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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 30 August 2021

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Message from Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou

We hope that you've been finding the information we've been sending out in our newsletter helpful. Our aim is to collate the best, most up-to-date advice on your behalf. Please send any feedback you have on how they're working for you to our Communications Manager, [Wendy Marr](#), or myself.

To build on what we've discussed at our sector Zoom calls and in the newsletters, the team at CHA wants to give our huge thanks to our members for the work that you're doing.

We aren't the only ones doing that, with appreciation coming from government and officials too. While it's reflective of the immense amount of work you've been able to collectively achieve in just two short weeks, with great appreciation can come great expectation – including the expectation that our sector will solve everything in relation to the people in our homes or in our care.

We simply cannot do that, and we definitely cannot over the sustained period of time that this outbreak is likely to be around for. In many instances, there are things we cannot do without a Ministry of Health directive or without explicit DHB support.

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When it comes to mental health, that obviously has a big impact, and it was encouraging to hear the Prime Minister name it and suggest places to get support over the weekend. And we know there are operational impacts in terms of making the decisions about what is urgent and critical and what can be left for “after the outbreak”.

Given the potential severity of Delta, we’re updating our guidance, which Clare Aspinall talked through at the sector call and we have available on our website. We hope this will help you with prioritising.

In one of our recent newsletters we talked about The Workshop who are a research, consulting and training organisation that focuses on communicating and building public support for policies and practices. They have developed a guide around [How to talk about COVID-19 vaccinations: Building trust to help talk effectively about Covid-19 vaccinations](#) to people who may be hesitant about getting vaccinated.

In terms of what is in and out of your control, if you ever need a sense check, or you’re getting requests that are asking you to take on responsibilities outside of your lane (or simply your contracted commitment), please let us know as we can help work through some of those pressures directly with Ministry of Health, HUD and others. Whatever you need – CHA is ready to respond.

In the meantime, I look forward to my scheduled Zooms with many of you and to the moment when I can meet you all in person.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Vic Crockford

Support for Members

Community Housing Sector Zoom Call

CHA will hold a Zoom call this week on Thursday 2 September at 1:00pm. There is no need to RSVP, please join via this [link](#) or by entering the meeting id and password:

Meeting ID: 897 5214 5125

Passcode: 950986

CHA Regional Event Series

CHA and Housing First Auckland in partnership with Ministry of Social Development are hosting a series of four online training workshops for practitioners working in the housing and homelessness sector.

Details of the first workshop:

**Public Housing Assessment
Wednesday, 8 September**

9:00am – 10:30am

This session provides an overview of how the priority rating is assessed, bedroom allocation and how letting areas impact on a person's ability to be matched.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event or the series.

Information about the full training series is available [HERE](#)

CHA Masterclass Series

The second event in the Masterclass Series will look at what makes a successful place-based initiative. This free webinar showcases small, medium and large place-based examples. Hear from four presenters about the learning, challenges and successes of their place-based initiatives and how this approach can help build strong communities.

Place-base initiatives: where are they working well and why?

Wednesday, 15 September

2:00pm – 4:00pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#right2housing - Episode 2



#right2housing Game Show episode 2 with Paul Gilbert, Fiona Cram, and Radar. We invite you to take a fresh look at our efficient over-performing housing system at #right2housing Game Show [Episode 2](#)

Community Finance named as finalists at Sustainable Business Awards



More good news for James Palmer and the team at Community Finance. They have been named as finalists in the Outstanding Collaboration category in the 2021 Sustainable Business Awards for their work on The Aotearoa Pledge. The winner will be announced on 25 November. Read the full media release [here](#).

Feedback sought on draft strategy and planning policy for housing measures

Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is looking for community feedback on the draft Queenstown Lakes Homes Strategy and Action Plan, and inclusionary zoning policy options for the District Plan.

Click [here](#) to view the full article.

An update on the family violence and physical assault regulations

While most of the changes under the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2020 came into effect on 11 February 2021, there were two remaining changes that were due to come into effect in August 2021. These changes relate to family violence and physical assault.

These two changes rely on regulations that are currently being developed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. The provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 will not be able to be used until the regulations take effect. It's important that the Government takes time to consult with relevant organisations and make sure the regulations are appropriate.

Find out more about what these changes will mean [here](#).

Call for Contributions - next issue of Parity

"Understanding and Responding to Indigenous Homelessness"

The rate at which indigenous people experience homelessness in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and Canada is disproportionately large compared to their non-indigenous fellow citizens.

Contributions are now open for the November issue of Parity. This issue will examine and discuss responses to indigenous homelessness in all three countries.

Full details about contributing to "Understanding and Responding to Indigenous Homelessness" edition of Parity is available [here](#)

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