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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 13 September 2021

Nau mai, haere mai ki te wiki o te reo Māori, welcome to Māori language week and to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa.

One of the ways we're celebrating te wiki o te reo Māori here at CHA is to stop what we're doing at midday tomorrow, Tuesday 14 September to support [take a moment for te reo Māori](#) and practice our reo.

Message from Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou,

Last week was one of those where you're reminded of the importance of continuing to work on the systems change alongside everything we need to do to get through right now.

A book of poetry kicked it off. Our team had the chance to review a new book of poetry on the lived experience of housing from Landfall Press. It will be launched in October and we can't wait until you too can be challenged and uplifted by the need for all of us to have a place to call "my home".

Our Deputy CE, Chris Glaudel and I presented to the Environment Select Committee on our submission to the Natural and Built Environment Bill (RMA reform). Our submission was laser-focused on a policy tool that we think represents a once in a decade opportunity to stimulate affordable housing supply: inclusionary zoning. Given the deep expertise of Chris and our previous CE, Scott, CHA has a strong role to play in advocating for inclusionary zoning, which we will continue to do. You can watch our submission [here](#).

We held a number of meetings, with a large attendance at our sector call. We've covered food insecurity; the digital divide; outreach vaccination; updates in operational guidance; the needs of rangatahi/youth in emergency accommodation; and the needs of whānau in

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quarantine. In other words: a lot. Which is kudos to what our providers are doing on behalf of their communities.

Finally, a note on motivation. I know I hit a wall on Friday afternoon personally, and felt very seen by [this article](#) by Jess Berentson-Shaw from The Workshop about caring during Delta.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi,

Vic Crockford
Chief Executive
Community Housing Aotearoa

Regional Event & Masterclass Series

Masterclass: Place-based Initiatives

Brought to you by CHA & CEO Sector Leaders Group

This free online webinar looks at what makes a successful place-based initiative. It showcases small, medium and large place-based examples. Hear from a range of 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 – 3:30pm**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Further information about the webinar is available [here](#)

Masterclass: Ethical & Innovative Finance

The online recordings are now available from last month's Masterclass on Innovative & Ethical Finance. View the [full webinar](#) or watch the [highlights](#).

MSD Training Series

Brought to you by CHA, Housing First Auckland & MSD

Session 2: Work and Income 101

An overview of benefits, supplements and hardship payments.

Wednesday, 29 September – 9:00AM - 10.30AM

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

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

Support for Members

Community Housing Sector Zoom Call

You are invited to join us for the Community Housing sector covid zoom meeting.

Thursday, 16 September 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81076737932?pwd=a3ZEVmZINVQrNHVwZzhLY3hTbVlZZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 7673 7932

Passcode: 887933

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COVID-19 sector updates

Alert Level 2: Guidance for Housing and Housing Support Service Providers and FAQs

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released Level 2 - updated COVID-19 Housing and related service providers guidance and FAQ's document.

Operating at COVID-19 Alert [Level 2](#): Guidance for Housing and Housing Support Service Providers.

Frequently asked Questions for Housing and related service providers at Alert [Level 2](#)

Testing for workers who need to cross Alert Level boundaries in Alert Level 4

From 11:59pm on Thursday 16 September all workers who need to cross Alert Level boundaries to work at a permitted business must get a COVID-19 test, whether they have symptoms or not.

Workers permitted to cross an Alert Level 4 boundary will be required to show evidence that they have had a test in the previous seven days and Police will be conducting compliance checks.

The Ministry of Health have more information about the process and Healthpoint can help you find a testing location in your area.

[Testing for workers who cross Alert Level boundaries guidance](#) - health.govt.nz

[Testing locations in your area](#) – healthpoint.co.nz

These workers will not be required to stand down or stay at home while awaiting their result, as this additional testing is to provide assurance travel in and out of boundaries is being done safely.

Applications due for MSD Community Capability and Resilience Fund

The Community Capability and Resilience Fund (CCRF) is a fund available to iwi, hapū and community groups for initiatives that support the rebuild and recovery from COVID-19. The \$36 million fund became available on 1 August 2020 to support communities over a two-year period.

The Ministry of Social Development has made a \$2 million fund available for Iwi to respond to critical need as a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak in areas that may not have access to other forms of support during higher alert levels.

Applications close tomorrow, **Tuesday 14th September 2021**. More information on the fund and the process for applying is available [here](#).

Local Innovation and Partnership (LIP) Fund available when NZ in Level 2

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has up to \$6 million available through round two of the LIP Fund to support local initiatives that respond to and prevent homelessness.

The LIP Fund will open for applications when the whole country moves to COVID-19 Alert Level 2. The application form will be available on the HUD website once the fund opens.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will be available for small projects and up to \$1 million for medium to large projects. The fund is designed to support Māori providers, hapū, iwi, community groups, non-government organisations, local councils and wider community partners to work together on innovative solutions to homelessness in their area.

You can find more information about the fund on the HUD [website](#)

Send any pre-application queries via [email](#)

Consultation for 2023 Disability Survey opens

Stats NZ is seeking input from New Zealanders on what data they would like to see collected for disabled people as part of the upcoming 2023 Disability Survey.

The Disability Survey is the primary source for estimating how many disabled people are in New Zealand. It also provides information on the experiences of disabled people, and how well they are faring across a range of housing, economic, and wellbeing outcomes.

Public consultation on the content of the Disability Survey opened last week on Monday 6 September and will close on Friday 29 October 2021. More information on the survey is available [here](#)

Make a submission on the 2023 Consultation [here](#)

In the News

- [Monte Cecilia - Families With Nowhere To Go](#)
- [Bubbles within bubbles: How communal living facilities handle lockdown](#)
- [OneRoof Reveals New Zealand's Average Property Value Reaches \\$1 Million](#)
- [Urgent Inquiry Needed Into "Demeaning And inhumane" Culture At MSD](#)
- [Spike in homeless 16 and 17-year-olds living in emergency housing](#)