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## 4 MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

### The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019 – 5-7 June, Wellington



**The Shift Aotearoa Conference 2019 will bring housing sector actors together to trigger collaborative action for one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most urgent problems.**

Policy makers and officials across government, iwi, community housing practitioners, Māori housing providers, researchers, analysts, and those delivering housing from the ground up – builders, architects, the construction sector, finance providers, planners, philanthropists, and front-line staff – will join community representatives and rangatahi Māori for three days of learning, networking, and solution creation for fixing Aotearoa New Zealand's housing delivery system.

Sparked by the latest research from Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities Ko Ngā wā Kāinga hei Whakamāhorahora National Science Challenge and international researchers, and case studies from community housing practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand, the conference will seek to develop a platform for cross-sector action.

This conference is co-presented by Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) and the Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities National Science Challenge (BBHTC).

**Registration fees for the event in Wellington:**

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BBHTC, CHPs and full CHA members \$500

Partner CHA members \$750

Regular registration (non members) \$900

AHI Awards dinner ticket \$100.

CHA and BBHTC are busy developing an exciting programme that will be available soon.

**Registration is open from 18 March 2019.**

Read more on our website [here](#).

## HUD's strategic intentions for the next four years

As a new agency, operational from 1 October 2018, we have developed our initial organisational strategy to underpin our work. This foundation statement of strategic intentions reflects this initial strategy, which we will refine and refresh over time.

A priority for 2019 will be undertaking future-focused work with partners and stakeholders, to identify New Zealand's future housing and urban development needs and our role in addressing these. We will then refresh our organisational strategy and strategic intentions for the remainder of the four-year period.

Read their strategic intention document [here](#).

## New Zealand Listener's Letter of the Week!



*Written by our very own Treasurer, Carrie Mozena.*

The February 16 Listener editorial rightly illuminates the failings of the government's "flagship housing policy" and the complexities of housing development. What New Zealand really needs is a coherent, long-term housing strategy that includes a plan to grow the supply of affordable rental housing.

As home ownership inexorably declines around NZ, the need for rental housing rises. We see far too many people on low wages who struggle to pay high rents yet don't qualify for Housing NZ.

New Zealand urgently needs more rental homes that are retained as affordable rentals, to address the basic human need for decent shelter, vs KiwiBuild which is a 'nice-to-have' programme to assist the almost-affluent.

It is crucial for the government to work with well-established Community Housing Providers, who own over 13,000 affordable rental dwellings throughout the country. We are not-for-profit organisations with strong track records of building and managing quality, affordable, tenure-secure rental housing for people on low incomes. Our sector is government-regulated, and run by skilled and passionate housing professionals keen to do more.

Government investment in a 10-year fund to boost development of affordable rentals would unleash a sustained period of building by Community Housing trusts. This year, the government forecasts a surplus of many billions - let's invest part of that surplus to achieve real results in reducing the housing crisis.

Carrie Mozena  
*Director, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust*

## **A Secure Home in Queenstown**



*One of the recently constructed homes to go into the Secure Home programme at Cherwell Lane in Shotover Country.*

The first of its kind in New Zealand, Secure Home is a programme where first-time buyers purchase their home through a 100-year lease arrangement, with the Trust retaining ownership of the land in perpetuity.

The first six homes in a pioneering new model designed to offer truly affordable homes in Queenstown are complete, with households set to move in from this week.

The Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust has just completed construction on six new homes at Shotover Country, which are to go into the pilot scheme, Secure Home. Secure Home was one of several actions developed by the Queenstown lakes District Council Mayoral Housing Affordability Taskforce which Mayor Jim Boulton formed in 2017 to investigate new ways of addressing housing affordability in the district.

Read more on our [website](#).



*L-R: Julie Scott, Executive Officer, Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust, Mayor Jim Boulton and Chair Andrew Blair.*



*Happy new home owners Banjo Balila and Amy Mayo-Balila at their Cherwell Lane home. Thanks to Guy Williams for the use of the photo.*

Read their story [here](#).

## **Barrington Street complex is complete**



Comcare Community Housing is really pleased to announce the completion of our Barrington Street complex containing four one-bedroom units. The Comcare owned site, which originally had a dated three bedroom house, was redeveloped into four modern units that each have secure outside space.

We now have four very happy tenants who are looking forward to moving in and making it home. All tenants have been selected from the Ministry of Social Development Social Housing Register and will be renting under the Income Related Rent Subsidy.



