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Welcome to the fortnightly newsletter of Community Housing Aotearoa *Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa*.

Included in this issue – opening of a new community housing complex, meetings to discuss guidelines on the right to a decent home, and an update on public housing assessments.

Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust celebrates opening

Congratulations to the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust, which has opened a new community housing complex in Christchurch.

The 28 one and two-bedroom home complex in Tiwaiwaka Lane (previously Cresselly Place), St Martins, was opened by Housing Minister Megan Woods and Mayor Lianne Dalziel.

The homes were designed and built to be warm and efficient, with a reduced environmental impact.

"The opening of the complex at Tiwaiwaka Lane is another step in our commitment to building great homes and creating connected communities with housing that exceeds standards," [says OCHT Chief Executive Cate Kearney in this article](#).

And [in this Stuff article](#), one of the new tenants talks about what it means to finally be able to provide a good home for her young daughter. Kathryn Harris says they've been in emergency housing for a few months and prior to that, stayed with other people.

"I suffer from depression, and I was getting very down," she says in the article. "I was most stressed that my daughter didn't have a stable home. But as soon as I was offered one of the new Ōtautahi houses

a month ago, all my depression left me. Now I have a permanent home I'll be able to enrol Amelia in pre-school."

Guidelines on the right to a decent home

You are invited to the following Zoom meetings with the Shift Aotearoa to discuss the development of guidelines on the right to a decent home.

- 1pm – 2.30pm, **Friday 10 July**: The opportunity – what will/could/would the Guidelines do or change?
- 2pm – 3pm, **Tuesday 14 July**: Introductory session
- 1pm – 2.30pm, **Wednesday 15 July**: Linking home and community
- 2pm – 3pm, **Tuesday 21 July**: Introductory session
- 12.30pm – 2.30pm, **Wednesday 22 July**: Capitalism, financialisation, the right to a decent home
- 1pm – 2.30pm, **Tuesday 28 July**: Introductory session.

Please contact [Brennan Rigby](#), Project Lead for the Shift Aotearoa, for more information and a Zoom link to the meetings.

Public housing assessments: update

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) advises that its full public housing needs assessment service is back up and running from 1 July.

During the COVID-19 response, MSD limited public housing needs assessments to people in emergency housing only in order to focus resources where they were most urgently needed.

The service is now available again to a wider group of people who may be under housing stress. The assessment is the first step to see if someone may qualify for public housing and can go on the housing register, based on their level of need.

To request a public housing needs assessment, people can phone MSD on 0800 559 009 and a case manager will call them back.

Have your say: ComVoices COVID-19 and State of the Sector survey 2020

Community and voluntary organisations are urged to take part in the biennial ComVoices State of the Sector survey. CHA is a member of ComVoices and Chris Glaudel, CHA Deputy Chief Executive, is the current Chair.

The survey provides vital information about the wellbeing of community organisations which then helps ComVoices advocate effectively on your behalf.

In an election year it's more important than ever that politicians and decision-makers understand the value of the work we do for communities around New Zealand.

Please take some time to [complete the survey](#).

Your response will be anonymous, and it might be helpful to have your financial information handy before you begin. As all responses will be anonymous we cannot remove duplicate entries and ask that each organisation fills out the survey only once.

The survey is open until 5pm, 20 July 2020. ComVoices will then analyse the responses and report back in August 2020.

Any questions, [please email ComVoices](#).

Leadership role at SSPA available

A leadership role is becoming available with Social Service Providers Aotearoa (SSPA), and expressions of interest from people interested in a secondment or a fixed term role are being sought.

National Manager Brenda Pilott, who plans to step back from full-time work soon, says she's happy to discuss the role with anyone interested and can be contacted at 027 430 6016 or [by email](#).

SSPA is looking for someone who is politically astute, skilled at influencing, representation and advocacy, and preferably with standing in the social services area.

A brief overview of the role is [available here](#).

In the news

- [Chronically homeless staying housed after lockdown](#)
- [Wellington Night shelter closes doors after half a century of service](#)
- [Leader of community trust in charge of social houses he grew up in](#)
- [\\$5 million for more research into warm dry homes](#)
- [Push for drier, warmer homes - 'shock' at state of NZ housing](#)
- [Māori children will end up in hospital due to cold, mouldy homes - advocates](#)

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Fundraiser for Waiheke Community Housing Trust

An invitation to join a Waiheke Community Housing Trust fundraiser this Friday.

The Trust is hosting a screening of the movie 'Rosie' to raise funds for its first house currently under construction in Onetangi. 'Rosie' is an award-winning Irish film about a family made homeless.

The evening starts at 7pm with refreshments, followed by the movie at 7.30pm. It will also be the world premiere of Milo Inglis' short about the new build at 80 Waiheke Road.

Tickets are \$25 and can be booked through [Mark Inglis](#) (text 0274 420 727) or [Paul Carew](#) (text 0274 989 634), and door sales will be available.

Zavanti software for NZ social and affordable housing - web demonstration

You are invited to see Zavanti in action in a short lunchtime web demonstration.

Zavanti says it offers an intuitive, user-configurable 'all-in-one' system and everything today's housing providers need to meet and exceed regulatory requirements, gain insights into their business operations, mitigate risk and provide advanced tools to staff and exemplary service to customers.

Demonstration details:

12 noon until 12.45pm, **Friday 24 July** - you can [register here](#).