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

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

National Māori Housing Conference 'Providing shelter and a foundation for whānau'

Last week, Ngati Kahungunu hosted the National Māori Housing Conference in Hastings. Themed 'Providing Shelter and a Foundation for Whānau' the three-day conference welcomed hundreds of attendees who heard from sector experts including community and iwi providers, about their experiences, successes, and involvement with papakainga developments. As part of the learning and kaupapa, attendees also visited local papakainga and saw first-hand the outcomes of developments created around whare, whenua and whānau.

Ministerial attendance included Associate Minister Māori Housing - Hon. Peeni Henare, Minister Māori Development - Hon Willie Jackson, Associate Minister Housing (Homelessness) - Hon. Marama Davidson and Minister of Housing - Hon. Dr Megan Woods. Supported by their agencies, the Ministers talked about their plans and commitment to iwi and reiterated their desire to partner with Māori and unlock Māori land for papakainga developments. Minister Woods' full speech is available [here](#)

The conference achieved good media coverage with Rau Hoskins appearing on [TVOne news](#) on Thursday evening. He recommended the [Maori Housing Act](#) be revised and be accompanied by an increase in funding of \$300m. Both

by Brook Turner

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funding and legislation are critical to changing dire housing issues impacting Māori.

The next National Māori Housing Conference will take place in 2023 and will be hosted by Te Arawa.

Mahitahi Kainga Trust Kotukutuku Papakainga Opening



On Friday, Raewyn Allan and her team at Mahitahi Trust held the official opening of the Kotukutuku Papakainga. The opening was well attended by the sector, iwi, dignitaries and whānau. A booklet about the Trust and the Papakainga is [available here](#). Below is an excerpt from Raewyn's speech which encapsulates their purpose, the Papakainga and their journey to see it built. More photos of the event will be available in our next issue.

"Finally and this is the most important part of my korero....to our Whaiora whanau - it has been our greatest pleasure creating this for you, this is your space. We hope that you find joy, peace, comfort and connection living in your Papakainga. We have fitted your rooms out with all brand new furniture because you deserve to have a beautiful whare, we love you all, you are our whanau and our greatest desire is for you all to live well and be the happiest that you can be.

When you are all moved in, I have an image in my head of you all interacting with each other, having a coffee together in the centre courtyard, sharing stories, visiting each other and supporting each other. We hope that you enjoy calling this place your home. Big loves."

Community Housing Aotearoa - Interview with Newstalk ZB on Public Housing stock

On 24 February, Scott talked to Heather du Plessis-Allan about the legacy of New Zealand's existing housing stock. "It's actually good news that the new public housing plan looks to address this problem and focus on new builds, but it's endemic that we thought we could address the housing crisis by working on

places rather than ensuring we were adding new, affordable housing supply." Listen to the full interview [here](#)

Alert Levels Reimposed

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced a change in Alert Levels during a live announcement on Saturday, 27 February. Beginning at 11:59pm that night the greater Auckland region entered Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand Alert Level 2.

Community Housing Aotearoa developed resources to assist providers to safely provide housing services during the initial lockdown periods in 2020. This information is still relevant and is available on our website. The guidance documents contain information, contacts, resources and advice to help you in your day-to-day service delivery and decision-making under the Government's Level 3 & 2 response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge all providers to review the resources to ensure your residents, staff and visitors have information available to maintain their health and safety.

[Alert Level 3 Guidance](#)

[Alert Level 2 Guidance](#)

Please contact any CHA staff member if you have any questions or need more detailed guidance. If you are unsure who to contact, [email](#) or call us on **04 385 8722**

Stay up to date with the Government's latest news and announcements on the Unite Against Covid-19 [website](#).

Public Housing Plan 2021-2024 Released

Housing Minister Hon Dr. Megan Woods released the [Public Housing Plan 2021-2024](#) on 22 January. This document sets out the Government's public housing supply intentions for the next four years. It provides information about the location and number of additional public housing places that will be delivered by June 2024. The document supersedes the 2018 Public Housing Plan.

HUD will take both a kaupapa Māori (Te Maihi o te Whare Māori) and place-based approach to refine our understanding of local and community need, continue to identify priority focus areas for public housing supply, and deliver solutions that meet the immediate and long-term needs of vulnerable individuals, whānau and communities.

We anticipate further information from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development regarding rent settings and the overall funding approach to be released in the coming weeks. We anticipate holding online meetings with MHUD to provide clear guidance to providers looking to deliver new supply. More details will be in future newsletters.

