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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 15 February 2021

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

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Alert Levels Reimposed

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced a change in Alert Levels during a live broadcast at 7:00pm on Sunday, 14 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.

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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](#).

Te Matapihi Briefing to Incoming Ministers

Our congratulations to Te Matapihi for an outstanding Briefing to Incoming Ministers (BIM) of Housing which captures the depth and sophistication of the issues facing housing, and Māori housing in particular. CHA looks forward to supporting Te Matapihi as we work with Government on the issues raised.

The catch cry of the Te Matapihi BIM is the need for “More Māori Houses” to help address the housing crisis. In other words, more housing developments led and built by Māori, more whānau supported by Māori into appropriate housing, and more houses owned by Māori.

The BIM contains over 30 recommendations spanning homelessness, public housing and CHPs, home ownership, papakāinga, iwi housing and cross-sectoral issues, including recommendations to:

- Initiate the ‘review and reset’ of government policy committed to by the MAIHI framework
- Dedicate investment to growing Māori CHPs via the Public Housing Plan
- Undertake a comprehensive review of the Kāinga Whenua Loan Scheme with Māori
- Introduce at a national level a mechanism to protect the right of tangata whenua to develop papakāinga housing
- Explore funding models that help to leverage Iwi investment in housing
- Establish a multi-agency panel tasked with increasing Māori housing supply
- Review the government’s Māori housing strategy in co-design with the Māori housing sector
- Revitalise the Māori Housing Act 1935 and expand its scope
- Significantly increase the level of government investment in Māori-led housing solutions.

The Te Matapihi BIM is available to read [here](#)

Welcome to Community Housing Aotearoa



Amanda Kelly has joined us as our new Policy and Practice Manager based in Auckland. Amanda is originally from Ireland and has been living in Tamaki Makaurau for almost 14 years. She has previously worked in Local Government and Non-Government Organisations in community development and health promotion roles including supporting the operational response to homelessness at Auckland Council. Amanda is passionate about working in a joined up way and improving systems and tools that enable better decision making and outcomes for communities.

Ko Croagh Patrick te maunga
Ko River Shannon te awa
No Airani ahau
Kei Tamaki Makaurau ahau e noho ana
Ko Kelly toku whanau
Ko Amanda Kelly tōku ingoa
No reira, tena tatou katoa.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA) team and to work in partnership with Te Matapihi he Tirohanga mo te Iwi Trust, to support the vision that every New Zealander is well-housed in a warm, safe, dry and affordable home. I look forward to working alongside you and to give voice to issues and barriers faced by members and the sector.



Wendy Marr has joined CHA as our new Communications Manager based in Wellington. Wendy has worked in both public and private sectors and brings with her extensive communications, media management and marketing experience.

As part of developing our 2021/22 Communications Plan, Wendy will be reviewing CHA's content strategy. If you have any questions about this or have any content ideas that you'd like to share, please [email](#) me.

Ko Maungaemiemie te maunga
Ko Pupuke te awa
Ko Ngapuhi toku iwi
Ko Te Whanu Pani toku hapu
Ko Te Patunga toku marae
Ko Wendy Marr toku ingoa
No reira, tena tatou katoa.

It's a privilege to join the team at Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA) and to support the CHA Council and our members in the delivery of this important mahi. I'm looking forward to working with you to achieve our kaupapa of all New Zealanders well-housed.

Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust opens first stage of new development

Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust (ŌCHT) opened Korimako Lane, the first stage of the 90-home Brougham Street, Christchurch, development on Friday 29 January. Named after the New Zealand bellbird, Korimako Lane is the largest building project commissioned by ŌCHT since the trust was established in 2016. It is also one of the largest developments of its kind under construction for an NGO in New Zealand

- [Korimako Lane opens](#)
- [Proud result of bold move](#)

Read more about the project [here](#)

Official Opening of Mahitahi Kāinga Trust's Kotukutuku Papakāinga



Later this month, Mahitahi Kāinga Trust will officially open Kotukutuku Papakāinga in Otara. This is an exciting new development for iwi and whānau in this community and has been a long-standing foundation project for them. We want to acknowledge Mahitahi Kāinga Trust and their vision and work to bring this to completion. Read more about the project [here](#)

New Zealand Green Building Council

In 2010, New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC) launched Homestar, an independent rating tool that assesses the health, efficiency and sustainability of a home. Two years ago, CHA suggested adopting a policy of building to Homestar as standard for CHPs. Last week Andrew Eagles, NZGBC Chief Executive gave an online presentation that talks to the many benefits that a Homestar mark of quality-assurance offers. Andrew's presentation and supporting information is available below.

