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

Included in this issue – ensuring the right skills are on the Kāinga Ora Board, celebrating the opening of more transitional housing in Auckland, shining a light on homelessness, and the upcoming CHA AGM.

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### Kāinga Ora Board - applications

[In the last newsletter](#) we talked about the opportunities for the sector to engage with both the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the new Kāinga Ora. This is about making sure we are talking to the right people at the right times about the right things, and we are heartened by the early indications of a genuine willingness to engage with community housing providers.

We now have an opportunity to make sure the sector's voice is heard on the Kāinga Ora Board and sub-committees. HUD has put out [a call for applications for the Kāinga Ora Board](#), with a deadline of 5pm Thursday 17 October.

Kāinga Ora came into being on 1 October as the Government's primary housing and urban development delivery agency, bringing together people, capability and functions from Housing New Zealand, its development subsidiary HLC, and most of the KiwiBuild Unit. It intends being a partnership-focused organisation, working with and supporting others wherever possible.

To do that, it needs the right mix of skills and experience on its Board and any sub-committees. This is the sector's opportunity to put forward people who understand diversity, lived experience of housing need, the willingness of community providers to work in partnership with government, and the solutions that the community housing sector offers. In addition to the usual mix of financial and Crown governance skills, we want competent, inclusive, community-oriented voices around the Board table - people who understand the value of partnering with us to make a real difference.

Here at CHA we will be communicating the need for that expertise at all levels of both HUD and Kāinga Ora.

## IN THE NEWS

## EVENTS

**Housing Fit for  
Our Future the  
Eco Design  
Advisor  
Conference  
Auckland 2019**

Brennan Rigby, Principal Advisor Social Outcomes with the Independent Māori Statutory Board, has provided a [summary of submissions on the Kāinga Ora Bill](#). The [full submissions](#) are also available to read.

**Child Poverty  
Action Group  
2019 Summit**

The make-up of the [Kāinga Ora Board](#) was discussed at length by many submitters. Cultural competency and more simply the right culture in the new organisation was another issue frequently raised in public submissions. Many commentators and advocates have been raising these matters for many years in some cases and see Kāinga Ora as a significant enough structural change within government, to be a vehicle for culture change.

**Funding  
Opportunity**

Further analysis is and will be required to understand how these and other issues were addressed.

**2019 National  
Kaumātua  
Service  
Providers  
Conference**

## Monte Cecilia - a helping hand for Auckland families in need

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Eleven Auckland families in need now have somewhere to call home while they look for something affordable and long-term, thanks to the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust – and many more will be given a hand in the coming year.

The Trust marked a major achievement last week with the official opening of a new purpose-built transitional housing development in Mangere. About 120 families a year will be able to live in the 30 two-bedroom units while Monte Cecilia works with them to find a longer-term home.

The opening occurred on World Homeless Day and featured an address from Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, speeches by other guests and dignitaries, a site blessing, and cutting of the ribbon to the site.

[The address by Monte Cecilia Chief Executive Bernie Smith can be read here.](#)

Bernie Smith says more than 1600 children and their families have turned to the Trust for help in the past year alone, and the need in Auckland is immense. Having somewhere secure and settled to live made a world of difference.

“Once they’re living in these units we’ll be able to give them some practical assistance to help them out of the crisis situation they’re in. When that happens, in our experience we

usually see dramatic improvements in a family's well-being as they're put in touch with the health and social services they've often been missing out on.

For a security guard looking after the housing development in the lead-up to Thursday's opening, that message was particularly resonant. As the [New Zealand Herald reports](#), Joseph Paulo grew up in Monte Cecilia homes in the early 1990s when his family struggled to get by after moving to New Zealand from Samoa. Eventually his family was able to save enough to buy their own home but his family's time being assisted by Monte Cecilia left a lasting impression: "I am what I am because of them," he told the newspaper..

Media coverage of the official opening includes:

- [Newshub](#)
- [Stuff](#)
- [New Zealand Herald](#)
- [One News](#)
- [Radio NZ](#)
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## Shining a light on homelessness and what we can do about it

10 October was World Homeless Day, an opportunity to draw attention to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and provide opportunities for communities to respond.

The average life expectancy of someone experiencing chronic homelessness is 55 years – 20 years less than the average New Zealander. [Daily aspects of life that many take for granted – such as toothbrushes, body wash and sanitary products – can be difficult or impossible to access, and health conditions are hard to manage.](#)

In Auckland, World Homeless Day was marked with [an event hosted by the Auckland Rough Sleepers Initiative](#) and featuring activities, performances and food.

