

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



Newsletter 19 February 2018

Stocktake Housing report

Many of you may have seen the Minister Phil Twyford's Housing Stocktake report launch on the news at the start of the week. If you haven't, here's the [link](#) to the press release.

One view is it's exactly what was expected, with a focus on the dreadful state of our rental housing stock. The flagship response is the Healthy Homes Guarantee Act with standards in use sometime later this year.

A different interpretation is the concern that the vulnerable members (focussing on young and old) are getting a raw deal and this needs to be addressed across a number of policies and Ministries. We've got work to do!

Auckland Housing Summit – 9 February 2018

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L-R: Ngarimu Blair, Scott Figenshow, Hon Phil Twyford, Leonie Freeman, Connal Townsend, Christina van Bohemen, Stephen Selwood, Pamela Bell, Councillor Bill Cashmore and MC Susan Wood.

An Auckland crisis working group has been formed to find a solution to the city's massive housing shortage.

Housing Minister Phil Twyford, Auckland Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore and an array of industry, NGO and iwi chief executives met last night to form the group. Listen to the story [here](#).

Addressing child poverty – new bill introduced in parliament

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern revealed details of the Child Poverty Reduction Bill on 30 January saying that there's a range of things the government will need to do to address child well-being in the future. Read the [bill](#) here.

Community Housing Aotearoa is looking at the detail of the Bill to see whether our sector concerns are fully addressed. Read our previous comments [here](#).

LinkPeople helps Rotorua mum of six into permanent rental home



Te Rakohikohiko Tumata (right) with her daughter Deezya Tumata, 7. Photo/Stephen Parker

Te Rakohikohiko Tumata says she has never felt as low as she did when she "begged" Work and Income for emergency housing. Now, the mother of six is living in a private rental property, after being helped by LinkPeople's housing team which was established in Rotorua last July.

LinkPeople Chief Executive Christine Hall said while homelessness is complex, the company believed it could be solved when communities worked together. They work alongside the Ministry of Social Development to help people access emergency housing, and support people to find sustainable, permanent homes. [Read more here.](#)

Abbeyfield House in Leeston has opened!



Voluntary efforts spanning more than a decade culminated in the formal opening of Abbeyfield House in Leeston on 10 February 2018.

Providing family style accommodation for up to 14 residents, each with their own private studio. The house is the latest Abbeyfield house to reach completion, thanks to committed volunteers and the generous support of: Rata Foundation, Housing New Zealand, Selwyn District Council, Ellesmere Lions, Ellesmere Vintage Club and countless local benefactors.

The house cost \$2.6 million to establish and is projected to provide a home to hundreds of local retirees over its lifetime. Read more [here](#).

Update on our team

Angie Cairncross has resigned from the Communications Coordinator role at CHA. Angie has worked at CHA since July 2015 and we have appreciated the hard work and dedication she has consistently demonstrated. She has contributed to "Our Place" and two IMPACT Conferences, two of the big achievements for our team during this time. Overall, her hard work has contributed greatly to the increased profile of our sector. CHA will be able to support the sector in new

and expanded ways because of the base built by the team and Angie in our communications.

Research: BRANZ 'Building to rent' programme

A [report](#) has been released by BRANZ that is part of a series under the research programme 'exceeding the minimum'. It looks at the question: why don't landlords choose features that exceed the minimum building standards and what are the enablers to changing this? The aim is to identify the barriers to an improved rental stock and potential solutions to overcome the barriers.

The report shows that about 35 per cent of New Zealand households are living in rental accommodation, and the number of people under 65 years old in rental housing is set to double between 2013 and 2018.

Housing Quarterly Report released on 1 February

We are pleased to see MSD continually improving and strengthening the transparency of the data. There is an open invitation to our sector to identify further opportunities for MSD to improve the reports. You can read the full report [here](#).

We note that proportionally, CHPs are housing at least as many if not slightly more households from the register than HNZC.

Welcome to new members

Te Ora Hou Whanganui.

In the news

- [Government urged to take a human rights approach to building housing](#)
- [Housing Challenge for Older Kiwis](#)
- [Salvation Army report paints picture of growing inequality](#)
- [Homeless crisis: 80 per cent to 90 per cent of homeless people turned away from emergency housing](#)
- [Fight against homelessness expands](#)
- [Fresh take on housing takes on building industry](#)
- [Transient population figures a national emergency](#)
- [Mum flees Tauranga rental squeeze only to face sleeping in her car in Wellington](#)
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Ageing Well Science Challenge

This [newsletter](#) includes decisions on tranche 2 funding priorities, and feedback from their online survey last year.

Events

21 February - NZ Coalition to End Homelessness Conference



The poster for the HUI Conference 2018 features a background image of a storage locker with a calendar showing the date 20/13. The text on the poster includes: 'NZ COALITION to END HOMELESSNESS' with a logo, 'HUI CONFERENCE 2018' in large green letters, 'WEDNESDAY 21 FEB' in the top right, and the Māori phrase 'He whānau whare kore, he kai mate hau' with the English translation 'Addressing whānau homelessness'. It also lists the venue as 'Auckland University of Technology City Campus Conference Centre - Sir Paul Reeves, WG Building'. The main message is 'WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR HOLIDAY' and 'WELCOME TO 2018'. A call to action says 'Not too late to register at www.nzceh.org.nz'. At the bottom, logos for 'Hui Conference partners' include NZCEH, AUT, Auckland Council, Ministry of Social Development, and Te Puni Kōkiri.

[Register or read more here.](#)

21 February - Property Council - Residential Development Summit



The banner for the Residential Development Summit 2018 shows a modern apartment interior with a balcony, potted plants, and a kitchen area. Below the image, the text reads 'RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2018' and 'Wednesday 21 February 2018 | Aotea Centre, Auckland'.

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

1 March - Delivering good medium density community housing



Thursday 1 March 2018, 1.45pm-5.00pm, followed by drinks and networking

[Register here.](#)

Join with other developers, investors, designers, building professionals, planners and policy makers to discuss the issues. This is a Community Housing Aotearoa, Beacon, BRANZ and The Policy Observatory event.

7-9 March - PrefabNZ's CoLab 2018



CoLab is about modernising the NZ building sector - how to raise productivity with innovative design and construction methods.

Register [here](#)

8 March - Homelessness and Housing in West Auckland – Glen Eden

The purpose of the day is to:

- Learn how the Government housing process works
- Explore the reality of housing in West Auckland
- Connect the housing sector with other community and social sectors
- Create a shared understanding of the services available and how to access them.

Hon Phil Twyford and Hon Carmel Sepuloni will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Please RSVP by 1 March 2018 with any dietary and/or access requirements along with any questions for MSD or HNZ to housingc2a@gmail.com or phone (09) 8371471.

20 March - Eco Design Advisors focus is home performance – think warm, dry and efficient



Eco Design Advisors focus is home performance – think warm, dry and efficient. As best practice landlords, their 2018 conference would be an effective way to upskill your staff on building well performing homes, retrofitting existing stock and supporting your tenants to 'sail their homes' well.

Register [here](#).

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