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

Included in this issue – an opportunity to hear from political parties on their ideas for housing, farewells, how Abbeyfield supports seniors, HUD's public housing rent review, the first phase of the Progressive Home Ownership programme and much more.

Register for
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CHA Farewells

With the election fast approaching Community Housing Aotearoa is hosting an online webinar with invited politicians and political party spokespeople to discuss their housing policies, what they intend to do for affordable housing if they get elected, and how they will work with the community housing sector to provide more of the affordable homes New Zealanders need. There will also be an opportunity to ask some questions.

Spotlight on
Abbeyfield
New Zealand

The webinar will be hosted on zoom from 4pm to 5.30pm on **Thursday 20 August** and will be facilitated by experienced TV journalist and presenter [Rawdon Christie](#).

Progressive
Home
Ownership
underway

To register for this free event on 20 August from 4 – 5.30pm, click [here](#).

Guidelines on
the right to a
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underway

CHA Farewells

CHRA releases
new Guidance
Note

July has been a time of transitions at Community Housing Aotearoa. Cushla Managh and Clare Aspinall have both ended their time working with us over the last few weeks. Cushla, our Strategic Engagement and Communications Manager, departed us for a role with the Director-General of Health. Some of you may have heard of him - Dr. Ashley Bloomfield. Cushla was a pleasure to work with and took our engagement and communications up a level that we will strive to uphold (The Abbeyfield case study below is an example of work she kicked off). We wish her all the best in her new role.

Public Housing
Rent Setting
review 2020

Also departing from our team was Clare Aspinall. Many of you will have seen Clare during our lockdown period zoom calls. A Phd candidate and public health nurse, Clare put her thesis work on hold to help us navigate through Levels 4 to 1, providing practical resources and advice to community housing providers. With the return to a new normal, Clare has

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turned her attention back to completing her Phd thesis. We wish her good luck in completing that milestone in the next few months.

Spotlight on Abbeyfield New Zealand

Susan Jenkins, CE of Abbeyfield New Zealand recently spoke with us about the Abbeyfield housing model and their plans in Greymouth. Decreasing rates of home ownership and an aging population are highlighting the need for more affordable accommodation for retirees across New Zealand, a need Abbeyfield New Zealand is doing its best to meet.

You can hear from Susan directly in the video [here](#) and read about it in the case study [here](#).

Progressive Home Ownership underway



(left to right) Julie Scott, CE Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust; Marama Davidson, co-leader Green Party; Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing; Dominic Foote, CE Housing Foundation and Sandy Foster, Chair Housing Foundation at the 24 July announcement at the Beehive.

Hon Dr. Megan Woods, Minister for Housing formally announced the first phase of the Progressive Home Ownership programme on Friday 24 July. The first two of what are expected to be several providers selected, the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust and Housing Foundation were on hand to celebrate the kickoff of the \$400 million programme. Both Minister Woods and MP Davidson were enthusiastic in their support for the programme and working with community housing providers on the delivery. Further announcements are eagerly anticipated for the organisations selected to deliver in the iwi/Māori pathway.

You can learn more about the announcement in the following coverage and media releases.

- [RNZ Coverage of the PHO Announcement](#)
- [CHA Media Release - Progressive Home Ownership](#)
- [KiwiBuy Campaign Media Release on PHO Announcement](#)
- [QLCHT Media Release](#)
- [Ministry of Housing and Urban Development materials](#) on the programme

Guidelines on the right to a decent home - engagement underway

Engagement is ongoing to inform the **Human Rights Commission's** *development of guidelines* on the *right to a decent home*. Shift Aotearoa project lead Brennan Rigby is carrying out engagement meetings mainly via Zoom.

Please contact Brennan via [email](#) if you would like to learn more, participate in a meeting, or schedule a meeting for your organisation to learn more and provide feedback to the process.

Brennan Rigby

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CHRA releases new Guidance Note

The Community Housing Regulatory Authority

Released a Guidance Note on 'Responsibilities under the Official Information Act' on Tuesday 21 July. This guidance outlines responsibilities of the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (the Authority) and community housing providers (CHPs) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

The OIA requires that all information shall be made available on request unless there is good reason for withholding it. This guidance discusses the practical implications of that principle for you as a CHP and for the information that you provide to the Authority.

All registered CHPs and those organisations considering registration should read the guidance and understand the potential for the release of information they provide to CHRA.

This and previous Guidance Notes can be found on the CHRA website. <https://chra.hud.govt.nz/about-chra/guidance-notes/>

Public Housing Rent Setting review 2020

The **Public Housing Rent Setting review 2020** was commissioned by HUD to better understand **Public Housing rent settings**, which were identified as an important area for further work in the wider Public Housing Funding Review (released in March 2020).

The **review** looked at current rent settings and the principles that should guide an effective public housing rent approach. The review also looked at the effectiveness of public housing rent maxima currently set by HUD and options for change to improve transparency and consistency across the sector.

The main findings were:

- There is a significant difference in rent setting processes between the Community Housing Provider (CHP) sector and Kāinga Ora.
- The removal of the published maxima would assist in levelling the playing field between providers across the sector. There is no policy rationale for the maxima to only apply to the Community Housing Provider sector.

See below for the full review:

Public [Housing Rent Setting review](#) 2020 or Public [Housing Funding Review](#) 2019.

Te Pae Whakahou Hapori – Eastern Porirua Advisory Panel announced

The Minister for Urban Development, Phil Twyford, on behalf of the Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project partners, has appointed a seven-member independent advisory panel, Te Pae, as Kaitiaki (Guardian) of the vision and objectives of the Project.

The Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project is a partnership between the Crown (including the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development), Porirua City Council and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa) to invest in housing, infrastructure, community facilities, town centres, schooling, training, employment, and social services.

For the full announcement click [here](#).

In the news

- [Prime Minister Launches Urban Marae Housing Development](#)
- [Porirua Development Delivers More New Public Housing](#)
- [Public Housing Rent Setting review 2020](#)
- [Boost To Upgrade State Housing To Be Warmer, Drier, Healthier Homes](#)
- [Government Support For Community-based Initiatives Best Way To Boost Home Ownership](#)
- [Kāinga Ora Gets Tooled Up To Build More Homes](#)
- [New Rules To Help Our Cities Grow Up And Out](#)
- [Daikin Gives Deserving Family A Healthy Home Do-Over](#)
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ELECTION FORUM ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

This event will be hosted by **Platform Trust** (Platform) and the regional Navigate networks. Platform champions the community sector in New Zealand as a positive place for people with mental health & addiction issues to live, learn, and work.

Join us for the only election forum where all political parties will discuss mental health, addiction and wellbeing.

Event to be held at the following time and date:

Wednesday, 19 August 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (NZST)

Click [here](#) to register - Once you've registered, you'll be sent a link to the Zoom event.

Tenancy Law Case File

Tenancy Law in Aotearoa New Zealand

Kathryn Burton is running a forum on Tenancy Law. This is a dynamic and ever-evolving space. Every week the Tenancy Tribunal is issuing decisions that add to our understanding and interpretation of the Residential Tenancies Act. Exploring these decisions can greatly assist us to deal with tenancy matters as they arise.

The Tenancy Case Law File is a monthly forum for people across the tenancy spectrum - tenants, landlords, advocates and social housing providers - to come together and discuss the ramifications of recent cases.

On-line Forum

Wednesday 5 August
2pm - 4pm - To Register click [here](#).

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