

## Peter Taylor - CHA Council candidate

Hi, I am Peter Taylor and I am standing for election to the Council of Community Housing Aotearoa. My nomination was prompted by the retirement of Warren Jack from the Council after six years of valuable work. I have worked alongside Warren at Habitat for Humanity and am inspired by his work.



At this point in the history of Aotearoa, where housing poverty is our greatest challenge, I look forward to CHA growing as an influential advocate for community housing. I offer my service in helping raise that voice to advocate for the solutions that our member organisations offer.

CHA's work in combining our voices and coordinating our efforts is important for the success of the community housing sector. The work by the CHA team on the annual conference, sector lobbying and facilitation of housing initiatives has been effective. In Christchurch we have enjoyed CHA's facilitation of our Te Waipounamu Housing Network, bringing together the movers and shakers of South Island community housing initiatives.

Please see below for a little more information on me and what I offer as a candidate. You are very welcome to contact me on 021 386 897 or [peter@habitatchch.org.nz](mailto:peter@habitatchch.org.nz).

## Background

Peter Taylor brings a mix of governance and management experience in housing, construction, finance and marketing.

Since the 2011 quakes, Peter has been General Manager at Habitat for Humanity (Christchurch). Habitat currently houses 25 Christchurch families in homes constructed under Habitat's community volunteer mobilisation model. 21 of these were constructed in response to the post-quake housing need and are destined for affordable ownership. Following on from the repair of more than 60 quake-damaged homes, Habitat also operates a programme of house repairs for low income home owners in Christchurch. Habitat's social enterprise, the ReStore thrift store has opened two large retail premises in Christchurch to ensure long-term viability as a housing provider. The Christchurch team also support Habitat's international housing efforts, with funds and volunteer workers being sent from Christchurch to countries in the South Pacific and Asia.

Peter has long been an advocate of community-based housing solutions. Prior to Habitat, Peter spent three decades engaged with Canterbury co-housing group Heartwood Community as both resident and supporter.

As a director of Co-op Money NZ, Co-op Insurance NZ and NZCU South, and as General Manager at Credit Union Canterbury and Just Dollars Trust, Peter has an extensive financial management and governance background. Peter's governance experience also includes time as a school trustee and a director of community company Christchurch Small Business Enterprise Centre. A passion for marketing has seen Peter working as a marketing strategist, providing branding, advertising and social media solutions to clients.

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## Qualifications

MBA, MA (Hons). Member of the Institute of Directors.