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"The Shift Aotearoa" Conference 2019 Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th June

Kia ora

As we prepare for our up and coming Conference on Wednesday 5th through to Friday 7th June 2019.

The conference is energetic and engaging which captures a range of research and discussions within the three days of the conference.

We will have a range of attendees from CHA Members, Partners, Housing Sector and Government Departments and Not-for-Profit organisations within the Housing Sector.

You will be able to listen and understand the pressures and difficulties within the housing sector on various issues from hands on experience through the research, findings, tips, tools, resources as a collective.

We have an exciting programme with some fantastic guest speakers click [here](#) to view their BIOs.

"The Shift Aotearoa" Conference Programme is available please click [here](#).

There are still a few spaces to register for the conference click [here](#) to register.

Community Housing Sector awaits Wellbeing Budget 2019

The first Wellbeing Budget will be released this Thursday, 30 May. Expectations are high across many sectors for new or increased levels of funding. Community housing is no exception. A warm, safe and dry affordable home is the foundation for wellbeing.

This came through clearly in the Mental Health Inquiry click [here](#) to view the report.

Welfare Expert Advisory Group click [here](#) to view the report.

The pre-budget announcement of nearly \$200 million over four years to expand and support Housing First is a welcome start. We are concerned that too much is being spent on responding to families in crisis rather than ramping up affordable supply to ensure crisis are prevented.

In the quarter ending 31 March nearly \$70 million was spent on the Temporary Additional Support and Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant; a similar investment into permanently affordable supply is needed. We eagerly await announcements to signal the shift from crisis response to prevention.

HUD Report Confirms CHP Ability to Deliver

Community Housing Providers delivered 60% (928 of 1,546 total) of the new public housing tenancies for the year ended 31 March 2019. Since gaining access to Income Related Rent supported tenancies 5 years ago, CHPs have gone from zero to 6,172 tenancies representing 9% of total supply. This has been accomplished through a combination of new builds, leasing and redirects.

In responding to homelessness, community organisations are also delivering in greater numbers. The Housing First programme placed 199 new households in just the last quarter, bringing their total currently housed to 720. Community organisations are also supporting another 2,697 households in Transitional Housing.

In addition to the public housing tenancies, Housing First, and Transitional Housing places, community housing organisations also provide another 7,000 affordable rental and ownership homes, meaning over 16,000 New Zealand families have a roof over their heads as a result of your work.

The March 2019 Public Housing Quarterly Report can be found [here](#).

Housing and Homelessness Hui - A Guide to Homelessness and Housing in West Auckland

When: Friday 31st May 2019, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Where: Ceramco Park Function Centre - 120 Glendale Road, Glen Eden

The Purpose of the day:

Accessing Tenancies and Sustaining Tenancies - what resources are there?

How is the Government and Auckland Council working to meet the housing need and improve the sustainability of tenancies

Updating the Housing and Homelessness Resource Directory - what did we miss?

The day will open with a presentation from Dr Kay Saville-Smith discussing the housing situation in New Zealand. We will hear from a range of Government - Housing New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Auckland Council representatives, and social housing providers regarding how the sector is working to improve access to housing and sustain existing tenancies.

Workshops will then take place in the afternoon to discuss current barriers to accessing housing and sustaining existing tenancies, and identify what supports are available.

Please RSVP by 27 May 2019 with any dietary and/or access requirements to [email](#) or phone (09) 8371471.

More unsold Kiwibuy houses brought by Govt



14 Burke Street, Wanaka. Photo: RNZ / Tess Brunton

The first was in April for five homes in Wanaka's Northlake development.

Now lack of sales in Mike Greer's development in Canterbury and Auckland means the government has had to buy back seven more.

As a way to encourage developers to work with the government to build Kiwibuild homes, the Crown provides an underwrite. If the houses remain unsold after 60 days, the developer can trigger the underwrite and require the government to buy them back at a discounted price.

Kiwibuild would not disclose the price for the seven houses, saying it was commercially sensitive.

Four are in Auckland, and three in Canterbury.

A Kiwibuild spokesperson said the programme should be looked at in its entirety, for example strong sales in Tauranga.

But he said the whole Mike Greer development, with 104 houses in total, won't be affected by the underwrite trigger, and will proceed.

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EVENTS



The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019 - 5-7 June, Wellington

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:

BBHTC, CHPs and full CHA members \$500

Partner CHA members \$750

Regular registration (non members) \$900

AHI Awards dinner ticket \$100.

Working with Complex and Demanding Clients Workshop - Auckland, 2 July



Due to popular demand, the Australasian Housing Institute will be running another session of the Working with Complex and Demanding Clients workshop in Auckland on Tuesday, 2 July 2019.

Aimed at housing professionals whose work involves direct contact with clients, this workshop will enable staff to develop strategies and communication skills to work more effectively in demanding client situations.

Content:

- assessment of complex situations
- introduction of de-fusing and de-escalation skills
- use of assertiveness skills
- self-management
- sharing local knowledge of appropriate agencies for additional expertise and referral

Register early to attend this full day workshop for half price! This exclusive offer is only available to AHI Members until 19 April!

[Register](#) early to attend this full day workshop for half price! This is now sold out.

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



turning lives around

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.

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