The Auckland Rough Sleepers Initiative is a group comprised of city centre-based NGOs, including the Auckland City Mission, Lifewise, James Liston Hostel and the New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective, as well as Council and central government organisations that have knowledge of or interest in supporting the needs of rough sleepers.

Meanwhile, Housing First Christchurch has launched a new Facebook page and Instagram to share the stories of people who are homeless in Christchurch, the struggles they face and how they are treated on the streets.

There was also a pop-up display at Tūranga Christchurch Library featuring thought-provoking posters and a short video on homelessness in Christchurch as told by people living on the streets. The idea was to question stereotypes about homelessness and highlight the fact that most of us are just a few steps away from experiencing homelessness.

## CHRA Financial Viability Review - your input invited

The Community Housing Regulatory Authority has carried out a review to determine the best way to assess the financial viability of applicants and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) against the Financial Viability Performance Standard.

The review looks at the information provided by applicants and registered CHPs as evidence of financial viability, and some common risks to financial viability for CHPs.

CHRA is seeking comment from peak bodies and registered CHPs before finalising the Financial Viability Review.

[The draft Review is available here](#), and CHRA would like to receive comments by COP Friday 25 October. Can you please also send your comments to [Chris Glaudel](#) at CHA, in addition to sending responses directly to CHRA.

Please note - CHRA advises that the Review has been redacted where it discusses the circumstances of individual CHPs in a way that would enable them to be identified. Unfortunately, this has slightly altered the formatting, making some pages bold.

Once the Review is finalised and approved, CHRA will issue guidance to the sector based on the final approved recommendations. The first reporting year that the recommendations will apply is expected to be the 2021/22 financial year.

## **Workforce development council stakeholder engagement hui**

Careerforce has a number of engagement workshops coming up to seek views and feedback on the establishment of Workforce Development Councils (WDCs).

[Details of the events, including dates and venues, are available here](#).

The WDCs are a key part of the Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE) confirmed by Education Minister Chris Hipkins in August. They will have broad responsibilities around skills leadership and standard setting.

You can [register here](#).

## **Zero carbon road map for Aotearoa's buildings**

The New Zealand Green Building Council has launched a zero carbon road map for buildings in New Zealand, alongside the first ever zero carbon certification for buildings in New Zealand. The road map includes a raft of solutions to tackle the problem of building and construction climate change emissions.

More information is in [this article](#) and the concept is [explained more fully here](#).

## **Notice of Community Housing Aotearoa Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

All full financial and partner members are invited to the CHA AGM in Wellington tomorrow, Tuesday 15 October 2019. Full financial members will have voting rights at the AGM.

### **Details:**

*Date:* Tuesday 15 October 2019

*Location:* The Loft Harbourside Function Centre, 4 Taranaki St, Wellington.

*Time:*

10am - 3pm: Workshop

3pm - 4pm: Annual General Meeting

There are three open positions to be elected from four candidates. The nominees are Nic Greene from Habitat for Humanity (Central North Island), Cate Kearney from Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust, Yvonne Wilson from Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa, and Bernie Smith from Monte Cecilia Trust.

Election materials have been distributed by email.

[Here is the programme](#) for the CEO and Housing Leaders Forum and the CHA AGM - we look forward to seeing you there, and we will report on the AGM in the next CHA newsletter.

## IN THE NEWS

- [KiwiBuild project to provide 350 Queenstown units](#)
- [Construction well underway in first phase of New Plymouth's KiwiBuild homes](#)
- [Government cuts red tape on prefab homes as part of Building Act reform](#)
- [Billion-dollar Queenstown housing, hotel and retail development takes a step forward](#)
- [Change needed to reduce housing and infrastructure deficit](#)
- [Work underway to increase the supply of houses...eventually](#)
- [New development using green housing guidelines](#)
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## EVENTS

### Housing Fit for Our Future the Eco Design Advisor Conference Auckland 2019



Housing Fit for our Future Conference in Auckland this month will explore the convergence of housing, climate change and energy.

Dates: Thursday 24 October - Friday 25 October 2019

Venue: Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place

Times: Registration 8.30 am- 9am  
Conference 9am - 4pm

**Thursday networking and drinks 5pm onwards.**

Registration fees:  
Day 1: \$190.00  
Day 2: \$190.00  
Both days: \$350.00

Click [here](#) to view the programme and to register click [here](#).

If you have any queries please contact Vicki Cowan via [email](#).

## **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](#).

## **Funding Opportunity**

Lottery Community Sector Research Fund - this fund provides grants for research and evaluation by community, hapū or iwi organisations.  
The December funding round is open until 16 October 2019.

More information click [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.

For more information about this conference or to register please click [here](#).

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