

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 15 December 2020

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

This is the last newsletter of the year as our office will be closing for the holidays. Whilst 2020 is coming to an end, the mahi is far from over. Thank you to all our members and readers who are working to realise our vision of *all New Zealanders well-housed*. Hopefully the pandemic will soon be behind us and we can turn its lessons of the power of a united team of 5 million and the importance of a home into new action to address the interlocking blights of childhood poverty and affordable homes.

Included in this issue – Child Poverty Monitor 2020 report released, Inclusionary Zoning Seminar, Human Rights, Public Housing New Supply Webinar, Community Housing Aotearoa Close down, In the news, and Events.

Child Poverty Monitor 2020 report released



Left to right: Hon Kelvin Davis Minister for Children, David Hanna Wesley Community Action, Bianca Johanson Manaaki Rangatahi ki te Tamaki (Lifewise), and Prof Tracey McIntosh.

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The Child Poverty Monitor is a partnership between the *J R McKenzie Trust*, the *Office of the Children's Commissioner*, and the New Zealand Child and Youth Epidemiology Service (NZCYES) at the University of Otago.

Each year the Child Poverty Monitor partners choose indicators that reflect aspects of the extent to which children and young people in Aotearoa grow up in households with the resources for everyone to thrive.

The latest report was released on December 2 at The Beehive.

Community Housing Aotearoa | Nga Wharerau O Aotearoa (CHA) members *Wesley Community Action* and *Lifewise* were part of a panel responding to questions from youth at the event.

Read more about the report [here](#).

Inclusionary Zoning seminar now available online

Community Housing Aotearoa sponsored a seminar on Inclusionary Zoning on 7 December that we have now [posted online](#) for viewing along with [presentations and the seminar transcript](#). The seminar explored how Inclusionary Zoning may be able to provide a pipeline of affordable housing in New Zealand. We had a great line up of thought-provoking speakers including:

- Chris Glauzel, Deputy CEO of Community Housing Aotearoa
- Benno Blaschke, Principal Policy Advisor, Local Government New Zealand
- Phill Read, Plans and Places, Auckland Council
- David Mead, Director, Hill Young Cooper
- Imogen Shoots, Society for Alternative Housing Development
- Martin Cooper, on behalf of the Property Council New Zealand
- Shamubeel Eaqub, Sense Partners

For more information you can also read the CHA [discussion document](#) and a [policy brief](#) from LGNZ.

Guidelines on the right to a decent home seminar / engagement available online

Community Housing Aotearoa hosted a seminar and engagement session on the Human Rights Commission's draft Guidelines on the right to a decent home on 7 December. We have now posted that content as an audio file online on our [YouTube channel](#). Consultation on the draft guidelines ends on [21 December](#). The session explored various angles on the right to a decent home in Aotearoa, and highlighted the need to continue discussing and leaning about the right as it applies here. Speakers included:

- Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner
- Vee Blackwood, Human Rights Advisor, Human Rights Commission

- Dr Robbie Francis Watene, Donald Beasley Institute
- Aaron Hendry, Lifewise + Mankaaki Rangatahi

Community Housing Aotearoa and the Shift Aotearoa have compiled a [resource page](#) on the right to a decent home here which features a June 2020 interview with Jade Kake, Architectural and Urban Designer [Matakohe]; Jackie Paul, Landscape Architect + Researcher; Kay Saville-Smith, CRESA; Scott Figenshow, Community Housing Aotearoa; and Wayne Knox, Te Matapihi.

HUD New Supply webinar recap

Te Matapihi and Community Housing Aotearoa assisted HUD to organise a webinar covering the new supply process on Tuesday 8 December. More than 60 participants heard the latest news from the HUD Housing Supply Team about the application process, the types of proposals that have been funded, the value for money framework and draft design guidelines to be consulted upon in early 2021. For those unable to attend, here is the [presentation](#). Stay tuned for additional webinars in 2021 once the Public Housing Plan is released and the funding settings are confirmed.

Housing in Aotearoa: 2020

Statistics New Zealand released the [Housing in Aotearoa:2020](#) report on 8 December. The report brings together a range of housing information – from official and government administrative statistics – to address some of the key questions identified in [Review of housing statistics report 2009](#).

