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## Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 25 May 2021

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

Registration is now open for the SHIFT Aotearoa Conference on 15-17 June 2021. [Register here](#) or visit the conference website for more information about the two half-days including the programme and presenters.

Articles in this issue include a summary of Budget 2021 Housing Announcements; Registration Update for SHIFT Aotearoa Conference; TCHT's Latest Community Building Project, Webinar on Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning, Video summary from the CHIA Big Australian Housing Build Conference; Announcement of AMI and Habitat for Humanity NZ sponsorship deal; RTA Community of Practice Update; Research Report from Community Housing Collective; News and Events.

If you have any questions about the content, please [email us](#) your feedback.

## Budget 2021 Announcement

The Minister of Finance, Hon. Grant Roberston, delivered [Budget](#) 2021 on Thursday the 20th May. For those concerned with economic inequality and issues of poverty, the benefits increase of up to \$55 dollars per week is welcome news. Whether the amount is too much or too little has been opined upon by many commentators across the economic and political spectrum.

One way to ensure that increase results in better outcomes for whānau is to ensure that it isn't simply passed along to landlords in

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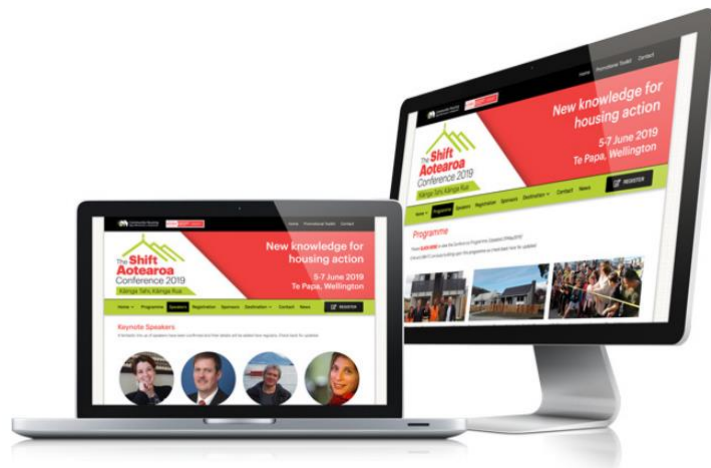
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higher rents. The \$380 million investment in Māori housing is great news! The ring-fence put around \$350 million from the Housing Acceleration Fund for a Māori Infrastructure Fund to help unlock whenua Māori potential will ensure a joined up approach between the housing and required infrastructure. Congratulations to the many organisations and people who have fought long and hard for investment at this scale, including our colleagues at Te Matapihi.

No other significant housing investments were made to follow the \$3.8 billion Housing Acceleration Fund announced at the end of March. Details of that funding are still being worked through and the ability to increase affordable, retained rental homes through community housing providers and Māori providers is not yet known. We anticipate engagement soon on the \$350 million in the redirected Residential Development Response Fund.

Providers are also still awaiting policy announcements resolving the disparity in rent levels between registered Community Housing Providers and Kāinga Ora, and on changes to the use of the Operating Supplement to encourage new supply. We are hopeful these will be coming soon and accelerate delivery from registered providers to complement the delivery from Kāinga Ora.

## Register for SHIFT Aotearoa Conference



Registration is now open for the SHIFT Aotearoa Conference which takes place on 15 & 17 June. [Register here](#) and you will also receive world premiere access to the first episode of 'The Right To Housing' game show.

Content for both days will be delivered online and features keynote speakers, interviews and an interactive workshop. The first day will focus on the right to a decent home; the second day looks at changing how we talk about housing.

View the full conference programme [here](#)

## **Tauranga Community Housing Trust Builds More Homes For Community's Vulnerable**



As the demand for rental properties around the country soars, there is a risk that the most vulnerable members in society are being left behind. Tauranga Community Housing Trust (TCHT) is working to change that by improving access to more quality, sustainable housing in their region.

TCHT has built 12 new one-bedroom homes in Gate Pa which are due for completion at the end the month. The units are designed to be accessible to Lifemark 4 standard and are well designed for ageing in place. They include individual gardens, disability car parks, accessible pathways, and landscaping. More information is available [here](#)

## **Upcoming Webinar on Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning in Australia**



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## INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

CHA is pleased to offer an upcoming webinar with leaders of this innovative project. Details of the event are as follows:

### **MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY ZONING: The Proposed Australian National Framework**

**Tuesday 8 June, 3:00pm-4:00pm**

**Wendy Hayhurst, CEO, CHIA**  
**Dr. Ryan Van de Noulewant, Geography,**  
**Tourism & Planning, Western Sydney University**

Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning is one of the new supply affordable housing approaches that the Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) have worked on with [The Constellation Project](#) over the past year. Learn how leaders across all levels of government, community housing, planning, private sector development and academia have come together.

