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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 3 August 2021

Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa *Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa*.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in last week's online event on the GPS-HUD. We hope the presentation and discussion was informative and helpful to those of you who made a submission. A link to the recording is available [here](#) (code:q!\$5v!uB). You can also [read the submission](#) from the CEO & Sector Leaders group.

The next event in our Regional Event Series is *Seniors Housing - Futures Research for People, Communities, Policy and Practitioners*. The programme and registration details are available below. A reminder to regularly check the [conference website](#) for updated details on events in the series.

Additional items in this issue include the Human Rights Commission Framework Guidelines on the Right to a Decent Home, *Stories of Homelessness: When the Dominoes Start to Fall*, Tenancy Management Code of Practice and News and Events.

If you have any questions about the content, please [email us](#) your feedback.

CHA Regional Event Series

**Seniors Housing - Futures Research for People, Communities,
Policy and Practitioners**

Thursday, 19 August, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Hosted by Diane Turner, Director of Office for Seniors, and facilitated by the Affordable Housing for Generations Programme (AHFG) in the Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities National Science Challenge. This event is by invitation only for in person attendance,

but will be available on livestream to registered participants.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the livestream.

This full day event will feature presentations from researchers in AHFG and the Ageing Well National Science Challenge. Content will focus on broadening discussion and practical research informed responses to secure homes in the context of Covid 19 that recognise the importance of kaumatua and seniors in our lives and communities.

The full programme can be viewed [HERE](#)

Human Rights Commission Framework Guidelines on the Right to a Decent Home



The Human Rights Commission (HRC) launched the *Framework Guidelines on the Right to a Decent Home in Aotearoa* in Wellington yesterday evening. The guidelines represent the most robust and deeply considered reflection on the right to housing that New Zealand has ever had. They also offer a constitutional standing: while not legally binding, they are specifically enabled by law. This is hugely important as we continue to search for answers for our housing, human rights, and constitutional crisis.

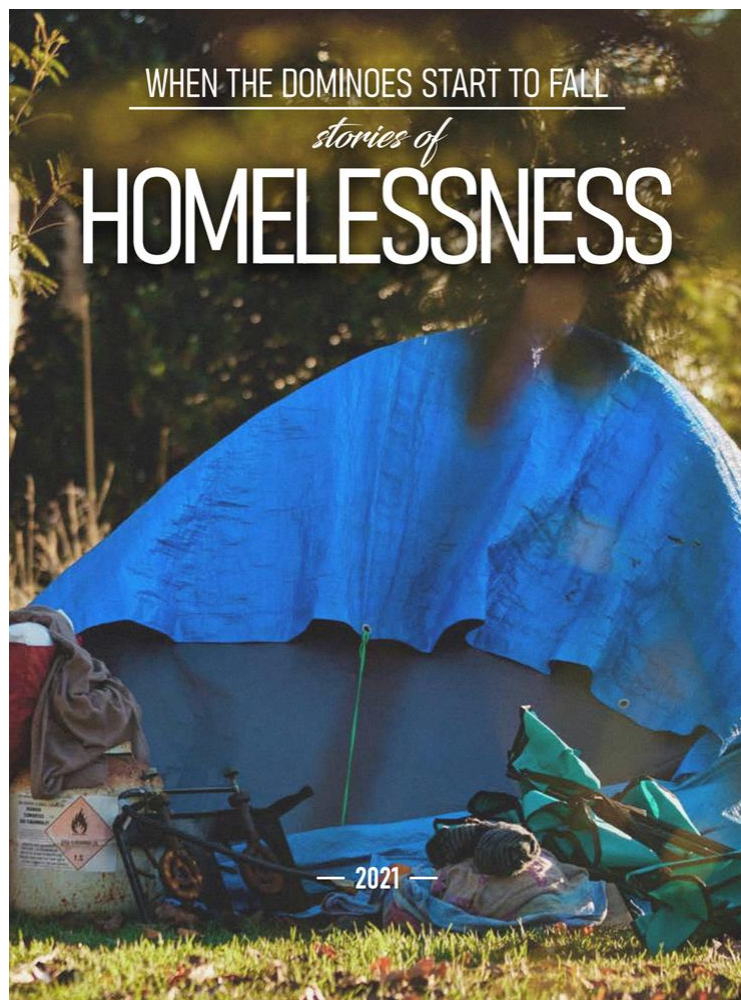
In addition to HRC and [CHA's endorsement](#) there has also been some 'constitutional' response: the Act Party say the guidelines are a pointless analysis; the Prime Minister has said calling our housing circumstances a housing crisis or a human rights crisis does not make any difference; others are drawn into debating a raft of

constitutional issues – the rights balance between landlords and tenants, for example.

