



ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



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Housing Works June / July 2019 Spotlight on NZ

Kia ora koutou

Many of you will have either received or already know about the June / July 2019 edition of Housing Works, the journal of the Australasian Housing Institute. This edition has a spotlight on New Zealand and contains a number of articles from our sector.

These articles and more can be found on the CHA website using the following link [here](#)

The Shift Aotearoa – What does it mean?

The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019

The Human Right to a Decent Home:

Key note address: Paul Hunt Chief Human Rights Commissioner

Kaupapa Kāinga:

Understanding traction in a project to improve outcomes for Māori.

KiwiBuy:

A campaign for affordable home ownership.

We Believe ...

Telling the story of the Community Housing Sector in Aotearoa.

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Tātou tātou e!

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Many thanks to all those who contributed. If you have more to say and / or add contact me [via email](#) to start preparing the next opinion piece!

Ngā mihi nui

David Zussman | Senior Programme Manager | Community Housing Aotearoa

Housing Foundation Delivers Ownership in Tamaki



Photo: NZ Herald

From State House to Homebuyer: Grace Lauina's journey

The New Zealand Herald recently highlighted a Tamaki family's pathway into home ownership. Housing Foundation and the Tamaki Regeneration Company demonstrated how partnerships can provide opportunities for local families.

The Herald met with an Auckland mother-of-two, who is expecting another child with husband Mativa in December, will take the final step from a childhood in state housing onto the property ladder.

Time can't pass fast enough for Grace Lauina on the 15th August 2019 Grace picked up the keys to her first home.

Please read their announcement and the link to the article [here](#).

More measures to help those facing homelessness

The Government has announced additional measures to prevent and reduce homelessness focused on ensuring at-risk individuals and whānau have access to stable housing and continue to stay housed.

Associate Minister of Housing, Kris Faafoi, and Minister of Social Development, Carmel Sepuloni, have announced \$54 million in Government funding for initiatives which will support at-risk individuals and whānau to stay in their existing tenancies.

The funding will also provide additional wrap around services.

Please read their announcement and the link to the full article [here](#).

Grants available for Age-friendly Community projects

Good afternoon,

I am pleased to announce that we have opened applications for Community Connects grants.

The Community Connects fund supports communities to become Age-friendly. We offer grants up to \$15,000, from an annual budget of \$100,000. There are up to two grant rounds each financial year.

The fund supports projects to either:

- start development of an Age-friendly Communities Plan, or
- implement an Age-friendly Community project.

Who can apply?

Any New Zealand council, community organisation, or registered not-for-profit organisation can apply. (Non-council applications must have support from their City or District council).

The grant is not open to businesses or individuals.

Closing date:

Applications close on 13 October, 2019.

More information

The application form and application guidelines (including evaluation criteria) are available [here](#).

Alternatively, contact us via [email](#).

Kind regards

Diane Turner
Office for Seniors Director

Ministry of Business Innovation and Business (MBIE) provides 120 Building Code compliance standards online for free

Over 120 building standards used for Building Code compliance have been funded for free download thanks to a successful collaboration between MBIE (Ministry of Business Innovation and Business) and Standards New Zealand.

This is great news for the industry and the public.

Please read their announcement and the link to the standards [here](#).

Nelson City Council - Community Housing Divestment - Registration of Interest 2019

Nelson City Council has released a notice on GETS that they intend to divest their Community Housing Portfolio

Nelson City Council owns 142 community housing units at nine locations around the city, which it rents to older people in need of community housing. The units are currently managed for the Council by the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust. Demand for subsidised housing in Nelson is continuing to outstrip supply. Waitlists for Council's community housing have hit all-time highs over the last year, as they have for other providers.

The purchaser or purchasers must:

- (a) be a government agency or community housing provider that is registered with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority; and
- (b) have a local housing presence in the Nelson district; or
- (c) be a consortium which meets both of the above requirements.

This is a unique opportunity to buy a community housing portfolio with the potential to be expanded and upgraded

To view the full GETS announcement click [here](#).

Short Fixed-Term Contract with the fabulous APL Tauranga Team

Experienced Tenancy Managers wanted in Tauranga!

Accessible Properties needs to fill two six month vacancies in the beautiful Bay of Plenty. One from early September and the other from late October. If you have great people skills and are looking for a change of scenery we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Tenancy Operations Manager **Suzanne Tana** on **022078 8300**.

IN THE NEWS

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- [REINZ warns landlords and property managers](#)
- [Providing relief for homeless in Hutt region](#)
- [Blessing paves way for new homes at Epuni, Lower Hutt](#)
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GRAND OPENING! - Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

30 x 2 Bedroom Apartments.

We are so excited our office facility and apartments are to be opened on Thursday 10 October at 9 am.

We hope you will join us at 30 Windrush Close, Mangere.

You are one of our valued supporters and we would welcome your attendance.

Tātou tātou e!

Community Networks Aotearoa and the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services are hosting a joint conference in Wellington on 27-28 August.

All of us, together

- Hear what the Minister of Social Development and other high profile Ministers/MPs have to say about better supporting the community sector.
- Explore how community organisations can build meaningful, effective relationships with the people they serve and with each other.
- Find out how the government's Wellbeing Budget will affect communities and community organisations.
- Explore how spirituality can enhance the wellbeing of older people.
- Discuss inclusion and diversity in our communities. How we can all make a difference for those who struggle to be accepted.

[Register now](#) for this exciting event!

Housing Fit for our Future

The Eco Design Advisor Conference 2019 - The convergence of housing, climate change and energy.

Where: Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, **AUCKLAND**.

Date: Thursday 24 8:30 am and Friday 25 October 2019.

The 2019 Eco Design Advisor conference will place housing firmly in the centre of considering the latest research on climate change, and will explore the implications for how we build and design housing now and into the future.

The conference will look at both the contribution housing makes to climate change AND how our housing needs to respond to the impact of changing climate.

For more conference information and to **register** click [here](#).

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

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