In the News

- [The need to Build: The Demographic Drivers of Housing Demand.](#)
- [A Win For Pasifika Communities To Have A Stable Home](#)

- [New Strategy Strives For Sustainable Solutions To Hastings' Housing Shortage](#)
- [Current Emergency Housing Not A Solution For Teen Parents](#)
- [Wellington's emergency housing grows by 300 per cent in a year, under strain from Covid-19 and escalating housing crisis](#)

EVENTS

The Changing Environment of Residential Tenancy Law

This workshop delivered by Kathryn Burton takes an in-depth look at changes to the Residential Tenancies Act and the impact they will have for both tenants and housing providers. We will explore the full range of changes in the past two years including:

- Tenant liability for damage
- Methamphetamine
- Healthy Homes
- Changes to termination of tenancy provisions
- Changes to fixed-term tenancies and in particular how this effects Social Housing Providers
- Strengthening access to the Tenancy Tribunal for vulnerable tenants
- Additional provisions to increase housing security

In Person Opportunity: Napier

Cost: \$150 + GST per person (includes lunch)
 Tuesday 9 March 9:00am – 3.30pm
 The Salvation Army – 56 Tait Drive, Greenmeadows, Napier

Register now by clicking the link [here](#):

Housing Call to Action West Auckland

March Network Meeting - via Zoom

• Wednesday, 3 March 2021, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

As Auckland is currently in Level 3, this month's network meeting will take place via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94113089686?pwd=Vk41NnpHWmgzdmdaRFU3MkVldVIWUT09>

Meeting ID: 941 1308 9686

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Hear about what's happening in west Auckland and network with others who may be able to help with your housing sector issues and more...

The Housing Call to Action is a Network of community, social sector, NGO, local government and central government organisations who have an interest in the Housing Sector. We welcome new members.

Phone **Lee or Gaylene on 8371471** for more information

Upcoming Webinar 'Self-determined housing options for youth leaving care' by Brook Turner



Mark your calendar for this educational event presented by Manaaki Rangatahi Ki Tāmaki Makaurau and Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA).

- **Thursday 18 March 2021, 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

Brook Turner is the Head of Service Development and Partnerships at Visionwest Community Trust. Brook has 20 years of social services experience and has learned a range of community development approaches including social enterprise. For his work in the social sector he has been awarded a Kiwibank New Zealander of the year local hero award, a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and a Royal Society of the Arts Fellowship from the United Kingdom. Brook is also a graduate and Alumni member of Leadership New Zealand. Brook believes the vital ingredients for social change are innovation, entrepreneurship, and a pursuit of greater equality across all ethnicities, genders and ages.

Brook is currently completing his Master's research is on 'Self-determined housing options for youth leaving care'. We know that young people leaving the care system fare worse than most in relationship to housing, often feeding our homelessness numbers from failed transitions out of care. Yet we rarely ask care leavers what they want in terms of housing. Brook's research looks at what we are doing here in NZ and internationally to address this as well as painting a comprehensive picture of the need and desperation many youth face without adequate housing. Join us in this webinar to hear Brooks insights and learnings through his Master's research.

Bianca Johanson is the Youth Strategy & Development Co-ordinator at Lifewise and she coordinates Manaaki Rangatahi Ki Tāmaki Makaurau: Youth

Homelessness Collective. Manaaki Rangatahi was formed in 2018 to address and work together as a sector to prevent and end youth homelessness in Tamaki Makaurau and Aotearoa. Their vision is a Tāmaki Makaurau where every child and young person has a warm, safe and secure place to call home.

The link to the webinar will follow in the next CHA newsletter. If you have any queries or wish to be added to the invite list please [email Amanda Kelly](#).

Engagement Series for Shift Aotearoa Conference

The Engagement Series for Shift Aotearoa Conference workstreams continues on 9 March and is available [here](#). A combined issues paper reflecting the meetings from 9 February and new changes and developments observed since then will be released later this week.

To register your interest or receive issues papers or invites directly, you can register via [email](#).

Resources

Useful training resource - Addiction 101 training.

Click [here](#) to view full details.

Addiction 101

Understanding addiction and recovery.

Description

Addiction 101 is a one-day workshop designed to increase awareness and reduce the stigma associated with addiction - both at work and in everyday life.

Our workshop

During Addiction 101, you will:

- use Te Whare Tapa Whā to understand addiction and recovery
- recognise signs of addiction issues
- relate brain and body responses to addiction
- respond supportively to people experiencing addiction issues.

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