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### **Newsletter 12 November, 2015**

### Community housing tax entities

The Supplementary Order Paper No. 129 introducing several technical changes to the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2015–16, Research and Development, and Remedial Matters) Bill, was released on 3 November. This sets out the threshold income and asset levels of beneficiaries and clients of community housing trusts and companies, amongst other technical changes.

Go here to see more detail and to read CHA's response to this here.

# Introducing the new directors for the New Zealand Housing Bond Ltd

Community Housing Aotearoa has announced the appointment of the board for New Zealand Housing Bonds Limited – a flagship for socially responsible investment in community housing. The new independent directors are: Toni Kerr, Paul Minett and John Abel-Pattinson.

Applications are now open for community housing providers to put forward projects to be considered for development finance. **Read more here.** 

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# **Annual General Meeting of Community Housing Aotearoa**

The CHA annual general meeting was held on Wednesday 21 October at the CHA-Impact Conference.

The following people were elected or re-elected onto the CHA Council:

- Julie Scott: Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust
- Carrie Mozena: Nelson Tasman Housing Trust
- Julie Nelson: Keys Social Housing
- · Warren Jack: Habitat for Humanity, Auckland

Continuing are: Rau Hoskins, Moira Lawler, Garry Moore, and Allan Pollard. Officers for the coming year are Julie Nelson and Warren Jack (Co-Chairs) and Allan Pollard (Treasurer).

You can learn more about each Council member by going here.

## **Building Pacific housing solutions workshop 21 October**

On the 21st of October the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE), Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs (MPIA) and Community Housing Aotearoa hosted a building Pacific housing solutions workshop in the lead up to the CHA-IMPACT

Conference. The day long



workshop brought together people from across the housing sector to discuss Pacific people's housing aspirations and some of the practical steps to be considered before embarking on this journey. Read more about the **workshop here**.

### New publications on social housing



A new booklet has been produced by Government: MSD, the Treasury and MBIE; outlining the Social Housing Reform Programme. You can find it here.

And a brochure distributed to Housing New Zealand tenants in Tauranga and Invercargill on the potential transfer of housing and tenancies to community housing providers, is attached here.

# New research indicates the need for rental accommodation WOF

Just under half of renters reported they had a problem with dampness or mould, compared with around one-quarter of home owners, according to Statistics New Zealand data. Household statistics manager Mark Gordon said the 2014 General Social Survey shows that only 7.1% of New Zealanders felt their home needed urgent or



major repairs or maintenance. But nearly two-thirds (64%) said their home needed at least some work, he said.

"A major factor in whether people reported cold and damp, was whether or not they were renting. Groups of people who were more

likely to rent were also more likely to report problems." **Go here for more information on this report.** 

### **CHA IMPACT Conference 2015 follow-up**



The audio and presentations from the conference are now online here:

http://cha-impact.co.nz/speakers/

## Please update your member details on the CHA website

We need your current details on the CHA member database on our website. Please log in and update your details as we will need current member lists to transfer to our new website. If you need your log in details please **contact us here**.

#### Welcome to new members

Hutt Disability Resource Centre Manawatu Community Housing Trust Auckland City Council

#### In the news

There was considerable media interest around the CHA-Impact Conference. **Go here to see the highlights**. And here are some other news items that may be of interest:

- The University of Auckland have produced a report on meeting the housing needs of vulnerable populations in New Zealand. Go here to read more.
- Go here to see the link to the Papakainga development guide that George Mackie told us about at the CHA Impact Conference.
- Social Housing Minister Paula Bennett has introduced changes to discourage people on the social housing register from refusing housing offers. **Go here.**
- The tenancy bond system is now online.

Go to the News section of our website to read more.

# Rangitikei District Council seeks expressions of interest for their housing

The Council owns 72 units over seven complexes in Marton (50 units), Bulls (6 units), Taihape (12 units) and Ratana (4 units). Expressions of interest are sought from registered community housing providers, or those working toward registration with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority. Expressions of interest may be for one, some or all of the complexes and must be received by 12.00 pm, 23rd November 2015. **Go here to register**. The registration identifier is: RANGDC-699913.

#### **Events**

## 19 November: Community housing provider meeting in Christchurch

Join your colleagues in the community housing sector for the next meeting of the Christchurch Housing Providers Network. **Go here for more information.** Please RSVP here.

## 20 November: Waikato Māori Housing Developments 2015 and Te Matapihi AGM

"Māku ano e hanga tōku nei whare". Te Matapihi invites Māori individuals and organisations with an interest in housing to join them for an inspiring evening of Māori Housing success stories from around the Waikato. This will be followed by kai and Te Matapihi's Annual General Meeting.

5.30pm – 9pm, Friday 20 November
The Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development

### 451 Old Taupiri Road, Ngāruawāhia

Read more here. RSVP by 15 November here.

#### 21 November - Hikoi for homes - everyone deserves a home

CPAG, with support from AAAP, Unite and the First Union, are holding a Hikoi for Homes to demonstrate support toward better housing for everyone. These will be held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. More information on their website.

## 25 November AHI and Community Housing Aotearoa Network meeting

Hear about the highlights from the AHURI (Perth) and CHA Impact (Wellington) Conferences held in October and learn about the New Zealand award winners. This will also be the launching of the 2016 development programme for NZ housing professionals as part of the newly established AHI Certified Housing Professional qualification.

Hear about and contribute to the discussion on social housing reform in both New Zealand and Australia while sharing a Christmas drink with your colleagues.

This event has kindly been sponsored by architects:Novak + Middleton and design group: Stapleton Elliott, who will showcase their award winning social housing projects. **Register here.** 

5.15pm-7.00pm - 25 November
Library Mezzanine Meeting Room (Entry mezzanine floor, near the lifts)
Wellington City Council Central Library Building
65 Victoria Street
Wellington

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