- [Why Homestar?](#)
- [Case Studies](#)
- [Upcoming courses](#)

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.

CHA Media Release on RMA reform announcement

Replacement of RMA a step in right direction for affordable housing.

CHA welcomed last week's announcement by Environment Minister David Parker to replace New Zealand's Resource Management system this parliamentary term.

Read full media release [here](#)

Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2020 - further changes now in force

Further changes to the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 took effect on 11 February. The changes will affect both tenants and landlords.

They've been made to modernise New Zealand's rental laws and align them with the present-day realities of renting.

To view the full RTA changes click [here](#) via the Tenancy Services Website.

The Shift Aotearoa conference 2021 | issues papers and progress

Community Housing Aotearoa kicked off our engagement series on 26 January on two of the themes and workstreams for the Shift Aotearoa conference: narrative transformation and housing system settings. Today we are happy to release the Constitutional transformation paper and a revised Narrative transformation paper.

For agenda, records of meetings, and further resources visit the [Shift Aotearoa](#) events page.

To register your interest for any of these hui or for the conference itself, and for zoom links, contact [Brennan Rigby](#).

- [Constitutional transformation issues paper](#), 1 Feb 2021
- [Narrative transformation paper](#), 2 Feb 2021
- [Housing systems setting issues paper](#), 2 Feb 2021
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In the news

- [Wellington Rents The First In NZ To Pass \\$600](#)
- [Hāpai Te Hauora Welcomes New Tenancy Rules Providing Additional Security For Renters](#)
- [Wellington's Infrastructure And Resilience-focused Long-term Plan](#)

- [Benefit Levels In The Labour Government's Budget Policy Statement 2021](#)
- [Tauranga housing squeeze: 'It can be desperate if you're a tenant'](#)
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EVENTS

Symposium | Eviction and its Consequences

Thursday 18 February 2021, 9:00am – 5:00pm
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](#)

Hei Tuanui He Whaariki National Māori Housing Conference

Wednesday 24 February - Friday 26 February 2021
Club Hastings, Napier

Providing shelter and a foundation for whānau is the theme of the 2021 National Māori Housing Conference.

Kia piki te kaha! Kia piki te ora! Kia piki te wairua!

The theme of providing shelter and a foundation for whānau was developed by Ngahiwi Tomoana, chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. His concept encourages us to support, build and nurture communities that put people first. Quality, affordable housing is important for whānau. It not only fulfills a basic human need for shelter, but it also contributes to the overall wellbeing of the whānau.

The Community Housing Aotearoa team look forward to this important event and hope to see many of our readers there.

Registration and programme information is available on the [conference website](#).

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 affects Social Housing Providers
- Strengthening access to the Tenancy Tribunal for vulnerable tenants
- Additional provisions to increase housing security

Workshop 1 – Delivered via Zoom

Cost: \$120 + GST per person
Wednesday 24 February & Thursday 25 February
9:00am – 12:00pm noon

Register now: <https://tenancy-law-update-zoom-february-2021.lilregie.com/>

Workshop 2 - 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](#):

Upcoming Australasian Housing Institute Training

[PREVENTING DEBT AND RECOVERING ARREARS](#) -

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

[HAVING MONEY CONVERSATIONS WITH TENANTS](#) -

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Housing Call to Action West Auckland

March Network Meeting

Always takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, same time, same place

- Wednesday, **3 March 2021**, 1.30pm - 3.00pm at
- Glen Eden Methodist Church, 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden

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**

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
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- respond supportively to people experiencing addiction issues.
- Content Article