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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) - Covid Update 18 October 2021



Welcome to this week's issue of our newsletter for community housing providers from your sector body, Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA).

Increasing vaccination numbers continues to be a priority especially for our vulnerable communities. This week we have included links to a number of useful websites that will help answer any questions you have or might receive about [booking vaccinations](#) or [staying safe in your workplace](#).

Message from Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou,

With 130,000 people vaccinated on Super Saturday, we start the week with something to celebrate as we get a bit closer to 90%. With the announcement of a new Covid protection framework due Friday from the Beehive, we hope to have more clarity on whether our members will be covered by the vaccine mandate. In the meantime, join us at our sector call on Thursday where we will be updating you on the most recent meeting with Ministers and you'll have a chance to ask your questions. As always, check out our [COVID-19 page](#) for up-to-date information.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Vic Crockford
Chief Executive
Community Housing Aotearoa

Sector Zoom Meeting

You are invited to join our fortnightly sector zoom meeting. This week we will be discussing:

- Vaccine mandates and incentivisation
- Testing options for residential facilities
- Addiction support services
- Planning for community quarantine options

As well as any questions or feedback you may have of the officials that are able to join us. Feel free to share this invite with any colleagues who may be interested.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81361865874?pwd=SExrM3JOaFYvTnVuVS9DT0p1UVdmdz09>

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Tenancy Management Community of Practice

A reminder to join us for the next Tenancy Management Community of Practice on Thursday, 11th November from 2:00pm to 3.30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89018419726?pwd=UmRrZC9yZ3RiaVBjT3RGbFVlbGNCZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 1841 9726
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If you would like to be added to the distribution list for the Community of Practice, please email [David Zussman](mailto:David.Zussman@nzta.govt.nz)

Bernard Hickey Podcast: Join the dots to solve our housing crisis

Last week our CE, Vic Crockford joined Paul Gilbert, GM Community Finance and Imogen Schoots, founder of Forever Affordable Housing to talk with Bernard Hickey about housing

affordability and the opportunities the sector is creating to finance and build more affordable homes and develop home ownership models.

There's no shortage of cash piled up in New Zealand's banks and pension funds yet we have a shortage of affordable housing. So how do we connect all the money in the institutional funding sector with the housing projects that would begin to solve the housing crisis?

Listen to the full podcast [here](#)

Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development [GPS-HUD]

The [GPS-HUD](#) and [MAIHI Ka Ora, the National Māori Housing Strategy](#) were released at the end of last month. Important updates from the consultation material include increased specific references to the community housing sector and an explicit statement regarding the human right to adequate housing. We will continue to provide coverage and opportunities to engage as matters arise.

The Minister is required to put in place the GPS-HUD under the Kainga Ora Homes and Communities Act 2019. The key provisions are anchored in section 23 "Purpose and content of GPS" [text abridged]:

- (1) The purpose of the GPS is to—
 - (a) state the Government's overall direction and priorities...; and
 - (b) inform and guide the decisions and actions of agencies involved in, and the activities necessary or desirable for, housing and urban development.
- (2) The GPS must include the following:
 - (a) the Government's overall direction for housing and urban development, which must include a multi-decade outlook;
 - (c) how the Government expects Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities to manage its functions and operations to meet the Government's direction and priorities.

This re-established Government's role as the direction setter for the housing system; it speaks directly to an expectation that the agencies involved follow that direction; and it specifies the GPS as a tool to set out the Government's expectations of Kāinga Ora. Importantly this section also requires the GPS to take a multi-decade outlook.

CHA and the CEO and Sector Leaders' Forum is currently working on detailed feedback to the GPS and we look forward to seeing timelines for implementation. If you have any burning issues you'd like to contribute, [let us know](#).

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CHA Regional Event Series

MSD Online Training Series
Brought to you by Community Housing Aotearoa, Housing First Auckland & Ministry of Social Development (MSD)

Wednesday, 20 October – 9:00-10.30am

Session 3: Emergency Housing

Emergency housing, including pathways to alternative accommodation, contributions, and supports.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for this training session or the series.

Information about the series is available [here](#). Please share it with your networks.

Towards a youth homelessness strategy for Victoria

Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 12:00-1:00pm AEDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Information about the workshop is available [here](#).

This one hour webinar features representatives from Melbourne City Mission, AHURI and Victoria's peak homelessness body – the Council to Homeless Persons. It will include initial findings from research that AHURI's Professional Services team is conducting in partnership with Melbourne City Mission (MCM).

There are many worthwhile programs and initiatives directed towards tackling youth homelessness in Victoria, and significant state funding is committed to supporting the sector in these efforts. However, the issue has not received strategic policy attention for well over a decade and currently there is no overarching plan or strategy. The Victorian Government is developing its 10-Year Housing Strategy and a substantial review of homelessness policy in the state. Join the discussion on how youth homelessness fits into this emerging policy landscape.

Helpful links and websites

- [How to book your vaccine](#)
- [Answers to questions how the vaccine works](#)
- [Vaccine data and statistics](#)