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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, the Green Party releases their housing policy, guidelines on the right to a decent homes, news and upcoming events.

Register Now! CHA's online housing webinar

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.

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](#).

Register for this free event on [20 August from 4 – 5.30pm](#).

Homes for All – The Green Party launches housing policies

The Green Party yesterday announced its [housing policies](#) – *Homes for All*.

The policies outlined cover a wide range of areas that will be of interest to Community Housing Providers, and which respond well to the key action areas highlighted by the sectors [letter of expectations](#) to politicians.

These include:

- Continue to invest in building more social housing (5,000 new homes a year) with a focus on both Crown Builds and Community Housing Providers – aimed at clearing the waiting list of 18,520 within 5 years, and achieved through extending Kāinga Ora’s borrowing limit to \$12billion which would include contract building to community housing providers
- Expanding Progressive Home Ownership to become a core part of the Government’s housing response.
- \$100 million for Iwi-led homelessness initiatives
- Increase support for Housing First by \$20 million a year
- Kāinga Ora to secure suitable places for short to medium term transitional housing while permanent options are built.
- Supporting papakāinga and Māori housing solutions
- Increase the supply of affordable rentals with a \$300 million crown financial underwrite to support housing developments delivered by CHPs, iwi and hapu, and membership-based housing associations
- Establish a \$250 million seed fund for newly built community non-profit homes
- Review of AS and IRRS
- Landlord and Property manager registration
- Zoning for affordable housing
- Improving housing standards

Click [here](#) to read the announcement.

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*. The 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.

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- [Getting Infrastructure For Housing Underway](#)
- [Government Delivers On Rental Reforms Promise](#)
- [Sad Day For Tenants And Landlords](#)
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- [New fund to support housing and construction sector](#)
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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.

Upcoming Australasian Housing Institute Training 2020

August 2020

19th August 2020 - Coaching Essentials - Online Workshop

September 2020

1st September 2020 - Dealing with Complex and Difficult Clients

3rd September 2020 - Wellness Virtual Workshop

Member Engagement Events

To make sure the **Membership discount is applied**, please log in to the website as a member and click Lookup button at the event registration window.

If you're **experiencing any issues with registration**, please [email](#) or call +61 2 6494 7566 for assistance.

For more information click [here](#) to see all the details on the Australasian Housing Institute website.