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The State of Pacific Housing in Aotearoa
In collaboration with MĀPIHI

22 June

'O le mea e tupu nei, e tapena ai taeao'
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Kia ora, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Nisa bula vinaka, Fakatalofa atu, Taloha ni, Talofa lava

Welcome to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and to the 2026 Community Housing Aotearoa Conference.

Our theme this year, Delivering for Today – Preparing for Tomorrow, reflects the strength of our collective knowledge, the power of kotahitanga, and the importance of building on what works. We know your efforts are making a difference today. At the same time, we are looking forward at how we remain match fit for the changes the future brings. This dual focus speaks to our shared commitment to achieving better housing outcomes for all New Zealanders and our determination, as a sector, to tackle the challenges within our housing system and get on with creating the solutions that are needed.

Across Aotearoa, communities are already leading the way. We are stronger together and on Day 1 we are setting the scene and reconnecting the many threads of housing led by iwi, hāpu and Māori providers with a report back from the National Māori Housing Conference and efforts to grow and strengthen the Pacific Housing sector with reports from the Pacific Housing Symposium and the Pacific Housing Conference (Samoa).

Pacific communities are ready to deliver Pacific-led solutions to local housing challenges. The accessibility community continues to advocate for homes that enable people to participate, belong, thrive, and live their best lives—not simply to be housed. And our whānau experiencing homelessness—our pēpi, rangatahi, wāhine, tāne, and kaumātua—need our support now more than ever. Together, we must answer that call.

This year’s programme has been designed to create more space for meaningful conversations, practical learning, and the sharing of knowledge from across our sector. Over the next two days, we will explore 20 sessions spanning a range of topics and perspectives, creating opportunities for community housing professionals in every role to learn, connect, and be inspired.

Our conference themes are:

- Tenancy Management and Support
- Delivering Today
- Homelessness
- Preparing for Tomorrow
- Research

As we look ahead to this year’s National Election, housing remains one of the most significant issues facing our communities and our country. This conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress we’ve made, examine the challenges ahead, and consider how we can continue to advocate for and deliver housing solutions that make a lasting difference.

Over the next two days, we invite you to connect, challenge ideas, share experiences, and explore new approaches. Together, we can strengthen our ability to deliver for today while preparing our sector for tomorrow.

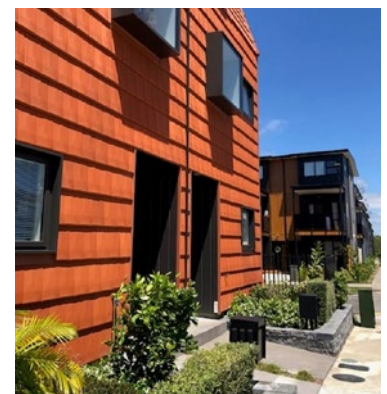
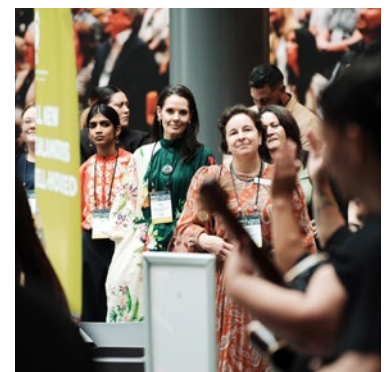
The team at Community Housing Aotearoa acknowledges and thanks our hosts here in Tāmaki Makaurau—Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Auckland University of Technology (AUT), and Te Matapihi He Tirohanga Mō Te Iwi Trust (Te Matapihi), the Māori voice for housing in Aotearoa.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the presenters, including CHA members, partners, and housing experts, who are generously sharing their knowledge, insights, and experience throughout the conference.

Finally, we acknowledge and thank our sponsors and exhibitors, whose support has helped make this event possible.

Nō reira, nau mai, haere mai. Welcome, and enjoy the conference.

I roto i te manaakitanga



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Workshop Streams

Tenancy Management and Support

Workshops to engage and support tenancy managers and related roles to deliver professional tenancy services supporting tenants and communities. Practical sessions on tenancy management designed to encourage dialogue and information on good practice for people in both functional and leadership roles to improve their operations.

Delivering Today

Workshops to engage and support community housing providers to enhance their services and delivery models. Topics range from building new homes to effective management and stewardship of your people, properties and the planet.

Homelessness

Workshops designed to share learning, practice and research to collectively achieve better outcomes when responding to and preventing homelessness. Participants will learn about and contribute to the development of tools and approaches that will support effective practice. Designed to support practitioners and organisations to consider the realities, challenges and the broader implications of homelessness.