The analysis in 2020 (based primarily on data from 2018) focuses on how housing intersects with people. How well does New Zealand's housing stock provide suitable, affordable, warm, safe, and secure shelter for its citizens? Where are the gaps and inequalities? Housing can act as a visible manifestation of inequality but can also act as a medium to address it. Also included is a brief discussion on how housing interacts with the environment, and the relationship of housing with climate change.

The Shift Aotearoa conference 2021 | planning and engagement

Community Housing Aotearoa has developed a [proposed approach](#) to our biennial conference, planned for June 2021. We want the conference to offer a sharp and clear opportunity to agree and plan for priority changes across the system and the issue we confront. We are planning across 3 key areas, each of which will form a dedicated work programme from January 2021:

- Constitutional transformation: how can conference 2021 build on the dialogue introduced by Dr Moana Jackson and others at the [2019 conference](#)? Many housing matters have constitutional foundations – is it useful to draw a clearer line between constitutional issues and housing system settings and policies?
- Housing system settings: we are planning significant engagement in early 2021 to distil a small set of shared priority settings and policies.

- Narrative change: media coverage of housing is back to incendiary levels – we'd like to see the drama and conflict narrative taken out, replaced with strategic information sharing around real issues and achievable solutions.

Our proposed approach includes three streams of engagement ahead of and beyond the conference – we want to build a clear pathway of work from conference 2021 to conference 2023, which will fall just ahead of the next general election.

To register your interest and for zoom links contact [Brennan Rigby](#).

Community Housing Aotearoa holiday closure

Community Housing Aotearoa | Nga Wharerau O Aotearoa (CHA) would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

OFFICE CLOSE DOWN - Christmas and New Year Holiday Break

Last day working will be Friday 18th December 2020

First day back to work will be Monday 11th January 2021

In the news

- [Opening Of New Housing Community For Christchurch](#)
- [Our Hidden Homeless: Northland's elderly living in Third World conditions](#)
- [Sallies Say Perfect Storm In Housing Provision In New Zealand](#)
- [Homeownership rates lowest in 70 years - report](#)
- [Child Poverty Monitor Shows Bold Action Required To Turn Tide On Poverty](#)
- [Salvation Army warns of social housing waiting list increase as property market skyrockets](#)
- [Government housing priorities need to be clarified](#)
- [Salvation Army Housing BIM](#)
- [Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa To Farewell CEO Toa Faneva](#)
- [Quality And Quantity - The Real Housing Issue](#)
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EVENTS

Simple steps to healthier more sustainable homes - New Zealand Green Building Council

Save the date Wednesday 3rd February 2021 11am-12pm

Please mark your calendars to join us for an online discussion with Andrew Eagles, CEO of the NZGBC, regarding how community housing providers can build, upgrade and maintain their portfolios to meet health and sustainability goals. More details in the new year.

Symposium | Eviction and its consequences

When : Thursday 18 February 2021, 9am-5pm
Where: University of Otago, Newtown, Wellington

Do you work in housing, community and whānau health and wellbeing, law, public health or social justice? We invite you to join us to hear the latest research on Eviction and its consequences.

For tenants, eviction is a feared experience that can cast a long shadow on their health and well-being. This symposium will present the results of a wide-ranging study of past and present eviction processes and experiences in Aotearoa New Zealand and provide opportunity to discuss and consider local and international solutions.

- Who is evicted in Aotearoa and what are their experiences?
- Are our legal processes regulating eviction fair?
- What are the local and international solutions to eviction?

For more information: [Eviction and its consequences](#)

Register now and take advantage of the 25% earlybird discount - closing 22 December.

Haumaru Housing - Tenancy Quality Manager

Haumaru Housing have an opportunity to join the team as a Tenancy Quality Manager.

- Do you have a passion for supporting older people to live well in their communities? Are you motivated to contribute to an organisation committed to being the leading provider of affordable rental housing for older people in New Zealand?
- An exciting and rewarding opportunity exists to join our team - we provide safe, age-friendly communities for older people, creating environments to support them to be resilient and content.

Please see full Job Description [here](#).

Any questions please contact Gabby Clezy on 021 882490