

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 02 November 2020
Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa.

Included in this issue – Te Matapihi and Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA), Healthy Homes Standards, New Ministers Announced, Inclusionary Zoning, Ngā Pōtiki - Progressive Home Ownership announcement, Bays Community Housing Trust (BCHT) new model of a community, Abbeyfield Royal Patron's Award, HUD new deadline for Emergency Housing Providers, helpful links in the news, and upcoming Events.

Te Matapihi and Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA)



Te Matapihi and Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) staff came together face to face in Auckland to forge stronger relationships. We

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had an overnight stay which was a fantastic way to allow both teams to get to know each other. Our teams are increasing our efforts to connect with each other and providers. An important driver for this is to coordinate our work plans to provide the Homelessness Sector Services alongside HUD.

Photo: Scott Figenshow and Wayne Knox (Scott is holding the taonga which was presented to the Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) team from Wayne and the Te Matapihi team OCT 2020.

Reminder Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) - Notice of AGM

Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Date: Tuesday 17th November
2020
noon.

Time: 11am – 12

Via: Zoom

Thank you to the Candidates who have submitted their Nominations. We have received three nominations for the three open Council seats. The slate will be moved for approval at the AGM and no ballot process is needed.

More details regarding the nominations received, the reports for the AGM and how to connect will be sent directly to current members.

Healthy Homes Standards

Changes to the Healthy Homes Standards are coming into effect in the coming months. Here's what you need to know.

From **1st December 2020** landlords must include a *compliance statement with new or renewed tenancies* which outlines how the property complies with the **Healthy Homes Standards**.

The healthy homes standards aim to make a significant change to the quality of New Zealand rental homes. The standards cover improvements to heating, insulation, and ventilation, and addressing issues with moisture ingress and drainage and draught stopping.

Click [here](#) to view some of the changes.

New Ministerial Announcements

Community Housing Aotearoa welcomes the Prime Minister's announcements on ministerial portfolios. We congratulate all those entrusted with these important responsibilities, especially those we will be working with on housing.

Congratulations to the Hon Dr Megan Woods on her reappointment as Minister of Housing. Working alongside her as associate ministers are:

Hon Poto Williams, Associate Minister of Housing (Public Housing)

Hon Peeni Henare, Associate Minister of Housing (Māori Housing)

Marama Davidson, Associate Minister of Housing (Homelessness)

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following ministers who are no longer working in the housing portfolio:

Hon Nanaia Mahuta, former Associate Minister (Māori Housing)

Hon Kris Faafoi, former Associate Minister (Public Housing).

Auckland Council considers Inclusionary zoning

The Auckland Council Planning Commission is receiving a report back on affordable housing at a meeting this Thursday 5th November. We are encouraged that the staff are recommending "that a coordinated advocacy plan to central government be developed by the political working party by February 2021 to advocate for legislative change required to enable the use of inclusionary zoning by local government."

CHA's position on Inclusionary Zoning is that it is time for the Government to put the right policy framework in place that will allow Auckland and other Councils to adopt planning policies in place that will deliver affordable housing without the risk of legal challenge. We will soon release a discussion document to further the conversation regarding this important tool which can provide affordable housing.

We encourage our readers in Auckland who agree with our position to email Councillors to highlight their support for Inclusionary Zoning and the ongoing role of Community Housing Providers in the delivery of affordable housing in partnership with Auckland Council and the Government.

You can read the Planning Commission report [here](#). Contact details for all Councillors can be found [here](#). The Chair of the Planning Committee is Chris Darby and the vice chair is Josephine Bartley.

Ngā Pōtiki - Progressive Home Ownership announcement for \$7.2m

Congratulations to Victoria Carroll (deputy Chair) and all the team at Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust whom will receive \$7.2 million from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Progressive Home Ownership fund.

The Ngā Pōtiki Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Programme will enable more Ngā Pōtiki whānau to buy their own homes.

Minister of Housing, Hon Dr Megan Woods, visited the Manawa residential development in Pāpāmoa Beach to make the announcement.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

Introducing Te Whare Manawa Ora—Bays Community Housing Trust's new model of what community looks like.

Social housing is a big issue in Auckland with over 6,617 Aucklanders currently on the Public Housing Register waiting for a permanent home. Local organisation Bays Community Housing Trust (BCHT) is committed to solving this. In October, they completed 5 brand new homes in Long Bay, adding to their existing portfolio of 34 homes across the North Shore. The new Long Bay homes are part of a community setting named **Te Whare Manawa Ora** – 'Whare' meaning House, 'Manawa' meaning Heart, and 'Ora' meaning Wellbeing.

Congratulations to John Tiy (General Manager) and the team at Bays Community Housing Trust (BCHT) for their new model of what a community looks like.

For the full article and youtube link click [here](#).

Abbeyfield Royal Patron's Award presented in Nelson



Photo courtesy of Abbeyfield

Congratulations to **Fenn Shaw** who received the Royal Patron's Award from HRH Prince Charles. Chair of the Abbeyfield

Christchurch Society, Fenn has been honoured with this prestigious award. Abbeyfield Christchurch is a Member Society of Abbeyfield New Zealand, part of the worldwide Abbeyfield organisation, and Mrs Shaw was nominated from thousands of staff and volunteers to receive a Royal Patron's Award, endorsed by HRH The Prince of Wales.

They are awarded every year to staff members and volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to The Abbeyfield Society and its Member Societies, whose mission is to improve the lives of older people.

Mrs Shaw was presented with her award at the Abbeyfield New Zealand conference, held in Nelson on 16 -17 October 2020.

Invitation to Partner for Emergency Housing Providers - deadline extended

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has issued another addendum to the deadline for proposals to provide Transitional Housing on 23 October.

The new deadline for proposals is 30 June 2021.

For full details, see the addendum on [GETS RFx Id:18011607](#) Note the original notice was issued by the Ministry of Social Development for Emergency Housing, but is renamed to Transitional Housing and is now administered by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

In the news

- [Economists call for LVR restrictions to return](#)
- [Affordability Suffers As House Price Juggernaut Moves On](#)
- [Govt seeks to buy up motels for Christmas](#)
- [AAAP Calls On Govt To Reverse The 25% Charge For Emergency Shelter](#)
- [Prime Minister's Opening Statement From 4.30pm Press Conference](#)
- [NZ Maori Councils Applauds More Maori In Cabinet – History Made With Nanaia Mahuta](#)
- [Council owned property company gives firsthome buyers a fighting chance](#)

Events

Australasian Housing Institute training opportunities

Dealing with Complex and Difficult Clients
Monday, 09 November 2020

The Dealing with Complex and Difficult Clients [online workshop](#) aims to assist people in delivering client services to those whose situations are complex and whose behaviour is, at times, demanding and challenging. It will enable attendees to better understand the psychology of difficult people and assist in developing strategies and communication skills to deal more effectively in such client situations.

National Māori Housing Conference 2021

Providing shelter and a foundation for whānau

Date: Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February 2021

Venue: Club Hastings, Victoria Street, HASTINGS.

For more information click [here](#).