

## ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



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## Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 16 August 2021

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

CHA's Regional Event Series is in full swing with two events planned over the next fortnight. Better Building Housing Towns & Cities (BBHTC) hosts *Seniors Housing - Futures Research for People, Communities, Policy and Practitioners* on Thursday 19 August. Register [here](#) for the livestream or [view](#) the programme.

The **Waikato Regional Housing Initiative** will host a place-based event on **Tuesday, 24th August**. Come along or join the livestream and hear from a group of passionate leaders who had a vision to change the current status quo of housing across their region. Register [here](#) or go to our [conference website](#) for more information.

Further event information on upcoming events is available below.

## Warm Welcome for CHA's new Chief Executive



### International Contexts

### Upcoming Webinar: Outcomes Harvesting Evaluation – the missing piece of the puzzle?

Vic Crockford was formally welcomed by the team at CHA last week. A number of Council members and colleagues from across the sector joined the team to welcome Vic and her whānau.

Standing L-R Nic Greene (Habitat for Humanity), Ngahuia Wright, David Zussman, Amanda Kelly, Jen Deben (Te Matapihi), Yvonne Wilson (Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa), Brennan Rigby, Ben Lee-Harwood, Gabby Clezy (Haumaru Housing), Wendy Marr;  
Sitting L-R Bernie Smith (Monte Cecilia), Vic Crockford, Cate Kearney (Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust), Chris Glaudel

## CHA Regional Event Series



Western Bay of Plenty Housing Summit 2021 |Building for a better future  
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September.  
University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus

Registration is now open for the Western Bay of Plenty Housing Summit 2021: Building for a better future. This event follows the launch of the BOP SmartGrowth Housing Action Plan. It is about bringing together those working across the homelessness and housing sectors to address the Western Bay of Plenty's most urgent problem – housing stress.

Register [here](#)

## Masterclass Webinar on Place-based initiatives: Save the Date!

Planning for the second Masterclass webinar is underway. This webinar showcases small, medium and large place-based examples. Hear about the learning, challenges and successes of these place-based initiatives and how this approach can help build strong communities.

Event details as follows:  
Place-based initiatives: Where are they working well and why? Wednesday, 15 September, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

More information will be included in the next newsletter along with registration details.

## Government Reinstates Operating Supplement

We are pleased with the [Government's announcement](#) to reinstate up-front funding for community housing providers for public housing projects. The return of this early funding provides flexibility and is a huge opportunity for our members to do more.

HUD has provided Guidance for applicants seeking early-stage funding which is available [here](#).

Below are some responses to the Government's announcement.

- [Unlocking up-front funding confirms community housing sector part of the solution](#)
- [New Government funding shows strong support for community housing providers](#)

## On-going Engagement Underway - HRC Framework Guidelines on the #right2housing in Action



Community Housing Aotearoa's right to housing advocacy has taken a step forward with the launch of the [Human Rights](#)

Commission's Framework Guidelines on the Right to a Decent Home in Aotearoa. The guidelines open the way for better informed discussions about how the right could shift the conditions underpinning the housing crisis now, and underpinning our housing system into the future.

All you have to do is imagine what our housing system would feel like if this human right was implemented fully in New Zealand after we committed to the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights in 1978. What implications do you imagine: no 'uninhabitable' homes built since 1978 which were/are unable to be adequately heated?; more forceful market intervention over decades to ensure our system retained affordability? A rental system in which our average secure rental tenure is 20 years not less than 2 years, or, there was prohibition on eviction into homelessness - from tenancies, from hospitals, from prison, from youth care facilities, from 1978 to today?... What if we had robust constructive accountability, or if every person whose #right2housing was breached had access to justice – not the right to be given a home necessarily, but the right for their case to be properly heard and a remedy identified?

Since 2 August, Manager System Shift Brennan Rigby has shared the framework guidelines with a wide audience including leadership staff at the Downtown City Mission in Wellington (Director Stephen Turnock pictured above), the West Auckland Housing Call to Action forum on 11 Aug, and through a housing action group including unions, church groups, and renter advocates convened by fellow PMP recipient group Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga.

This is the Shift Aotearoa. We are also now gathering news commentary on the right to a decent home. This week we have a fantastic mix: Ashley Church takes his best shot at shooting it down in flames, Jade Kake places it in a constitutional setting, and Michael Hall for RNZ runs a comparison between this Labour government and the first Labour government, leaving us with another economic and political analysis of what the right to housing suggests is a social and human rights crisis.

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- [Ashley Church: Claims there's a 'human rights failure' in housing are woke nonsense](#)
- [Jade Kake: Is the housing crisis a human rights issue?](#)
- [CMichael Hall RNZ: Can Labour tackle the housing crisis like it's lauded party predecessors? Here's what you need to know](#)
- [West Auckland Housing Call to Action event](#)

## Get Your Feedback Into the Productivity Commission

A reminder the Productivity Commission is seeking public input to help shape the Terms of Reference for an inquiry to help all Kiwis get a fair chance in life.

The Government asked the Productivity Commission to prepare the Terms of Reference for a new inquiry into the drivers of persistent disadvantage within people's lifetimes and across generations.

Public input is sought by **27 August 2021** to help define the scope and focus for this new inquiry. The consultation paper is available [here](#).

## In the News

- [Manaaki Rangatahi Welcomes The Acknowledgement Of Need For A Strategy To Address Youth Homelessness](#)
- [Housing Trust Undertaking Sustainability Review Of Major Arrowtown Project](#)
- [Co-Director \(Tangata Whenua\) appointment for Ko ngā wā kāinga hei whakamahorahora](#)

## EVENTS

### AHURI | Webinar - Improving transitions from rehab into stable housing.

People who experience contact with a support service, particularly younger individuals with complex health, housing and social care needs, tend also to experience disrupted housing trajectories. This relationship is bidirectional, in that frequency of service contact is an indication of service demand and the complexity of individual's health care needs.

This free webinar will include a research presentation by Assoc. Prof. Cameron Duff, RMIT University, followed by an industry response from Sue Grigg of Unison and an audience Q&A facilitated by Dr Gina Zappia, Research Manager at AHURI.

Webinar hosted on: Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 11am

To register click [here](#).

### New Zealand Green Building Council events

Be sure to check the New Zealand Green Building Council's website for upcoming training and events. Their Homestar V5 Launch events around the country are filling up fast. See their website for [locations and dates](#).

### Housing First in International Contexts

In this IGH webinar, Dr. Sam Tsemberis provides an overview of Housing First, and speakers from Edmonton, Canada; Glasgow, Scotland; and Santiago, Chile share their experiences implementing Housing First.

Click [here](#) to view the link.

## Upcoming Webinar: Outcomes Harvesting Evaluation – the missing piece of the puzzle?

Community Research's free August webinar discusses the evaluation methods Outcomes Harvesting and Outcomes Mapping. These evaluation methods focus on people and the deeper and more personal changes made, rather than the actions done by an organisation.

We welcome Jeph Mathias and Suzanne Andrew who will present this methodology through their evaluation experiences with global indigenous communities.

Tuesday 24th August 2021, 11:00 AM NZ Time. [Book here](#).