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Alert Level 2 Guidance Alert Level 3 Guidance

Welcome to this week's newsletter from Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA).

Our refreshed Guidance documents for Alert Level 3 and Alert Level 2 are now available on our website. Please let us know if you have any questions about either document or if there are any additional resources that you would like to see included.

A reminder, if you have any content that you would like us to share in the next issue of our newsletter, please  $\underline{\sf email\ me}$ 

#### **Message from Chief Executive**

Kia ora koutou,

We once again have cause to thank our member providers for your work to keep holding up the frontline response to the Delta outbreak. For our part we have been focused on getting certainty about the vaccine mandate for our sector, including <a href="mailto:advocating">advocating</a> in the media.

It will be a focus for us at a forthcoming Ministers' meeting on Friday 5 November, if we have not received further information before then.

As mentioned above, we have republished our Alert Level 2 and 3 guidance to be clearer and easier to use. We will work towards publishing 'traffic light' guidance also, but with the 90% national target looking set to be achieved in the New Year at the earliest, the Alert Level guidance remains the most relevant for current operations — especially given many of our workplaces will work under higher risk scenarios.

We will be scheduling a sector call for next Thursday 11 November. If you have any feedback on any topic that you would like me to take to the Ministers' meeting on Friday, feel free to be in touch directly.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Vic Crockford Chief Executive Community Housing Aotearoa

## **Support for Members**

#### Risk Assessments for Employee Vaccinations

Minister Michael Wood has announced that the Government is working on an official risk assessment process, to be published by Worksafe in the next two weeks. For those of you needing support to undertake your risk assessments, this will be a good resource. In the meantime, the <a href="Worksafe website">Worksafe website</a> has information on how to decide which work requires a vaccinated employee.

# **Pioneering Community Housing Providers Celebrate 40 Years**



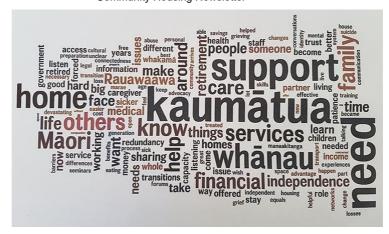
In 1981 a group of Wellington residents wanted to increase the amount of rental housing available in the city to people on low incomes. Deciding to take matters into their own hands, they formed a new charitable trust.

Last month <u>Dwell Housing</u>
<u>Trust</u> and its predecessor organisation, Wellington Housing Trust marked 40

years as a community housing provider in the capital.

This is a significant milestone and we want to extend our congratulations to Alison, her team, and the many people who have been involved with the Trust over the past four decades in providing warm, dry, safe homes to people in need.

## The Kaumātua Mana Motuhake Project: Empowering Older Māori Through Peer Education

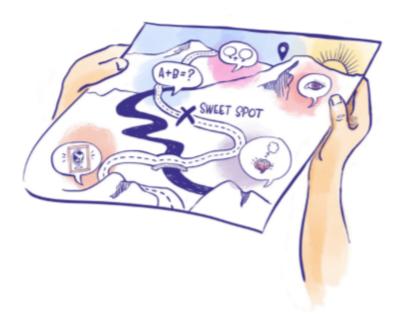


Community Housing provider Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust has recently partnered with the University of Waikato on a piece of research about empowering older Māori through peer education. Led by Ageing Well Principal Investigator, Professor Brendan Hokowhitu of the University of Waikato and his research team the Kaumātua Mana Motuhake project seeks to address the mana motuhake (identity, autonomy) of kaumātua (older Māori aged 55 or older). It investigates the health outcomes of a 'tuakana-teina' (mentoring) peer-educator model and provides evidence-based interventions to meet social and health needs of kaumātua and their whānau.

Read about the project here.

The team has now expanded their research in their Ageing Well Phase 2 funded programme, entitled 'Kaumātua Mana Motuhake Poi'. For more information about the <a href="KMM Poi programme">KMM Poi programme</a>, please visit the <a href="KMM Poi website">KMM Poi website</a>.

# Mapping the Landscape: How to Talk About Systems Change and Build Public Support



Looking for helpful ways to talk or write about systems change? This report is part of a Peter McKenzie project collaboration between The Workshop, Tokona Te Raki and The Southern Initiative. It's filled with clear and meaningful advice about how to talk about systems change

in ways that will deepen understanding and build public support for the changes that we are all working towards around housing.

Read the full report here

### **Changes to Income Limits**

The Government has agreed to temporarily increase income limits for hardship assistance, meaning more people may be eligible for hardship assistance from 1 November 2021 until 28 February 2022.

The increase means casual or part-time workers, or people who aren't already getting financial support may be eligible for help with their immediate or emergency costs. Note - income thresholds for Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, Transition to Work Grants and the Course Participation Allowance are not changing.

More information about the new income limits is available here

#### In the News

- · Mandatory vaccinations needed in community housing
- The 90% Project How to Enable Vaccinations in Key Populations
- Red Tape Cut To Boost Housing Supply
- Can't Fix Housing Without Addressing Funding

# **Tenancy Management Community of Practice (CoP)**

Please join us next week for the 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

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If you would like to be added to the distribution list for the Community of Practice, please email <u>David Zussman</u>

#### **Committee Members Needed**

The <u>Housing Innovation Society</u> (THIS) is looking for Committee members. THIS is an advocacy, education and networking body dedicated to supporting innovation in housing development. They value lived experience of collective housing e.g., co-operative, papakāinga, Trusts and co-housing.

More detail is available here

Nominations close on Friday, 5 November.

# **Job Opportunity**

#### **General Manager Operations, Haumaru Housing LP**

The General Manager Operations is responsible for leading community services for Haumaru Housing. This position has three direct reports: the Placement Manager, the Community Service Operations Manager and the Tenancy Quality Manager and will have a pivotal role in the senior management team, working closely with all members of the organisation.

More detail on the role is available here

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