A lovely new bathroom.



A sheltered and airy outdoor space with bike racks.

## Mike Greer to build 104 KiwiBuild homes



The agreement for 104 homes includes the cheapest KiwiBuild announced so far – 11 two-bedroom standalone homes in Kaiapoi for \$360,000.

Other homes will be built in Huapai, Whenuapai, Pukekohe, Kaiapoi, Rolleston, Pegasus, Woodend, Rangiora, Halswell, Marshland, and Spreydon.

They will be completed between now and mid-2020 and are a mix of two and three bedroom, standalone and terraced homes, ranging from \$360,000 to \$650,000.

Read the full media release on our [website](#).

## Healthy Homes Guarantee Act

*We received this update from The Healthy Homes Team.*

"Thank you for working with us during the development of the Healthy Homes standards.

"As you know, the Healthy Homes Guarantee Act was passed in December 2017 to enable standards to be set to make rental homes warmer and drier. The standards become law on 1 July 2019, and there

are a range of dates for the sector to comply by starting from 1 July 2021. Prior to 1 July 2019 the regulations will be drafted and Gazetted.

"The announcement was made today at 10am by Hon. Phil Twyford, the Minister for Housing and Urban Development.

"Please see attached the release material, for your information.  
An explanation of the standards can be found here:

<https://www.hud.govt.nz/preview/9a2991dc3f557546/e2653ff39d82fcc1>

<https://www.hud.govt.nz/preview/196d32ae404481f8/36b16cd9e3130c80>

To find more detailed background documents you may follow this link:  
<https://www.hud.govt.nz/preview/42ea3dfcbfa2645c/483b6f0f5b4d0dd0>

To find out more information about the consultation that we carried out, please follow this link:  
<https://www.hud.govt.nz/preview/04f1b504607d3ebc/b83a64b490122dcb>

If you are wanting to look back at the existing public material you can find it here:  
<https://www.hud.govt.nz/preview/74a60d4a92d1258f/2105b6bb85ff908e>

Read the Healthy Homes Standards Questions and Answers [here](#).

Read the Healthy Homes Standards table [here](#).

See CHA's media release in the News section below.

## **DIA releases 'Modernising the Charities Act 2005: discussion document**

CHA encourages all members to carefully review the recently released discussion document "Modernising the Charities Act 2005". Our sector is keenly aware of some of the shortcomings of the Charities Act and the huge impact it has on our ability to serve our communities.

Our initial review and expert advice from Sue Barker Charities Law is that more can be done to support a vibrant charities sector. A summary of issues provided by Sue and David Henderson can be read [here](#). Dave and Sue will be presenting alongside the Department of Internal Affairs at the upcoming community meetings.

The discussion document, submission form, media release and the quick read document are up on the DIA's [webpage](#).

It is really important that we hear everyone's views, and the different perspectives that charities around the country bring.

Information about registering to attend one of the community meetings over March and April is also available through our webpage.

Please let CHA know your questions and concerns by contacting [Chris Glaudel](#).

Written submissions can be emailed to [charitiesact@dia.govt.nz](mailto:charitiesact@dia.govt.nz) or posted to:

Department of Internal Affairs  
PO Box 805,  
Wellington 6140

until 30 April 2019.

## **Public Housing Quarterly Report and Public Housing Regional Factsheets for December 2018**

Read this information on our [website](#).

### **IN THE NEWS**

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[The Side Eye: Renting in NZ means always moving out and never moving up](#)

[The YIMBY movement fighting back on housing](#)

[Home consents hit 44-year high](#)

[Thirty new social housing units now ready for tenants](#)

### **EVENTS**

**The 2019 Lifewise Big Sleepout is Back! 20 June 2019, Eden Park**



The 2019 Lifewise Big Sleepout will take place on New Zealand's iconic Eden Park, on one of the coldest, longest nights of winter – Thursday 20th June, 2019. The event will see businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders coming together to raise funds that will go towards Lifewise's work for ending homelessness.

Stripped of their creature comforts, Lifewise Big Sleepout participants will battle the elements spending a night sleeping on a piece of cardboard, and receiving an insight into what it means to sleep rough. Their commitment is rewarded by donations from family, friends, colleagues and the public; every dollar raised goes towards Lifewise's work for ending homelessness.

Register [here](#) to take part in the Big Sleepout 2019.