Preparing for Tomorrow

Workshops to stimulate thinking and action to improve Aotearoa New Zealand's housing system and prepare for changes on the horizon. Participants will work together to explore tools and strategies to elevate the influence of community housing providers. Designed to support people and organisations to become active housing system citizens, working across communications, policy and senior leadership roles.

Research

Workshops to gain insights from leading research and analysis on Aotearoa New Zealand's housing system.

Programme

DAY 1: Tuesday 23 June

08.00	Registration and Coffee Cart Open				AUT, WG Building
09.00 – 09.20	Mihi Whakatau				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
09.20 – 09.40	Welcome and Setting the Scene Bernard Hickey: Conference MC Paul Gilbert: CEO, Community Housing Aotearoa				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
09.40 – 09.50	Welcome Keynote Prof Damon Salesa, Vice Chancellor AUT				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
09.55 – 10.25	Morning Tea and Networking				WG201 Foyer Space
10.30 – 11.15	Keynote Dr. Kay Saville-Smith (CRESA) Dr. Kay Saville-Smith, research director of the Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment and former Chief Science Advisor to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, will provide opening remarks on the current and potential future performance of our housing system.				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
11.15 – 11.55	Plenary 1: Stronger Together Updates from important gatherings helping to shape the future of community housing in Aotearoa and the Pacific region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Māori Housing Conference - Ali Hamlin-Paenga MĀPIHI/CHA Pacific Housing Symposium - Dr. Karamia Müller and Peter Stowers Pacific Housing Conference (Samoa) 				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
11.55 – 12.00	Summary of Morning and Preview of Afternoon Bernard Hickey				WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220
12.00 – 13.05	Lunch and Networking				WG201 Foyer Space
13.05 – 13.10	Move to workshops				
13.10 – 14.10	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 1				
	Tenancy Management and Support	Homelessness	Delivering Today	Research	Preparing for Tomorrow
	Room: WA224A+B	Room: WG308	Room:WG802-03	Room: WA220	Room: WG702-03
1.1	Tenancy Management Community of Practice: Upholding Rights and Responsibilities (Landlords and Tenants) – Workshop 1 of 2 <i>Presenters: Kathryn Burton assisted by the team that helps deliver CHA's online TMCOP workshops.</i>	1.2 Organisational readiness through a Lived Experience lens (TUESDAY) <i>Presenters: Awatea Hawke (Housing First Auckland); Amanda Bradley, Malcolm McKenna, Te Pou, Gavin Pike (LinkPeople)</i>	1.3 Can we build it? Yes we can! <i>Presenters: Gareth Ready (Signature) Luke Strom (Community Finance) Shelley Katae (Tāmaki Regeneration)</i>	1.4 Understanding our Housing System <i>Presenters: Dr Jaimie Monk & David Monk (Home Foundation)</i>	1.5 Āhuru Mōwai: restoring the whare as a conduit to wellbeing <i>Presenters: Tamati Patuwai</i>
14.10 – 14.20	Move to next workshop				

Programme

DAY 2: Wednesday 24 June

08.00	Registration and Coffee Cart Open		AUT, WG Building	
09.00 – 09.20	Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
09.20 – 09.40	Welcome from the CHA HUB Sponsor Westpac New Zealand Satish Ranchhod, Senior Economist		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
09.40 – 10.15	Plenary 2: Te Rau o Te Korimako History of Māori housing in Aotearoa: and reflections from around this history from Iwi / hapu / whānau point of view. Why Te Rau o Te Korimako was created and its vision to make system and structural change for Māori housing. Importantly, how to get involved and the benefits of this if you have Māori land. Presenters: <i>Rukumoana Shaafhausen and Karleen Puriri</i>		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
10.15-10.30	Kieran McAnulty, Labour Party Housing Spokesperson		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
10.30 – 10.55	Morning Tea and Networking		WG201 Foyer Space	
10.55 – 11.00	Move to workshops			
11.00 – 12.00	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 3			
Preparing for Tomorrow	Homelessness	Delivering Today	Research	Preparing for Tomorrow
Room: WA224A+B	Room: WG802-03	Room: WG308	Room: WA220	Room: WG702-03
3.1 Kaupapa Māori housing models Presenters: <i>Tupara Morrison, Fritz Von Heiderbrandt, Fetu Mataia, Daniel Reuelu-Buchanan (Kahui Tu Kaha)</i>	3.2 National Homelessness Data Project – building a national picture Presenters: <i>Rami Alrudaini (Housing First Auckland); Marjolaine Stranaghan (Community Housing Aotearoa); Prof Nevil Pierse (University of Otago), Paul Barber (Salvation Army)</i>	3.3 Accessible, affordable, adaptable and safe housing Presenters: <i>Ratenesh Sharma (Homes of Choice); Dennis de Reus (ADAPT); Kevin Anderson (Accessible Housing); Mike Potter (Disability Connect)</i>	3.4 Understanding communities, housing redevelopment and wellbeing: evidence from Te Hotonga Hapori Presenters: <i>Te Hotonga Hapori Prof Scott Duncan, Prof Dan Exeter, Dr Vivienne Ivory, Dr Lisa Meehan, Dr Anantha Narayanan, Dr Conal Smith, Dr Tom Stewart</i>	3.5 Governance that strengthens community housing Presenters: <i>Sandy Thompson (LEAD - Centre for Not for Profit Governance and Leadership)</i>
12.00 – 12.10	Move to workshops			



