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## CHA Newsletter 16 September 2019

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

Included in this issue - the Government's housing reset, new information requirements for registered CHPs, recognition for the Healthy Homes Initiative, a visit to Lifemark's Age Lab, and an invitation to the CHA Annual General Meeting.

We also hear from a Kaitia provider helping people into homes, a Glen Innes whānau moving into their own home after 30 years in state housing, and a theatre project winning awards for providing a voice for people who have been homeless.

### E Noho Rā - Marc Slade

Marc Slade, our Senior Programme Manager has let me know he is resigning. Marc has recently gone on annual leave to the UK, so he finished up before he went. Marc's efforts for us have been tremendous and he will be greatly missed.

For any work related questions, please contact Scott or Chris.

### Government signals partnership approach to progressive home ownership

Community Housing Aotearoa and others have welcomed the Government's intention to partner more meaningfully with providers on progressive home ownership, signalled in its announcement of a housing reset.

We're looking forward to working together – with providers, other agencies and the Government – to tackle this aspect of New Zealand's housing crisis.

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The Government's announcement included \$400 million for a progressive home ownership scheme that could include rent to buy and shared ownership plans, among other things:

- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-resets-kiwibuild-help-more-new-zealanders-home-ownership>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/kiwibuild-reset-reduces-deposit-needed-buy-first-home>

This was followed by the release of the Government's own background papers, which identified the range of households under pressure (<https://www.hud.govt.nz/residential-housing/changes-to-the-government-build-programme/related-documents/>).

We responded positively to the Government's announcement, and acknowledged initiatives such as KiwiBuy as an example of an innovative approach offering a good pathway into home ownership for New Zealand families:

<http://www.communityhousing.org.nz/resources/article/cha-media-release-4-september-2019>.

We have also noted that the Government's announcement targets a specific part of the housing continuum and that concerted action is needed to address all areas of housing need, including emergency shelter, affordable rentals, and pathways into home ownership:

<http://www.communityhousing.org.nz/resources/article/genuinely-affordable-homes-are-the-answer-to-housing-crisis>.

It's not a case of one-size-fits-all, or a quick fix. We're all in this for the long haul.

## **From sleeping rough to home ownership in Kaitaia**

A Kaitaia-based housing and social services provider is offering hope for people who have been homeless or living in sub-standard accommodation to aim for home ownership of recycled state houses.

Radio New Zealand's Nine to Noon programme talked to He Korowai Trust Chief Executive Ricky Houghton about the Whare Ora scheme and also Hayleigh Te Hira, who was due to move into one of the houses shortly.

Click [here](#) to listen to the interview.

## **Finally, their very own home**

After more than 30 years living in state housing, a Glen Innes whanau are unpacking their boxes in their very own home, bought through a shared home ownership arrangement with Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC).

Housing Foundation is the delivery partner working alongside whanau to progress from renting to owning. This is the type of programme the sector will be able to scale up with the progressive home ownership announcements from government.

The Minarapa whanau are the first to take advantage of TRC's shared home ownership programme, which begins this month with the first six whanau getting ready to move into brand new homes.

Shelley Katae from TRC says it's not just about being able to put your own photos on the walls. "It's about stability for your whanau, keeping your kids at the same school and it's an asset for your entire whanau for generations to come."

Read more about Dave and Amy Minarapa's journey to home ownership at <https://www.tamakiregeneration.co.nz/our-community/news/t%C4%81maki-regeneration%E2%80%99s-shared-home-ownership-programme-kicks-month>.

## Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities Bill

The Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities Bill amendments have been released. Only minor amendments were made to the bill. Notably the renaming of the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992 was amended to the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992, better reflecting the role of the community sector in addition to government. You can read the amended bill [here](#).

## Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust wins 'Social Impact Innovator' award

The Wakatipu Community Foundation honored Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust with their 'Social Impact Innovator' award on Saturday, 14 September at a gala event. Over 500 leaders, donors and innovators packed the Queenstown Events Centre for the inaugural event.

The Trust was recognized for its innovating programmes providing affordable and secure housing for residents committed to the district, with the ultimate goal of helping 1000 more households over the next 10 years. Special mention to David Cole – Founding Chair of the Trust from 2007 - 2016.

"It was a genuine honour to receive this award on behalf of the Trust, particularly all past and present Trustees who have contributed significantly to the innovative programmes we have in place today. We're absolutely delighted to be recognised by the local community for our work." Julie Scott

Click [here](#) to view Otago Daily Times article

## The going got tough in Lifemark's Age Lab

The housing development team at CHA member Accessible Properties has had a small taste of what it's like to cope with physical limitations.

