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## CHA Newsletter 11 November 2019

Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa *Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa*.

Included in this issue – the Housing Minister meets Christchurch providers, The Salvation Army and Strive Community Trust celebrate big achievements, a community housing opportunity in Kaipara, and CHA is now on Twitter.

And there's more - the CPAG and national Kaumātua Service Providers conferences are coming up, and we hear how the work of a housing provider has changed the life of a Christchurch artist.

## Housing Minister visits Te Waipounamu network



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Housing Minister Megan Woods met with members of Te Waipounamu, the network of South Island community housing providers, in Christchurch on 30 October.

Co-Chair Jill Hawkey welcomed Megan Woods to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the network, the areas of the housing continuum they were working in, and an estimate of how many homes they were providing.

Minister Woods thanked network members for their work in Christchurch and talked about the Government's priorities in housing. It was a very useful free-and-frank discussion about some of the opportunities and barriers, and network members were glad of the opportunity to speak directly with the Housing Minister.

She expressed interest in meeting again with network members and hearing their suggestions and ideas.

## **Providing homes where they're needed: Fale Pasifika and VisionWest**



David Zussman and Cushla Managh from CHA had a chance to hear firsthand about the good work a couple of South Island providers are doing to find homes for people in need.

Ofa Boyle (pictured second right) and her team at [Fale Pasifika O Aoraki](#) in Timaru hosted a visit by David Zussman (pictured middle) and Cushla Managh from CHA. It was a great chance to learn about some of the challenges and achievements of Fale Pasifika, and to talk about how CHA might support this work.

We also took the opportunity to meet with Nathan Beale and his team at the Canterbury [VisionWest Community Trust](#) in Christchurch. They have several exciting projects planned or underway and we hope to bring you updates on these as they unfold.

## Our members making a difference: The Salvation Army opens housing complex



Fifty nine people are moving off the Social Housing Register and into brand new homes, with the opening of a new Salvation Army housing complex Te Hononga Tāngata in Royal Oak, Auckland.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern opened the new apartment block on Friday.

The complex was built with funding from The Salvation Army, a \$4 million government grant, and loans. National Director of Social Housing Greg Foster says the aim was to create a feeling of community.

"It's the sort of place you'd be happy for your mother to live in."

Says Tania: "Me and my partner have never had a place of our own. We see it as a chance to build for our future and we're really grateful to The Salvation Army."

You can [read all about the project here](#), including the stories of tenants. Media coverage included this from [Radio New Zealand](#) and [Stuff](#).

## Strive Community Trust opening



The Strive Community Trust celebrated the official opening of new transitional housing in Mangere, Auckland, on Friday.

Strive is the largest community provider contracted to provide transitional housing in Auckland. The Trust currently manages 9 properties that can house 138 people, and supports 169 families across 10 motels. Strive says it is committed to the provision of housing in its local community of Mangere.

Families and individuals stay in transitional housing for an average of 12 weeks while Strive helps them find a more permanent home. They receive a wide range of assistance, and Strive says that to date it has helped more than 600 families find long-term housing solutions.



## Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust

Artist Lewis Trembath was once homeless but says that thanks to Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust, he has been able to rebuild his life. [His story is here.](#)

## Mini-doco on Queenstown housing

A mini-documentary looking at housing issues in the Queenstown Lakes District has been produced by [Storyworks](#), with funding from NZ on Air.

The documentary, 'Living in La La Land', looks at the high cost of housing in the area and some of the responses. It has just been released and [can be viewed here.](#)

## Your community housing networks

Want to stay up-to-date with regional community housing matters and discuss strategic issues relevant to your work? You might like to consider joining one of the regional community housing networks up and running in Auckland and the South Island.



Both networks meet regularly – please contact [David Zussman](#) at Community Housing Aotearoa to be put in touch with the network chairs.

The Auckland network also has [its own website](#) with more information about its members and the range of housing solutions they provide.

## Developing the community housing workforce



A group of community housing providers met in Auckland recently to discuss workforce development for the sector.

From left to right, Hope Simonsen (Emerge), Stephen Hart (CORT), Gabby Clezy (Haumaru Housing), Vicki McLaren (Accessible Properties), Wayne Knox (Te Matapihi), and Cate Kearney (Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust).

## Kaipara council houses on offer

The Kaipara District Council is looking for someone to take over community houses it owns in Mangawhai that are too expensive to upgrade, and it's calling for expressions of interest from community housing providers to step in.

The council owns 24 houses in Fagan Place, which KDC infrastructure manager Jim Sephton says are in poor condition and no longer provide an appropriate standard of living for tenants.

“Community housing providers are eligible for the government’s rent subsidy, and they can offer tenants a better service because they specialise in community housing.”

Expressions of interest close on Friday 20 December. More [information is available here](#) and also on the [council's website](#).

## Come @ us!

CHA is now on Twitter and we're looking forward to following y'all and sharing your achievements.

Our handle is [@HousingAotearoa](https://twitter.com/HousingAotearoa)

## IN THE NEWS

- [Public housing waitlist nears 14,000](#)
- [Motels make millions providing emergency housing](#)
- [Wellington councils need to make room for more homes](#)
- [Call to review property management regulation grows](#)
- [Pacific families feeling the brunt of the housing crisis](#)

## EVENTS

### Child Poverty Action Group 2019 Summit

Whakamana Tāngata: Where to from here?

How we can make Aotearoa a better place for children and families?

18 Nov 2019, University of Otago, Wellington.

[More information here.](#)

### 2019 National Kaumātua Service Providers Conference

Tēnā rā koutou katoa!

The National Kaumātua Service Provider Conference has been held for over a decade to support our kaumātua service provider sector to better serve kaumātua. Through these forums, and in response to provider and kaumātua feedback, the national collective, Hei Manaaki Ngā Kaumātua, was conceived.

This year's conference is made up of keynote presentations, world café style workshops, concurrent speakers and panel discussions, in alignment with the over-arching theme, 'Empowering Kaumātua Mana Motuhake'.

The Conference this year has three main information streams: Houora, Housing and Wellbeing.

Date: 19 - 21 November 2019. Venue: Novotel, Rotorua Lakeside.

More information and to register is [available here.](#)

### NZGBC Housing Summit 2020

The New Zealand Green Building Council's next Housing Summit will be held in Auckland on 19 May 2020.

More information is [available here](#).

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