



## EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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## Newsletter 13 August, 2015

We hope you are all faring well in these busy and cold times.

### Charitable status and income tax exemption

CHA is organising a forum on the charitable status and tax exemption for community housing organisations where we will arrange for information to be available from Deloitte.

Video conference facilities have been set up for Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin for 11am – 4pm on 24 August at Deloitte's offices. Contact the office if you would like further information [here](#).

### What happened to the review of the Charities Act?

Thanks to our colleagues at Hui E for completing an Official Information Act request. This has disclosed the advice Cabinet received on whether, and how, it could proceed with such a review.

It appears that in 2012 the advice recommended a targeted review of the 'charitable purpose' definition, and related issues, as the most appropriate course of action as a compromise instead of a 'first

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principles review' of the entire charities act. The more narrow review of charitable purpose could have been completed by the end of 2013, well ahead of the originally signaled 2015 date. So why was a different decision made- to do no review at all?

Note in particular document 3 as the summary of the advice. Read the full document [here](#).

## **Networking opportunity in Christchurch 20 August**

On the back of the Local Authority housing working group meeting will be an opportunity for CHA and Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) members to get together.

The focus will be on partnering for better outcomes and Rohan Bush ( Auckland City Council) will talk about some of the partnerships happening in the sector. It will also be an opportunity to discuss how different regions are developing an understanding of housing demand.

**The event will be held between 5.30 - 7pm, 20 August, in the meeting space at Smash Palace, 172 High St, Christchurch**



Refreshments will be provided with thanks to:



**Feedback on the ACHP Network letter regarding Australian CHO's pitching their interest in New Zealand's housing**

We've had some great feedback from you on the letter. Thanks so much for taking the time to respond. A summary of the feedback received will be available on the CHA website in the next few days.

## **Request for qualifications sought for rewrite of CHA best practice guide**

Community Housing Aotearoa has adopted best practice standards setting the requirements for accreditation under the Community Housing Quality Assurance and Accreditation programme administered by QualMark. To assist members to prepare for accreditation CHA developed the **Best Practice Guide**. Last updated in April 2011 it is time to refresh this resource.

CHA is releasing a request for qualifications this week to seek a qualified organisation or individual to begin this update. This work will include mapping the best practice guide to the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) standards, ensuring the guide meets all CHRA standards, adding new home ownership standards and providing model documents which can be modified by members to meet their specific organisational and community needs. For further information please **contact Chris Glaudel**.

## **CHA Impact conference 2015 don't miss out**

**You've got two weeks before early bird closes so register now!**

And here's a sneak preview of what you'll find at the conference:

- training on housing registration and accreditation
- housing forums for Pasifika and local government
- information on new initiatives such as the Housing Bond programme and Auckland Development Guide
- best practice examples in wrap around services, housing for the homeless, tenancy management, and pathways to ownership

And lots lots more! Register **here**.

**Our key presenter at CHA-Impact this year is Sam Tsemberis considered to be "the father of Housing First". Read more about Housing First in the article below in the news section.**

## **Insight radio programme this Sunday: 16 August 8:12am**

Scott Figenshow was recently interviewed for this report by Phillipa Tolley on the next step in the sell-off of state houses and the interest by Australian housing providers.

### **In the news**

**4 August- West Auckland report on the homeless:** For 19 people in West Auckland, home is living and sleeping on the streets of Waitakere. Their story, and the circumstances of their life, are captured in the latest report of the Salvation Army: "Hard Times". Read the research [here](#).

**6 August – Auckland housing report released.** Research has been released by the Auckland City Council to match expected population growth with estimates of how many homes might be built in the next 14 years. [Read here](#).

**10 August – An article in the New Zealand Herald highlights the success of Housing First.** You can read it [here](#).

**12 August- WCC exploring social housing partnerships.** Read more [here](#).

### **Events**

**The New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development (NZCID)** is hosting their annual symposium in Christchurch on 20 and 21 August.

A panel of speakers will discuss "Delivering better social outcomes through profitable partnerships".

CHA members are invited to attend the one day event at a discounted rate of \$690 for Friday 21 August. For further details [see here](#).

**On 17 August the Child Action Poverty Group (CPAG) will launch a two week campaign to raise awareness about poor housing conditions.** They want to see Government:

- introduce and enforce a WOF for housing
- introduce subsidies to get rentals up to a healthy standard
- urgently review and update the Accommodation Supplement

See the newsletter [here for more details](#).

CPAG are also looking for (anonymous) stories of people who are or were living in poor quality housing where it has affected their health and or education. Contact CPAG if you can help them [here](#).

### **31 August: Is housing a human right?**

An Auckland public dialogue with the following speakers: Paul Barber, Dr Claire Dale, Rau Hoskins and Professor Paul Morris. St Matthew in the City (cnr Hobson and Wellesley sts, Auckland): 7pm.

**7-9 October: Universal design conference, Melbourne, Australia.**  
[More information here.](#)

## **Research**

An aging society and inaccessible housing stock suggest a growing need for remodeling. New research from the US released by the Joint Center sheds light on the implications of an aging society for the home improvement market by analysing the remodeling activity by older owners and estimating the projected demand for and supply of homes with basic accessibility features in the near future. You can read more [here](#).

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