Joining the launch celebrations above are (L-R) Chris Glaudel, Deputy Chief Executive CHA, Brennan Rigby, Manager The SHIFT Aotearoa, Paula Tesoriero MNZM, Disability Rights Commissioner and Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner.

The *Framework Guidelines on the Right to a Decent Home in Aotearoa* are available [here](#). If you are interested in learning more or having a discussion regarding the Guidelines, please email [Brennan Rigby](#).

Stories of Homelessness: When the Dominoes Start to Fall



Homelessness is an ongoing crisis faced by up to 4% of the Tauranga community (approximately 4000 people). These experiences vary from street living to car sleeping, to motel living, to short-term social housing, to couch surfing and everything in between.

When the Dominoes Start to Fall is a book about the lived experience of homelessness in Tauranga. The stories were developed as part of a research project carried out in 2020 by Momentum Research and Evaluation Ltd for the Kāinga Tupu: Growing Homes Taskforce and the Western Bay of Plenty Homelessness Provider Network.

The purpose was to gather local stories of homelessness, with an aim to identify the systemic barriers that contribute to homelessness. Providers had a key role to support existing or past clients to tell their story, and each story was signed off to make sure it was accurately recorded. Some people in the book have chosen to use their real names, while others have elected to use a pseudonym to protect their privacy.

To download a copy of the book please click [here](#)

Integrating the voices of lived experience will lead to:

- improved policy and service design to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness
- increased understanding of the systemic challenges that people face when seeking help, so we can remove these barriers
- Increase the level of public awareness and empathy.

Congratulations to everyone in Tauranga involved in this important initiative.

Tenancy Management - Code of Practice

The third Tenancy Management Community of Practice was held via zoom on 8th July 2021.

A reminder this Community of Practice is relevant for advocates, practitioners, navigators and tenancy managers involved in supporting tenants and whānau and / or managing housing across all parts of the Community Housing sector.

Click [here](#) to read the full summary document.

In the News

- [Do you provide accommodation to your workers?](#)
- [Integrated Response To Housing Crisis Needed, Says PSA](#)
- [There is a little-known two-tier system within social housing. Thousands of tenants are paying the price](#)
- [National accuses Government of 'pumped-up' housing figures, after revelations only half of houses are 'new'](#)
- [Government tweaks 'key tool' for housing vulnerable New Zealanders sparking fears for homeless](#)
- [Housing Trust Waiting List Continues To Grow Despite Rents Reducing](#)
- [Lack Of Strategy To Prevent Youth Homelessness Increases Harm For Young People Over Lockdown](#)
- [Councillors Asked To Approve Draft Strategy And Planning Policy On Housing Measures](#)

- [Affordable Home Ownership Opportunity In Wanaka](#)
- [Young People Experiencing Homelessness And Living In Emergency Accommodation 'feel Terrified'](#)
- [Poverty burden for children increased due to Government neglect - new report released](#)

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EVENTS

Upcoming Homestar v5 Events

Join the New Zealand Green Building Council to hear about the most ambitious updates ever to Homestar, the green home rating scheme that registers and certifies thousands of homes every year.

Health, wellbeing, housing standards, and the journey to a less polluted, zero carbon Aotearoa are dominant issues facing our nation, and all our regions.

Thanks to an extensive consultation involving hundreds of housing experts from across the sector, the upgraded Homestar aims to tackle all these issues.

[Register here](#) to join at one of the following locations:

- Auckland, 17 August 2021
- Hamilton, 26 August 2021
- Wellington, 31 August 2021
- Christchurch, 1 September 2021
- Queenstown, 2 September 2021