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Community Housing Aotearoa Newsletter 14 December 2017



Dear colleagues – we wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy festive season.

Reflecting on the past year there are many successes to celebrate, including recognition of the critical importance of a human rights-based approach to housing. Your endorsement of Our Place has resulted in uptake of solutions across the housing continuum, and recognition of the vision where all New Zealanders well housed becomes part of many regional housing plans.



The CHA Council held its last meeting for the year at Horaparaikete Papakainga, hosted by Victoria Kingi.

We had the opportunity to tour several papakainga developments across Tauranga Moana, as well as the 110 home [development at](#)

Manawa. Together with colleagues Tim Maurice from Habitat for Humanity, Paul Wollaston and Chris Johnstone from Tauranga Community Housing Trust, Vicki McLaren of Accessible Properties, we toured several properties. The tour around the Tauranga region illustrated the amazing growth that is occurring in our sector, all focused on building great community.

We'd like to thank the sector for your dedication and delivery this year, and look forward to building on the active engagement that grows our capacity and capability. We wish you a happy Christmas and a restful holiday period.

Our office will be closed between December 22 and January 8.



Miriama group



Tim, Chris and Ian at Tga homes, Habitat for Humanity

More than a roof over someone's head - an interview with Rosie Gallen on tenant engagement



Rosie Gallen has spent the last nine years as the Community Action and Engagement Manager at Wellington City Housing. Her role was to design and implement an inclusive community and social development programme (known as CAP) focused on strengths-based community development alongside the upgrade of Wellington City Housing. This year Rosie won the Australasian Housing Institute's New Zealand award for most inspiring team member and the Community Action Programme won the leading community engagement category in both New Zealand and Australasia-wide. [CHA interviewed her shortly after she left this role on tenant engagement.](#)

Healthy homes bill passes into law

[The Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill \(No 2\) has passed into law](#), amending the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 so that rental housing will have to meet minimum standards relating to heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture ingress, draught-stopping and drainage. MBIE will consult publicly on the development of the healthy homes standards and timeframes for landlords' compliance in 2018. More information about the consultation will be available in early 2018.

Minister announces he's keen to work with the community housing sector



Community Housing Aotearoa welcomed Minister for Housing and Urban Development Phil Twyford's speech on 1 December. When we meet with the Minister on 30 January we will be outlining a multi-year plan for how we can work together to grow the sector in a way that is both ambitious and sustainable. Community housing providers are ready to substantially grow in scale, building on our history of partnering to deliver the full range of emergency, social and affordable housing solutions. These solutions will see homelessness become rare, brief and non-recurring. They will also enable first home buyers to move into a permanent home they can afford in a community they love.

[See the Minister's speech and Community Housing Aotearoa's press release.](#)

Briefing to incoming Minister Housing and Urban Development



Briefing for Incoming Minister

A briefing prepared by the five agencies with roles in state/social housing provides an overview of this area for the incoming Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Phil Twyford. This paper clearly indicates the increasing demand for social housing. [A number of other briefing papers were also prepared and you can find them here.](#)

A changing of the guard at Accessible Properties



Andrew Wilson left, with Megan Woods then MP for Wigram, and Andrew Olsen LifeMark General Manager(at the time) in 2014 opening a new home in Christchurch part-funded by a Social Housing Fund grant

Andrew Wilson, GM of Accessible Properties, has been involved in community housing since the 1990's. At the end of this year he leaves his role and takes a well-earned semi-retirement. [He talked to](#)

[CHA](#) about his involvement in the sector and the key influences he's seen over this period.

MSD transitional housing forums



Caroline Lampp, General Manager, Whatever it Takes Trust, with Sharleen Alaifea, MSD Housing Group, at the Wellington forum.

Over the last month Community Housing Aotearoa and MSD worked together to organise a series of forums for transitional housing providers over the country. This was an opportunity to get together to talk about some of the successes, learnings and challenges that providers have faced in the new funding environment. Forums were held in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

Bay of Plenty Smart Growth report on housing need



Research carried out by Community Housing Aotearoa business unit, Community Housing Solutions Ltd, on housing demand and affordability in the Western Bay of Plenty has painted a picture of declining home ownership, hardship and a rising demand for rentals by couples and people living alone. A housing action plan has been pledged after the study revealed that nearly half of Tauranga's householders would be living in rentals within the next 30 years. [You can read more on this in this newspiece from Bay of Plenty Times.](#)

Hosting housing colleagues in Wellington



From left; Chris Glaudel, CHA; Laurie Putscher, Henrietta Snipes and Mary Jo Kabab all from NAHRO; Hayley Hamilton, MSD; and Tyra Duncan-Hall, NAHRO at the MSD office in Wellington

On behalf of the Australasian Housing Institute, CHA hosted a delegation of housing officials from the US-based National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). They had been in Australia the previous week to attend the National Housing Conference and the AHI Awards Dinner. After visiting with community housing providers across the ditch, four members arrived in Wellington on 7 December to learn about social and affordable housing in New Zealand. On Friday, they had a full day of meetings and site visits around Wellington. [Read more about the visit.](#)

In the news

- [Why dogs deserve a place in state housing](#)
- [REINZ data shows increases in number of houses being sold and median sale prices](#)
- [New approach to dealing with methamphetamine use by HNZ tenants indicated](#)
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Exploring options for prefabrication – Wiki House



Garry Moore and Scott Figenshow met with Wiki House's Bridgitte Frame and Danny Squiers recently at their Christchurch factory. It's worth a detailed look at their system which combines adaptable design, environmental protection, and an empowering way of building using local talent – all three which resonate well with our sector. They are looking for an order for production. [Read more here](#)
www.spacecraft.co.nz

Events

Beacon Pathway – level 1 Certificate in home energy awareness

1 February in Wellington

7 February in Tauranga

This is a level 1 course designed to help professionals and volunteers working with households to become better equipped to support their clients to achieve a healthy home. In this one-day course, participants will become aware of the main components of a healthy home and key issues related to energy use in New Zealand homes. Course participants will also learn when and where to refer clients to other services. This course is a pre-requisite to the Home Performance Advisor course.

21 February 2018 - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference

NZ COALITION to END HOMELESSNESS
He tūrangamōhio kore he whānau whare kore

HUI CONFERENCE 2018
WEDNESDAY 21 FEB

He whānau whare kore, he kai mate hau
Addressing whānau homelessness

Auckland University of Technology City Campus
Conference Centre - Sir Paul Reeves, WG Building

PRESENTERS FINALISED

Presenters include:
Prof. Jenny Lee-Morgan
Rau Hoskins & Hurimoana Dennis
Brooklynne Michelle, Hope Simonsen, Toa Faneva
Tycho Vandenburg & Dr Shiloh Groot
Lisa Roberts & Housing First team

Go to www.nzceh.org.nz to register

Hui Conference partners: NZCEH, AUT, Auckland Council, Te Puni Kōkiri

Go here to register [Read more here.](#)

Property Council - Residential Development Summit 21 February

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2018

Wednesday 21 February 2018 | Aotea Centre, Auckland

[Aotea Centre, Auckland more information here.](#)

7-9 March in Auckland CoLab2018



International presenter: Prof. James Murray-Parkes, Director of the Advisory Committee for the MCCB, on the development of the Handbook for the Design of Modular Structures and what it means for the industry.

[Keep up to date on the website here.](#)