [Conference website here](#).

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ORGANISATIONS by September 15th. [Please send an application by clicking on this link](#)

21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



NZCEH is looking for abstracts for this conference [Read more here](#).

October 27 - Auckland AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar



[This professional practice seminar](#) provides senior housing professionals with an interest in asset management the opportunity to exchange ideas and innovative practice methods to manage housing portfolios for sustainable stakeholder outcomes.