Modelling in Australia shows implementation of a MIZ policy could result in creating of up to 160,000 new lower income, affordable homes in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

What can we learn for New Zealand and consider through our Resource Management Reforms?

For further information see [here](#) to view Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) [website](#).

## **Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) - Big Australian Housing Build Conference 2021**

Last month, Scott Figenshow and Kay Saville Smith surveyed the New Zealand community housing sector status in their presentation to the CHIA - Big Australian Housing Build Conference 2021. Brennan Rigby concluded the session reflecting on some of the progress made in relation to the right to a decent home.

The recording is available [here](#)

## New Partnership For Habitat For Humanity and AMI Insurance



A newly launched, three-year sponsorship deal between Habitat for Humanity New Zealand and AMI Insurance aims to make a difference for thousands of Kiwis living in substandard housing.

The partnership will enable Habitat to scale its core programmes to support more families through social rental programmes and delivering homes under the Progressive Home Ownership scheme.

Further details are available [here](#)

## Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) and Tenancy Management Community of Practice Summary

The second Tenancy Management Community of Practice took place on Zoom on 13 May. Healthy Homes Standards (introduced by the Residential Tenancies Healthy Homes Standards Regulations 2019) and the online heating calculator were again a focus of discussion. Other topics included Transitional and Emergency Housing, Fixed Term Tenancies and Overcrowding.

Read the full summary [here](#)

A Community of Practice is a way of bringing together people and organisations working on the front line so that they can share knowledge and good practice, discuss issues and work out how best to collaboratively overcome them. The idea is that we are all experts in the work we do so we all have something to contribute and, by working together, we are strong and able to make more progress towards our collective goals.

The next RTA and Tenancy Management Community of Practice will be held on Thursday 8 July 2021 from 2pm to 3.30pm. To join us please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84636387026>

Please direct any questions or feedback about the Community of Practice to David Zussman [here](#)

## Feedback on Healthy Homes Standards

Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) is aware of concerns about the results of the online heating tool/calculation, particularly when applied to multi-unit buildings.

We would like to understand how widespread this issue is so please email your example of this or anything else related to the Healthy Homes standards to Chris Glaudel via email [here](#).

## Final Report on Unmet Needs of Disabled People - Where Will We Live in The Future?

The Community Housing Collective has recently released a research report 'Where Will We Live in The Future – Research into the Unmet Needs of People with Disabilities, their Family and Whānau'. The report is co-authored by Alan Johnson from the Child Poverty Action Group and Colleen Brown Chair of Disability Connect.

Click [here](#) to view the full report.

The aim of the Community Housing Collective is to progress the needs of disabled people and their families within the community. Members include Disability Connect, ME Family Services, Otara Health Charitable Trust, Complex Care Group, Yes Disability, Children's Autism Foundation, IHC, Cerebral Palsy Association, Te Manawa Respite Care, and Auckland Disability Law.

## In the News

- [Report Shows Progress On Homelessness Action Plan](#)
- [Mirwais And Jamilla: The Face Of Homelessness – Part One](#)
- [Waipā investigates affordable housing options for first-home buyers](#)
- [Budget 2021 Fails To Make House Buying Easier For Young Kiwis](#)
- [Wellbeing Budget Not A Game Changer](#)
- [Significant Boost For Māori Housing In Budget 2021](#)
- [A home for life: A new way to look at social housing](#)
- [Porirua City Council wants to sell pensioner flats, freeing itself from social housing game](#)
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## EVENTS

### Upcoming Zoom Call: Response To Acute Drug Harm

Community Housing Aotearoa will host a Zoom call with the Drug Foundation and the Ministry of Health on **Monday 31 May at 2:00pm** to talk about responses to acute drug harm with a particular focus on temporary and community housing.

The purpose is to set the foundation to build capacity and awareness of acute drug harm issues within community housing settings. This call is an opportunity to share evidence, tools and resources that are available to support responses to acute drug harm, as well as giving light to some of the great initiatives, practice and insights that are already in place.

Please share amongst your networks and register in advance [here](#).

### Home Performance Advisor (HPA) - new Healthy Homes online course

#### About the Home Performance Advisor training programme:

HPA is an established training programme, offering courses across New Zealand and online. HPA is backed by research organisations like BRANZ and Beacon Pathway who contribute the latest building science, while home performance experts, such as Ian Mayes, the Eco Design Advisor network (EDA) and the team at Sustainability Options contribute their on-the-job experience.

The next start date is scheduled for **4 June 2021**.

Registration is online using this training [link](#)

The cost to each participant is **\$400 + GST**

For more information about the Home Performance Advisor training programme contact:

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