DAY 2: Wednesday 24 June

12.10 – 13.10	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 4			
Tenancy Management and Support	Homelessness	Delivering Today	Research	Preparing for Tomorrow
Room: WA224A+B	Room: WG802-03	Room: WG308	Room: WA220	Room: WG702-03
4.1 Developing a tenant outcome survey for community housing providers <i>Presenters: Dr Conal Smith (Kotata Insight, Te Hotonga Hapori, NZ Centre for Sustainable Cities) and David Zussman (CHA)</i>	4.2 Papatūānuku in action: learning across communities of practice <i>Presenters: Dr Kathie Irwin (by video), Vic Crockford and Amanda Kelly (Coalition to End Women's Homelessness), Anoushka Berkley and Hayley Rawhiti (Auckland City Mission)</i>	4.3 Affordable housing for older people – a crisis and solutions <i>Presenters: Jill Hawkey and Annie Smith (Christchurch Methodist Mission)</i>	4.4 6 Pillars of reintegration and the role of housing <i>Presenters: Paul Barber (The Salvation Army Te Ope Whakaora)</i>	4.5 Governance that strengthens community housing <i>Presenters: Sandy Thompson (LEAD - Centre for Not for Profit Governance and Leadership)</i>
13.10 – 13.45	Lunch and Networking		WG201 Foyer Space	
13.55 – 15.10	Plenary Session The Future of Community Housing – a 2040 conversation <i>Lisa Woolley (Visionwest and CHA Co-Chair) Lale Ieremia (Waikato Housing Initiative) Paul Gilbert (CHA) Ali Hamlin-Paenga (Te Matapihi)</i>		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
15.15 – 15.35	Closing Reflections		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220	
15.35 – 16.00	Conference Close – Poroporoaki		WG403 Lecture Theatre Overflow Room WA220C	
16.00 – 16.30	Afternoon Tea		WG201 Foyer Space	

Notes:

DAY 3: Thursday 25 June

<p>08.30</p>	<p>SITE TOUR ATTENDEES</p> <p>Meet at registration desk</p> <p>Refer to your nametag to confirm if you have registered for a site tour – you will see an icon for Site Tour 1 or Site Tour 2.</p> <p>Clothing: Please wear closed toe shoes and bring a raincoat/umbrella on the day if rain is forecast.</p> <p>PPE: High visibility vests will be provided and must be worn.</p> <p>Transport: Please meet at the conference registration desk at 8.30am on Thursday, 25 June. Buses will pick up outside Auckland University of Technology.</p> <p>Lunch: Site Tour 1 & 2 – Lunch will be provided at one of the sites on the tour.</p>	<p>AUT, WG Building</p>
<p>09.00 – 15.30</p>	<p>SITE TOURS</p> <p>Site Tour 1 – Community Housing Site Tour</p> <p>This tour visits a Salvation Army Social housing community in Flat Bush, moving to Pukekohe via sites of interest to Ramwall Group’s Notre Dame Living site where they have created accessible, community-connected homes. Across the road is Kāinga Haumarū’s new medium density multi-residential project offering secure homes for those with additional needs.</p> <p>The final stop is A Homes of Choice accessible housing community in Māngere. The bus will then return to AUT. There is an option to get a taxi from Māngere if you are booked to catch a late afternoon/early evening.</p> <p>Site Tour 2 – Larger Scale Housing and Partnerships Tour</p> <p>The site visit starts with Te Reiputa ,the new rental community from Simplicity Living. Delegates will then have a chance to experience the scale of the Tāmaki Regeneration Programme which includes a community housing partnership mixed development from Signature Construction. The tour will showcase a range of housing products designed to support social mobility and long-term community wellbeing. Delegates will also see how accessibility and inclusive design elements have been embedded throughout the developments to support whānau across different life stages and household needs.</p>	

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