[www.bigsleepout.org.nz](http://www.bigsleepout.org.nz)

## Pacific Peoples' Housing Forum - 17 May, Auckland

**Pacific Peoples Housing Forum**  
New Zealand

**Friday, 17th May 2019**

Time: 9am – 5:00pm  
Followed by cocktails and nibbles and a Gala Dinner

Location: Fale Pasifika, University of Auckland City  
Campus, 20 – 26 Wymard Street

**The Pacific Peoples' Housing Forum**  
is the first event of its kind to focus specifically on housing needs and opportunities for Pacific Peoples.

The event will bring together a diverse range of perspectives on Pacific Peoples' Housing to conceive of solutions to barriers in housing for Pacific Peoples.

Speakers will include Minister for Building and Construction Hon. Jenny Salesa MP, three-time Attorney-General of Samoa Taulapapa Heather Brenda-Latu, and Nobel Prize Winner Penehuro Lefale.

Habitat for Humanity New Zealand is excited to invite you to register online for the Pacific Peoples' Housing Forum now!

The forum will focus on powering collaboration for housing impact and will be an opportunity to problem-solve and collaborate to form innovative solutions in Pacific Peoples' housing. Speakers for the forum include Minister for Building and Construction Hon. Jenny Salesa, three-time Attorney-General of Samoa Taulapapa Heather-Latu and Nobel Prize recipient Penehuro Lefale.

[Register Now.](#)



**When: Friday, May 17th 2019. 9am – 5pm, followed by dinner.**

**Where: Fale Pasifika, University of Auckland City Campus, 20 – 26 Wynyard Street, Auckland Central.**

**Who is this for?**

The forum is an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to come together, including:

- Public servants
- Staff and leaders of NGOs
- Local government officials
- Commercial housing agencies
- Politicians
- Academics

## **Snap, Crackle and Pop**



Breakfast for MPs and the Community Sector  
Focus: youth wellbeing

Hon Nicky Wagner MP invites ComVoices members and MPs to a Parliamentary Breakfast

**Wednesday 6 March, 7.15am - 8.30am**  
**Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings, Molesworth St, Wellington**

**Programme**

- Panel of young people and youth development practitioners sharing key perspectives, challenges and ways forward for the wellbeing of young people in Aotearoa
- Commentary from Hon Peeni Henare, Minister for Youth
- Facilitated discussion on youth wellbeing and the community sector - ComVoices members working with MPs

A light breakfast will be served. \$20 per person.  
Pay to ComVoices account when registering: 38-9019-0409843-00

To attend the function, please register with the ComVoices Administrator: [admin@comvoices.org.nz](mailto:admin@comvoices.org.nz)

Parliament requires a list of attendees names and organisations prior to the function which are checked off before entry. If attendees are not registered they are unable to attend. ComVoices recognise that costs may prohibit attendance for some. Please contact the Administrator for assistance if required.

Please register by Wednesday 27 February at 5.00pm to attend this function.

## **Prefab's Co-Lab - 13-15 March, Auckland**



**Fun, thought-provoking, must attend three-day event.**

Filled with site visits, exciting NEW presenters PLUS a Members' only day with BONUS interactive workshop with Prof. James Murray-Parkes on the intriguingly titled 'How to design a structure'.

Members' morning: Quick-fire presentations followed by round-table conversations.

CoLab is a sell-out every year! So Book Your Place [Here Now](http://prefabnz.com/Events/CoLab2019).

## **Housing Call to Action - March network meeting, Auckland**

### **Housing Call to Action West Auckland**

The Housing Call to Action is a Network of community, social sector, NGO, local government and central government organisations who have an interest in the Housing Sector. Housing Call to Action meetings take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm.

**We welcome new members.**

Phone Lee or Gaylene on 8371471 for more information

#### **March Network Meeting**

**Always takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, same time, same place**

- . Wednesday, 6 March 2019  
1.30pm - 3.00pm at**
- . Glen Eden Methodist Church, 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden**

**Hear about what's happening in west Auckland and network with others who may be able to help with your housing sector issues**

**And more...**

*Phone Lee or Gaylene on 8371471 or email [housingc2a@gmail.com](mailto:housingc2a@gmail.com) for more information*

**If you'd like to register for the Housing Call to Action network meeting, please email [housingc2a@gmail.com](mailto:housingc2a@gmail.com) or call Lee or Gaylene on 09 837 1471.**

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