Nominees for CHA Council 2020-2021

Confirmed: 2 November 2020

CHA full members vote for any three of the following candidates:



Gabby Clezy – Haumaru Housing

Gabby is the Chief Executive Officer of Haumaru Housing LP. She was asked to lead the new joint venture from her role as Chief Executive of aged residential care service provider TerraNova Homes and Care Ltd. A NZ registered Pharmacist, Gabby has extensive leadership and operational experience in education, social services and aged care in the UK and New Zealand. She has worked for not-for-profit organisations in the healthcare arena, such as Bupa Care Services and specialist

addictions mental health trust Odyssey House, and has also held senior roles in tertiary education and national health sectors. A member of the Institute of Directors, Gabby has served as non-executive director and trustee of boards focusing on advocacy, health and accommodation. She is currently Chair of the Auckland Community Housing Providers Network (ACHPN) and commentator on social housing issues affecting older people. Utilising her deep experience at both operational and governance levels, if elected, she will commit to working collaboratively with the CHA Council and members to strategically drive the delivery and volume of quality social housing required within the current housing demand. This can only be facilitated by a strong and sustainable network of community housing providers that are skilled, resourced and pro-actively supported by a strong peak body. Gabby welcomes the opportunity to join the CHA Council and support their work to deliver great outcomes for the community housing sector.



Craig Thomson – Trust Housing

I have been in charge of the Trust Housing housing team for five and a half years, leading us to obtain CHP registration. Together with my team, we have been able to get over one hundred and twenty sitting tenants onto Income Related Rent. Apart from owning our own properties we are also responsible for managing three different types of Papakāinga housing (eighteen properties).

I have a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Massey University where my research project was, "More than just a landlord: Helping community tenants access support services and retain affordable housing". I also hold a Diploma in Policing Studies from Christchurch University College (Kent, England). (cont)

I am a Certified Senior Professional member of the Australasian Housing Institute (since 2019) and have passed, along with all of my housing team, the NZQA – New Zealand Certificate in Residential Property Management (Level 4). I am also a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and have completed the Company Directors Course.



Greg Orchard – Accessible Properties

Greg joined the board of Accessible Properties as an independent director in 2013 and became the company's first Chief Executive in January 2017.

Greg commenced his career in housing after leaving high school. Since then he's held numerous senior leadership and governance roles in both central and local government as well as not-for-profit organisations. With over 30 years' experience in public and social

housing in New Zealand, he has been involved in leadership roles through various housing reforms.

Greg is currently on the board of one of New Zealand's 11 National Science Challenges focused on science investment designed to tackle New Zealand's biggest science-based challenges. Greg's previous governance roles include being the Chair of the University of Canterbury Quake Centre, the building Research Association of New Zealand, Wellington Waterfront Limited, The Australasian Housing Institute and Community Housing Aotearoa.

Greg is a Chartered Accountant, Certified Finance and Investment Professional, a Certified Housing Professional and a member of the Australian Housing Institute.