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

The CHA Regional Event Series is underway. Next week we will hold the first event in the Masterclass Series: a free webinar on Ethical & Innovative Finance For Affordable Housing. If you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to [register](#) and be part of next week's forum. Full event details are provided below.

Articles in this issue include; New Chief Executive for CHA, Masterclass Series: Free Webinar on Innovative & Ethical Finance, Community Finance Winners at Mindful Money 2021 Awards, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust Increasing Local Housing Supply, Productivity Commission and Community Housing, Construction Sector Accord – Seeking Feedback on Environmental Challenges and Opportunities, News and Events.

If you have any questions about the content, please [email us](#) your feedback.

New Chief Executive for CHA



Victoria (Vic) Crockford has been appointed as the new Chief Executive for CHA.

Management Community of Practice

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Vic has held a number of senior management and communications roles most recently at Z Energy and Flick Electric.

Vic is highly skilled in stakeholder engagement, government relations, media, and policy development. In addition to leadership and advocacy, she also brings with her a strong reputation for turning opportunities into outcomes and building collaborative relationships across private and government sectors. She has a long-standing personal interest in housing especially accessible housing and has family connections with construction and housing infrastructure.

Vic will start in the role on Tuesday, 10 August.

Farewell for Scott Figenshow postponed

It was with much regret that we postponed a planned farewell for outgoing Chief Executive Scott Figenshow last week. Alert Level 2 and the uncertain situation in Wellington on the planned date made it unwise to proceed. Scott led CHA since July 2013, and left a strong legacy of advocacy for our members and the whānau they serve when he departed on 30 June 2021. We will plan an event for later this year, once he returns from a planned visit to the US. Our heartfelt thanks for your leadership Scott, from all of us at Community Housing Aotearoa.

Masterclass Series: Free Webinar on Ethical and Innovative Finance For Affordable Housing

Brought to you by CEO & Sector Leaders Forum & Community Housing Aotearoa

**Ethical & Innovative Finance for Affordable Housing
Wednesday 14 July - 10:00am - 11.30am**

Register [here](#) to attend.

Join us for the first event in this year's Masterclass Series. This webinar brings together the following industry leaders who will share their views on ethical finance and how New Zealand can do good with money and help build affordable housing, whilst still making a fair profit.

- Sam Stubbs, Managing Director, Simplicity: an active large scale wholesale investor's perspective.
- Shamubeel Eaqub, Economist – a plain talking economist's view.
- Dean Spicer, Head of Sustainable Finance, ANZ – a Bank perspective.
- James Palmer, CEO Community Finance – a practitioner's perspective.

Ethical Finance is already helping community housing providers build more affordable housing. In the last year Community Finance has raised more than \$100 million through New Zealand based philanthropists and institutional investors such as Kiwisaver funds. There is a growing appetite for impact investment opportunities with corporate New Zealand and their investors saying that they want to help address New Zealand's biggest social and environmental

challenges, like for example our housing crisis, at the same time as achieving a fair return.

Community Finance Worthy Winners at Mindful Money 2021 Awards



Our congratulations to James Palmer (shown above) and the team at Community Finance who won the Best Impact Investment award at last week's Mindful Money's inaugural ethical and impact investment awards. The awards acknowledged best practice standards in ethical investment in New Zealand.

Community Finance was recognised for attracting mainstream finance. Judges acknowledged the innovation behind the Salvation Army Community Bond and its ability to finance 128 houses and apartments in Auckland, including mainstream financing from Generate KiwiSaver. This provided a model for the launch of the Aotearoa Pledge aiming to raise \$100 million for social housing.

Read the full media release [here](#).

Nelson Tasman Housing Trust Increasing Local Housing Supply



Six new homes for people on low incomes and in housing need are currently underway in Toi Toi. The latest development by the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust includes six two-bedroom homes, two of which will be wheelchair accessible.

All of the homes are north facing and will have heat pumps, double glazing and more insulation than required by building regulations. They will also have photovoltaic solar panels, to reduce the cost of power. Two of the homes will be wheelchair accessible. The homes are due to be completed in mid-December.

Read more [here](#).

Construction Sector Accord – Seeking Feedback on Environmental Challenges and Opportunities

BRANZ is seeking feedback on their recently released a paper on the [Environmental challenges, opportunities and transitions for construction in Aotearoa New Zealand](#).

The paper is the first milestone delivered under the [Environment Workstream](#) of the [Construction Sector Accord](#). They invite you to read through the paper and provide feedback through a short survey.

The survey asks whether the challenges identified are the right ones and seeks ideas on the characteristics a future sector needs to address the challenges.

The paper and associated survey, which is open until Wednesday 21 July 2021, can be found on BRANZ's [website](#). Survey responses will support the next phase of work which is to develop a roadmap for the construction sector to meet Aotearoa New Zealand's climate and other environmental aspirations.

Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD)

Please review the [discussion document](#) published on 15 June and send in your feedback. The consultation will run until 30 July. We are working with the HUD policy team on a potential online engagement for providers. We will provide details as soon as we can. The final GPS-HUD will be published by 1 October.

In the News

- [Government admits 'significant' problem with Healthy Home Standards](#)
- [UN Calls Attention To The Positive Role Of The Right To A Decent Home In Tackling New Zealand's Housing Crisis](#)
- [Salvation Army Calls For Support As Winter Hits Hard For Vulnerable People](#)
- [Anonymous donor injects money and momentum into affordable housing trust](#)

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RTA and Tenancy Management Community of Practice

The next RTA and Tenancy Management Community of Practice will be held on:

Thursday 8 July 2021 from 2pm to 3.30pm.

To join us please use this [link](#):

Please direct any questions or feedback about the Community of Practice to David Zussman [here](#).

CHA Regional Event Series

The Regional Event Series (July– September) is now underway. The series features a number of in-person and online events focused on local priorities. A number of confirmed events are underway. Further details are available on the [conference website](#).