## Community Housing



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## **19 MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **SPAM** alert

Unfortunately our system was hacked and a spam email was sent out yesterday from what looked like our support email address to some members asking them to sign something.

#### Please delete them.

Spam emails are doing the rounds and I've had some myself. If in doubt, check the email address they are coming from and delete. If it's important, people will follow up.

# The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019 – registrations are open



### Please register here:

The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019 will bring housing sector actors together to spark collaborative action for one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most urgent problems.

Policy makers and officials across government, iwi, community housing practitioners, Māori housing providers, researchers, analysts, and those delivering housing from the ground up – builders, architects, the construction sector, finance providers, planners, philanthropists, and front-line staff – will join community representatives and rangatahi Māori for three days of learning, networking, and solution creation for fixing Aotearoa New Zealand's housing delivery system.

Sparked by the latest research from Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities Ko Ngā wā Kāinga hei Whakamāhorahora National Science Challenge and international researchers, and case studies from community housing practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand, the conference will seek to develop a platform for cross-sector action.

This conference is co-presented by Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) and the Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities National Science Challenge (BBHTC).

#### Registration fees for the event in Wellington:

BBHTC, CHPs and full CHA members \$500

Partner CHA members \$750

Regular registration (non members) \$900

AHI Awards dinner ticket \$100.

CHA and BBHTC are busy developing an exciting programme that will be available soon.

# Rhodes Abbeyfield home opens in Christchurch



Rhodes Trust chairperson Glenyss Whitnall cuts the ribbon at the opening of the Rhodes Abbeyfield house.

A new 14-studio Abbeyfield house providing affordable rental accommodation for older people was formally opened in Christchurch at the weekend.

The Rhodes Abbeyfield house in Wigram was developed in partnership by Abbeyfield New Zealand and Christchurch's Rhodes Memorial Convalescent Home Incorporated (Rhodes Trust).

It offers a unique shared housing option, which is often described as "flatting for older people". Residents have their own studio unit and share meals together prepared by a housekeeper. They pay an affordable rent and there are no capital entry requirements.

The Rhodes Abbeyfield house is the second Abbeyfield house in Christchurch; a 12-resident house opened in Hornby in 2015. Nationally there are now 14 Abbeyfield houses, all operated by volunteer committees.



A panorama view of the Rhodes Abbeyfield house.



The lounge at Rhodes Abbeyfield house.

## Can a language shift help solve the housing puzzle?



Could the language of the market be keeping us from solving the housing puzzle? asks **Jess Berentson-Shaw**.

To ensure that public policies that get proposed or implemented to create a new housing system get discussed properly in the public, we need a different language to talk about why good housing matters for everyone.

In New Zealand our homes are our castles. A place of respite, of connection, of enjoyment. We love tucking our kids up in their warm beds on a winter's night with the rain drumming on the roof.

Read the rest of this story on our website.

# Peter Jeffries: Funding change has hurt non-profit housing

Over the past three years the Community of Refuge Trust (CORT) has led 10 development projects providing modern, warm, brand-new homes for people.

In 2016, we were the third largest developer of public housing in Auckland after Housing NZ and the Tamaki Regeneration Company.

By the end of this year, we will have added over 150 homes to our portfolio.

In 2017 we responded to a Government request for forecast housing supply with a commitment to build 100 homes in each of the following three years. Unfortunately, our plans to build these additional homes are on hold.

Read the rest of Peter's article on our website.

## Vacancy - Kahungunu Whānau Services -Wellington region

#### Social Worker / Community Support Worker

Be part of a high performing driven team that treats you like whānau and thrives on your strengths. Kahungunu Whānau Services (KWS) is an organisation that has provided a comprehensive range of social services to whānau across Wellington for over four decades.

Our Whenua KonnX Housing Solutions Team provides high quality strength based assessment and support to our most vulnerable who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We support whānau to find a place they can call home including reconnecting to ones whakapapa. We do this through our expression of Manaakitanga, Whakawhanaungatanga, Kotahitanga and Rangatiratanga.

We are seeking applications from those who are driven to make a difference, have outstanding motivation, exceptional resilience, patience and above all want to support our most vulnerable to achieve their aspirations.

To request an application package email: <u>admin@nkkp.org.nz</u> If you would like to discuss in confidence contact Ali Hamlin-Paenga on 022 011 7270 or <u>ali@nkkp.org.nz</u>.

## **IN THE NEWS**

KiwiBuild comes to Northland - 10 homes in Kotātā Heights

CoHousing Hui Summary: Videos, Slides and More

Only one in four of Government's new public housing places in Auckland are new builds

Community Housing Providers' home building flatlines

Costs outweigh benefits for Special Housing Area extension

Scrapping SHAs hamstrings housing

New community housing for Taumarunui celebrated

Gov backing mooted for big Wellington public housing project

## **EVENTS**

## Green Building Council calendar events -Auckland



Firstly kicking off Thursday 21 March is our <u>Product and Materials</u> forum. This year's Product and Materials Forum will be packed with the latest updates on a broad range of eco-labels, covering key areas such as waste, carbon, lifecycle assessments, and responsibly sourced timber. Ideal for Suppliers, specifiers, and installers and it will give an in-depth look at the materials credits in Green Star and Homestar.

Then on Thursday 11 April the <u>Green Property Summit</u>, which we cohost alongside our friends at the Property Council, is your Summit, to help decide the direction of our industry towards 2030. The impending summit couldn't be happening at a more apt time for our industry.

There's a surge in green financing schemes, Zero Carbon legislation is coming this year in New Zealand, and the science around climate change is telling us to act with ever more urgency. Science, big money, and politics are all demanding a better, more sustainable future.

# The 2019 Lifewise Big Sleepout is Back! 20 June 2019, Eden Park



The 2019 Lifewise Big Sleepout will take place on New Zealand's iconic Eden Park, on one of the coldest, longest nights of winter – Thursday 20th June, 2019. The event will see businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders coming together to raise funds that will go towards Lifewise's work for ending homelessness.

Stripped of their creature comforts, Lifewise Big Sleepout participants will battle the elements spending a night sleeping on a piece of cardboard, and receiving an insight into what it means to sleep rough. Their commitment is rewarded by donations from family, friends, colleagues and the public; every dollar raised goes towards

Lifewise's work for ending homelessness.

Register here to take part in the Big Sleepout 2019.

## Pacific Peoples' Housing Forum - 17 May, Auckland



Habitat for Humanity New Zealand is excited to invite you to register online for the Pacific Peoples' Housing Forum now!

The forum will focus on powering collaboration for housing impact and will be an opportunity to problem-solve and collaborate to form innovative solutions in Pacific Peoples' housing. Speakers for the forum include Minister for Building and Construction Hon. Jenny Salesa, three-time Attorney-General of Samoa Taulapapa Brenda Heather-Latu and Nobel Prize recipient Penehuro Lefale.

#### Register Now.

When: Friday, May 17th 2019. 9am - 5pm, followed by dinner.

Where: Fale Pasifika, University of Auckland City Campus, 20 – 26 Wynyard Street, Auckland Central.

#### Who is this for?

The forum is an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to come together, including:

- Public servants
- Staff and leaders of NGOs
- Local government officials
- Commercial housing agencies
- Politicians
- Academics

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