

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



CHA Newsletter 4 May 2020

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

Included in this issue – discussing a rights-led housing strategy, this week's sector meetings, additional resources from Kāinga Ora, and the reality of renting in lockdown.

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As a sector we're already putting steps in place to be fully involved in an affordable housing-led recovery while your essential work continues.

Back in February we had the opportunity to hear more from the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Leilana Farha, on the need for a rights-based housing strategy.

As we look to the future, this work is more important than ever.

[In this video](#) we talk about developing strategies to deliver rights-based housing.

Scott Figenshow, CHA Chief Executive

Guidance for your organisation operating at Alert Level 3

A reminder about the CHA guidance documents available to help your organisation during Alert Level 3.

- CHA [Level 3 Guidance](#)
- [Resource 1](#): DECISION TREE: STAFF COVID-19
- [Resource 2](#): DECISION TREE: MOVING INTO SHARED ACCOMMODATION COVID-19
- [Resource 3](#): CHECKLIST: SHARED ACCOMMODATION AT ALERT LEVEL 3
- [Resource 4](#): CHECKLIST: EXTENDING BUBBLES AT ALERT LEVEL 3
- [Resource 5](#): STAFF MAP: WHO IS IN YOUR BUBBLE?
- [Resource 6](#): RESIDENTS/TENANTS MAP: WHO IS IN YOUR BUBBLE?
- [Resource 7](#): COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS/TENANTS AND VISITORS

Please contact us if you have any questions or other resources to suggest: [David Zussman](#), [Chris Glaudel](#), or [Clare Aspinall](#).

Upcoming sector meetings

Providers are invited to the following online Zoom meetings this week:

- 11am **Tuesday 5 May** - Shared accommodation
- 11am **Wednesday 6 May** - [Te Matapihi](#) meeting
- 2pm **Friday 8 May** - Preparing for Level 2

Please contact CHA Senior Programme Manager [David Zussman](#) or Deputy Chief Executive [Chris Glaudel](#) for a Zoom link to the meeting.

For Te Matapihi, please contact [Wayne Knox](#).

Sector meetings are being held each week. They are for community housing providers but you do not need to be a member of CHA to attend.

Kāinga Ora resources

A set of Kāinga Ora resources you might find useful:

- [Guidelines for furniture movers](#)
- [Guidelines when furniture movers are helping you shift](#)
- [Kāinga Ora is here to help](#)
- [Alert Level 3 - Tenant gives notice to placement guideline](#)

- [Customer placements letter](#)

Accommodation Supplement a broken tool - time for reform

The latest survey from Renters United confirms that the Accommodation Supplement is a broken tool and it's time to reform it.

The Child Poverty Action Group [released an analysis](#) nearly a year ago providing recommendations that are urgently needed.

[Renters United has provided more evidence](#) showing the real impacts on households paying far in excess of 30% of their income on rent.

Worldwide, the NGO sector has proven its ability to deliver quality housing at an affordable price, not subject to run ups in real estate costs. We need to urgently resource providers to deliver submarket rental homes to address our current profit-driven system.

HUD housing dashboard for March

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has released the March 2020 update to the Government housing programme dashboard.

The dashboard is [available here](#).

The Shift Aotearoa on LVR loosening

By Brennan Rigby, Project Lead for the Shift Aotearoa

Last week the Reserve Bank removed the LVR restrictions for an initial 12 month period. The reasons were three-fold: to utilise the counter-cyclical nature of the LVR restrictions (ie, to stimulate the economy), to avoid confusion for banks extending lending to customers impacted by COVID-19 in regard to LVR limits, and as a means for the Reserve Bank itself to respond to COVID-19.

The restrictions increased costs for some developers and community housing providers so for some this will be a welcome change. It is also a positive signal for families who may access more and better support from their banks at this time.

A submission by The Shift Aotearoa identified potential risks associated with the change related to the absence of other limitations on lending, and the inability to ensure additional lending is reserved for or reaches families in need. [Read the submission here.](#)

Thoughts or queries on it? CHA welcomes your engagement on this submission by The Shift Aotearoa - please [contact me here](#).

In the news

- [Monte Cecilia: more support for Auckland's vulnerable whānau thanks to award and donation](#)
- [Lifeline provided to homeless and struggling whānau In lockdown](#)
- [Tenants going without food to pay rent during lockdown](#)
- [Human Rights Commission: Human rights and Te Tiriti need to be part of COVID-19 response](#)