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## Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 9 June 2021

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

A reminder to register [here](#) for the SHIFT Aotearoa Online Conference which takes place next week on Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 June. Day 1 will focus on the right to a decent home; Day 2 looks at narrative and changing the way we talk about housing. More information including the Conference programme is available on the [conference website](#).

Other articles in this issue include Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning; Mindful Money Awards finalists; Salvation Army Opening of Westgate - Te Manaaki Tangata, and Flatbush - Kaitiakitanga Community Housing Developments; Abbeyfield Masterton House Expansion; Queens Birthday Honours Award New Zealand Order of Merit for Work With Homeless; Innovative Design To Address Youth Homelessness Wins Prestigious Award; News, Video and Events including Healthy Conversations about Racism.

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

## SHIFT Aotearoa Conference - 15 & 17 June

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15 & 17 June  
Short-format online conference

June, July & August  
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7 & 8 October  
National Symposium

This year's online conference is packed with visions, perspectives and aspirations for the #right2housing. From emergent global ethical capital movements with meaningful footprints in Aotearoa, to young activists and advocates exploring how they see the #right2housing changing the game in Aotearoa, our confirmed speakers are coming at it from all angles. [Register here](#) for exclusive pre-release material.

## #right2housing Game Show

The pilot for the #right2housing Game Show was released this week. Game show judges, Radar and Fiona Cram, discuss their roles and the seven elements of the #right2housing. Brennan Rigby also provides an overview of constructive accountability, participatory policy making, access to justice and other opportunities of the #right2housing as a ready-made systems intervention in Aotearoa.

## #right2housing Dinner

- Auckland: Nomad, Pt Chev. Drinks from 4:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
- Wellington: Venue TBC. Drinks from 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
- RSVP: [brennan.rigby@communityhousing.org.nz](mailto:brennan.rigby@communityhousing.org.nz)

## Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning

### Proposed Australian National Framework – Webinar Available

CHA hosted webinar on 8 June with [Wendy Hayhurst](#), CEO, CHIA and [Dr. Ryan Van de Noulewant](#), Geography, Tourism & Planning, Western Sydney University on our Australian counterparts work on inclusionary zoning. We learned about the participatory planning work that has yielded the set of seven common principles for their framework. The principles include agreement that at least 10% of all housing floorspace (or commensurate land / cash) developed on privately owned land should be designated, in perpetuity, as social or affordable rental housing, under community housing provider (CHP) management. It was reassuring to hear their evidence that CHPs are the most experienced and best placed to manage this housing resource into the future. Thank you to Wendy and Ryan for sharing your knowledge with our central and local government colleagues, our members and others interested in this planning tool.

You can read the presentation [here](#), or listen to the zoom webinar [here](#) passcode XeTUU5d%. The AHURI research paper "Planning Mechanisms to deliver affordable homes" is available [here](#).

## What Would A New Zealand Version Look Like?

To further the discussion on what an enabling framework for New Zealand could look like, Community Housing Solutions (CHS) has released the following report:

["Enabling Inclusionary Zoning: What can we learn from the repealed Affordable Housing Enabling Territorial Authorities Act of 2008?"](#)

The report by CHS' Chris Glaudel and Scott Figenshow gives the history of this piece of legislation enacted by the Helen Clark government. Unfortunately it was one of the first pieces of legislation repealed by the incoming National government. The report argues that there are many aspects that could fast-track the implementation of Inclusionary Zoning in New Zealand by providing clear enablement to local government.

The paper has also been shared with Ministers Parker and Twyford and with colleagues at MFE and HUD. It is hoped that Inclusionary Zoning will be enabled in the upcoming exposure draft of the resource management reforms.

## **Community Finance Are Finalists in Mindful Money Awards**

Community Finance has been named as a finalist for Best Impact Investment Fund in [Mindful Money's](#) inaugural ethical and impact investment awards.

The awards acknowledge best practice standards in ethical investment in New Zealand. 48 entries were received across seven different award categories and will be judged by 25 independent experts. The awards ceremony takes place in Auckland on Tuesday 29 June.

## **Prime Minister Attends Salvation Army Opening of Westgate - Te Manaaki Tangata, and Flatbush - Kaitiakitanga Community Housing**



The Salvation Army held their official opening of the Westgate - Te Manaaki Tangata, and Flatbush - Kaitiakitanga, social housing communities in Auckland. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the Minister of Housing Megan Woods opened the two newly built developments.

The developments will provide much needed homes for people with severe housing need and are designed to foster supportive communities. All of the houses are energy efficient with whānau-centred design and tenancy management. Tenants also have the ongoing support of Salvation Army services designed to strengthen relationships and encourage whanaungatanga.

Click [here](#) to view the full article.

## Abbeyfield Masterton House Expansion Project Underway



Expansion is underway at Abbeyfield's house in Masterton which provides affordable rental accommodation for over 65's. Four new units will be added to the site along with redevelopment of existing living facilities.

The photo above shows attendees at the official site blessing. The site has been cleared and construction has commenced with completion estimated for 2022.

More details on the expansion are available [here](#)

## New Zealand Order of Merit For Woman's Dedication To Helping Homeless





Congratulations to Danielle Bergin who was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours and received the New Zealand Order Of Merit for her work with the homeless.

The award is well deserved and acknowledges her vision and commitment to providing a safe place for families to grow with full access to the range of services they need. Over sixteen years, she has built a community of 13 tiny houses and four homes and is looking to add more. Read the full article [here](#)

## Innovative Design To Address Youth Homelessness Wins Prestigious Award



Visionwest Community Trust and Strachan Group Architects (SGA) have joined forces in a youth housing project that has seen the creation of quality sleepout accommodation to provide warmth and shelter for vulnerable young people who are transitioning out of care or homelessness. The My Whare sleepout design was successful at the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) Auckland Awards, winning a Small Project Architecture Award. Congratulations!!

Read the full article [here](#)

## In the News

- [Where Does Housing Fit Into Budget 2021?](#)
- [Local Partnership Tackles Housing Crisis](#)
- [Housing First Pūrākau Share Experiences Of Homelessness](#)
- [Nearly A Third Of New Zealand Youth Face Housing Stress: Youth19 Survey](#)
- [Innovate Construction and Financing Methods Deliver 68 New Auckland Houses](#)

## Video links

- [AlJazeera interview - Hope Simonson, Emerge about surge in house prices in Auckland](#)
- [Breakfast TV - John Campbell interview with Shamubeel Eaqub who says government are planning for failure](#)

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## Healthy Conversations About Racism

Community Research are hosting a Webinar on Healthy Conversations About Racism.

How can we have healthy conversations about racism online? How can we influence changes of perspective and promote racial equity?

**Date: Tuesday 15th June**

**Time: 11:00 am NZ time**

**Venue: Online platform**

If you would like to join in please register for this webinar [here](#)

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