Three members of the team recently spent time in an Age Lab at LifeMark in Auckland. The housing design organisation's Age Labs help people to understand the challenges people face when they age or have mobility issues.

Team members tried on simulation glasses that mimic age-related visual impairments, an age-simulation weight vest that made it difficult to move around, a wheelchair, and equipment that restricted the wearer to using just one side of their body.

So how did they fare? Find out at <https://www.accessibleproperties.co.nz/the-going-got-tough-in-lifemarks-age-lab/>.

## Recognition for the Healthy Homes Initiative

The first annual Spirit of Service award has been won by the Ministry of Health and five agencies who teamed up on the Healthy Homes Initiative.

This initiative was a collaboration led by the Ministry of Health with Housing New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, and Auckland Council.

The initiative aims to help reduce hospitalisations by helping to create warm, dry, healthy homes for low income families. The award celebrates outstanding public services delivering great outcomes for New Zealand.

More information about the awards is available at <https://ssc.govt.nz/resources/healthy-homes-initiative-wins-prime-ministers-spirit-of-service-award/>.

## New information requirements - Family Violence Act and Oranga Tamariki Act

In our 6 August newsletter we advised that we have been working with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) to clarify the impact of legislative changes for our members, and CHRA has now written to providers with more information.

It advises that all registered community housing providers are expected to have privacy and personal information policies in order to comply with Performance Standard 4(C) "The provider has documented systems and processes to ensure that confidentiality of all tenancy information is maintained".

Ordinarily, the Privacy Act 1993 would apply to decisions made by registered CHPs about sharing personal information. However, CHRA says that since 1 July 2019, the Family Violence Act 2018 and the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 have imposed requirements on registered CHPs that over-ride the Privacy Act in some circumstances.

An overview on sharing information under the Family Violence Act 2018 is at <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Family-Violence-Information-Sharing-Guidance.PDF>.

An overview of sharing information under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 is at <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Information-sharing/information-sharing-Guidance-OT-Act-1989.pdf>.

CHRA recommends reading these guides carefully to ensure you are aware of your obligations under both Acts.

It also says all registered CHPs should provide their updated privacy and personal information policy to CHRA as part of 2019/20 annual monitoring, along with all other documents required as part of the annual monitoring process.

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

Tēnā koutou katoa

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This notice is for all full financial and partner members.

FULL financial members will have voting rights at the AGM.

Date: Tuesday 15 October 2019

Time: 10am to 3pm Workshop

3pm-4pm Annual General Meeting

Venue: 'The Loft' Harbourside Function Centre, 4 Taranaki Street, WELLINGTON.

Nominations for CHA Council are opened 2 September. Details have been emailed directly to full members. Please remember completed nominations are due on **24 September**.

## Theatre gives voice to homeless community

Using theatre to give voice to people experiencing homelessness has won recognition.

Hobson Street Theatre Company won the Arts Access Creative New Zealand Community Arts Award for its production That's What Friends Are For at this week's Te Putanga Toi Arts Access Awards (<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/index.cfm?objectid=12267056&ref=twitter>).

All of the actors themselves have experienced homelessness and the aim was to see if – in just one hour - they could make friends with people in the audience. Judges described it as a powerful way to foster understanding and public conversations.

You can read more about the actors and their aims at <https://artsaccess.org.nz/Arts%20Articles/Theatre-gives-voice-to-homeless-community->.

## IN THE NEWS

- [The Nation: Housing Minister Megan Woods](#)
- [Council puts its homelessness strategy to work](#)

## EVENTS

### Invite to Wellington Construction Sector Accord public session

You are invited to attend the third Construction Sector Accord public information and feedback session, being held in Wellington.

This will be held from 1pm to 2pm on Thursday 26 September at the Terrace Conference Centre, Thorndon Room 1, St John House at 114 The Terrace.

The session will cover an overview of the Accord, progress of the Accord and Transformation Plan, and provide an opportunity for questions.

To RSVP, click [here](#)

## GRAND OPENING! - Monte Cecilia Housing Trust



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30 x 2 bedroom apartments.

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

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

## Housing Fit for our Future

The Eco Design Advisor Conference 2019 in Auckland next month will explore the convergence of housing, climate change and energy.

It will be held at the Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, Auckland on Thursday 24 October and Friday 25 October.

The 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 housing needs to respond to the impact of changing climate.

To find out more and to register, click [here](#).

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

## 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 overarching theme, 'Empowering Kaumātua Mana Motuhake'.

The Conference this year has 3 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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