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WELL-HOUSED**



## Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 28 September 2021

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Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA).

The second workshop in our **MSD Online Training Series** takes place tomorrow. The series has been timely with over 600 participants attending the first workshop and similar numbers registered for the next three sessions. Tomorrow's workshop is Work & Income 101: An overview of benefits, supplements and hardship payments. If this is of interest to you or any of your team, please refer to the event details below or [register here](#).

Message from  
Chief  
Executive

Remember to [send us](#) any announcements or achievements that you'd like us to share in our next issue.

### Message from Chief Executive

Support for  
members

Kia ora koutou,

COVID-19  
update from  
MBIE for the  
building and  
construction  
sector

We've heard from many of you that the complicated questions about your employer responsibilities when it comes to vaccinations continue, particularly if you operate in an environment where there are few options for redeployment from the frontline. In addition to the advice from Dundas Street lawyers available on our [YouTube](#) channel, we've been generously provided with a **Policy Template for NGOs** by Community Networks Aotearoa which has been developed by the Southland Community Law Centre that can help those of you still working on your approach, which you can find [here](#). We want to continue to support you with resources, so please reach out if there's anything else we can do. Please know that we're alongside you on this and continuing to raise questions wherever we can, including at the Ministers' meetings.

COVID-19  
Provider  
Guidance Level  
3

In other news, the **Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development** was published today. You can find the link to that [here](#). We'll be preparing to comment in the coming days and welcome any of your feedback.

EVENTS

In the News

Finally, this week is Mental Health Awareness Week. I think we talk about mental health a lot, but recognising something isn't the same as actually doing anything about it. I am challenging myself to spend more quality time with my tamariki and get outside a bit more often this week in the hope of regaining some good habits. If you're after some ideas on how to support mental health in the workplace check out the events section below, which has a range of resources.

Notice of  
Community  
Housing  
Aotearoa  
Annual General  
Meeting (AGM)

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi,

Vic Crockford  
Chief Executive  
Community Housing Aotearoa



## Support for members

You are invited to join this week's sector zoom meeting to hear the latest information from officials, colleagues and peak bodies about working with Covid-19 alert levels. Feel free to share this invite with any colleagues who may be interested.

### Join Zoom Meeting, Thursday 30 Sept. 1-2pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84666756129?pwd=T3I1NWQwaHpaNWl5cWUvbDN5UUVmUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 6675 6129

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## COVID-19 update from MBIE for the building and construction sector

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has prepared guidance for the Auckland region following last week's move to Alert Level 3.

Building, construction and maintenance services can restart at Alert Level 3. Building and resource consenting services (for example, building inspections and geotechnical

inspections) can also commence. Where working remotely is not possible, on-site work is permitted only if appropriate health and safety and physical distancing measures are in place for both workers and building occupants.

At Alert Level 3, employees must stay one metre apart on site. Employees can go into someone's home to work if they are a tradesperson but they should stay two metres apart from everyone in the home.

For more information on what work can be carried out at Alert Level 3 and how visit these sites below:

[Operating at Alert Level 3](#) - Building Performance  
[Working in people's homes at Alert Level 3](#) - covid19.govt.nz  
[Alert Level 3 operating protocols](#) - CHASNZ  
[Working safely at Alert Level 3](#) - WorkSafe  
[BeforeUdig protocols for any ground work](#) – beforeUdig

## COVID-19 Provider Guidance Level 3

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released their updated Level 3 Guidance Documents:

- Operating at COVID-19 Alert Level 3:  
[Guidance](#) for housing and housing support service providers.
- COVID-19: Housing and related service providers  
[Frequently asked Questions](#) for Housing and related service providers at Alert Level 3.

## EVENTS

### Regional Event Series

MSD Online Training Series

Brought to you by Community Housing Aotearoa, Housing First Auckland & Ministry of Social Development (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.

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

### Australasian Housing Institute - Wellbeing and Leadership

- Organisational Wellbeing for Leaders  
Wednesday, 6 October Register [here](#)
- Creative Problem Solving & Innovative Thinking  
Wednesday, 13 October Register [here](#)
- A Manager's Guide: Mentally Healthy Workplaces  
Wednesday, 20 October Register [here](#)
- The Emotionally Intelligent Leader  
Thursday, 21 October Register [here](#)
- Becoming a Confident Media Spokesperson  
Tuesday, 26 October Register [here](#)

- Having Performance Conversations  
Thursday, 28 October Register [here](#)

### Do Good Jobs - Wellbeing Training

Julia Capon from Do Good Jobs will be talking to guest, Kate Milburn, a wellbeing specialist and organisational psychologist at Umbrella.

Join the discussion live  
Wednesday, 29 September at 2.30pm on

[YOUTUBE LIVE](#) or [LINKEDIN LIVE](#)

Topics covered:

- Common wellbeing struggles organisations trip up on and how to avoid them
- Key factors to consider when developing an effective wellbeing strategy
- How good data can inform your strategy
- How you can create better wellbeing outcomes for your people and organisation.

### Tumu Ora - The Foundations of Wellbeing

Kei te pēhea koe? How are you doing ... really?

We know things have been tough over the last year. Our sector has faced huge challenges and we prioritise others' needs over our own. It's time to reset and re-energise and take care of our own hauora / wellbeing.

Friday 8 October - 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Cost: \$45 + booking fee for all four sessions

More information is available [here](#)

### Let's talk about volunteering

You are invited to hear the insights and then contribute to a discussion about the future for volunteering in New Zealand. Facilitated by Volunteering New Zealand and Volunteering Auckland.

These free webinars will be held during October-November.

Webinar 1: Introduction to The Future of Volunteering  
Thursday 21 October - 11:00AM - 12:30PM

More information and booking details are available [here](#)

## **In the News**

- [Could Queenstown Lakes experiment with inclusionary zoning?](#)
- [Mega retirement villages on the rise but fewer options for affordable pensioner housing remain](#)
- [Life in a 'vertical neighbourhood' — the housing young buyers covet](#)
- [One man's efforts to change homelessness in Hastings community](#)
- [Report from New Zealand Green Building Council and new assessment tool](#)

## **Notice of Community Housing Aotearoa Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

All full and partner members are invited to the CHA AGM which will take place online on Wednesday 24 November 2021.

Wednesday, 24 November 2021  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Zoom link to be provided

Further materials will be distributed to current members this week by email.