

Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

Hello Tenants,

The last couple of TAG meetings have been around the work of the smaller focus groups, working on Social Connectivity, Anti-social Behaviour, Insulation and Warmer Homes. We have been keeping busy on the following:

Social connectivity – TAG is forming plans for tenant social activities for the year. You will be kept informed of these through the newsletters and all tenants are welcome.

Anti-social behaviour – TAG members will support OCHT staff on finding ways to help improve behaviour in our complexes and will provide feedback on OCHT's anti-social behaviour policy.

Warmer homes – TAG members are working with OCHT on solutions to help make homes that are unable to be fully insulated due to building design, warmer this winter. We will keep you up to date on progress but the bubble wrap idea in this newsletter can make a difference.

Have a look on page 3 to see what activities we are planning for the coming months. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new people at these.

Many thanks

Noeline Monsef (Chairperson)



Change is in the air!

Change is in the air and its not just the shift from Autumn to Winter.

You will notice the new look newsletter – we've given the layout a bit of a spruce up and we are shifting to a bimonthly timetable so that the news we share continues to be current and timely. The newsletter will still have tenants at the focus, and we want to make sure that all the information we share is useful to you. If you have any items to include in the newsletter or suggestions, give us a call on 0800 624 456 or let your Tenancy Manager know. You can also share these with members of Tenants Advisory Group or TAG. The group meets regularly with members of the OCHT team to give us feedback on a range of topics.



We welcome this valuable opportunity to hear from you about our properties and complexes.

It was great to see so many tenants come along to one of the 56 summer barbeques and morning teas held at many of the OCHT complexes.

There were more than 1700 sausages cooked and shared, 110 loaves of bread sliced and buttered, and eight batches of scones eaten.

The events were held to help our team get to know tenants better and to share valuable information on a range of topics with tenants. We had speakers at the events from Neighbourhood Support, Community Energy Action, Smokefree NZ, Pegasus Health, Christchurch City Council Graffiti Co-ordinators, NZ Police and the Christchurch City Council Wheelie Bins team.

Our Community Development Team are now in the planning phase for activities/events for the coming months. They welcome your input and ideas so please give them a call if you have an idea to share. In the meantime – stay warm!

Cate Kearney





It's that time of year again!

We are calling for Housing Hero nominations. All tenants can nominate a hero from their own, or another, OCHT Housing complex. The person you nominate just needs to be someone that you think is a real hero and be a tenant at one of our complexes. They might be making a positive difference in your life or someone else's or, they may just make life a little brighter through their actions. It could be something major or it could be a small simple action. Let us know who your hero is by phoning the office on 0800 624 456 and placing your nomination. Winners will be decided by OCHT Board members and results will be announced in the October Newsletter. Nominations are open now and will close on Friday 30th August.



Last Years Housing Hero winner, Beverly with OCHT Chairperson, Alex Skinner.



TAG Tenant Events

The following events have been arranged for tenants by the Tenant Advisory Group – all are welcome but please note that bookings are required for some events!

North Canterbury Bus Trip

Friday 12th July 2019.
Depart 9.30am from City bus exchange, Lichfield Street – first stop Waikuku for morning tea then on to Amberley and Rangiora - 2 hour stop for lunch, shopping and a stroll. Final destination Cust and Oxford before returning to Christchurch at approximately 5.00pm.
Cost per person \$22.
Contact details: Yaz ph. 0211332909 or Noeline ph. 0212404463.

Games afternoon

Friday 9th August, 1.00 pm start.
Jecks Place, off Dunarnan Street, Dallington. Join us for a social afternoon of Indoor Bowls, Pool, Darts, Quoits and mini putt golf. No cost, and we finish with a cuppa. Bookings not required... just turn up!

Quiz Afternoon

Friday 16th August, 1.30 pm start.
Jura Courts Lounge, 30 Jura Place, Linwood. Get a team of four together and join us for a fun afternoon. Five Quiz rounds including general knowledge, Sports, Music, Famous people pictures and capital Cities. No cost, and we will finish with a cuppa and trophy presentation for the winning team. If you can't form a team then you are still welcome to attend and we can slot you into a team. Please book with Noeline on 0212404463 or Yaz on 0211332909



Are you away from your unit for a period of time?

If you are going to be away from your unit for a month or more, please advise your Tenancy Manager.

At the Trust we care about your welfare, if we have not heard from you and neighbours have not seen you, we will take steps to try and connect with you to ensure everything is okay.

Coming Soon... OCHT Art Exhibition

Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust has booked the Pumanawa Exhibition space in the Arts Centre from 24th February to 1st March 2020 to host an art exhibition of tenants' work. All tenants are welcome to enter and we will confirm details in the next newsletter. In the meantime start thinking about creating art for this event. It might be paintings, sculpture, photography, creative writing or other categories to be confirmed.

Maintenance News

Spouting Cleans - The last of the complex spouting cleans are being undertaken during June. These happen every six months and it takes us a couple of months to complete all complexes. If you have any queries relating to this work please call us or speak with your Tenancy Manager.

Contractor Identification - Just a reminder that all tenants have the right to ask contractors on site for ID to confirm workers are OCHT approved. You can call us with any concerns on 0800 624 456



Wheeling Out The Rubbish

Just a reminder that there are three wheelie bins available for kerbside collection.

Green Bin - collected weekly and is for organics including gardening rubbish fruit and vegetables, leaves, bones and food scraps. Do not use for liquids, plastics, timber or human waste.

Yellow Recycling Bin - for clean and loose recyclable items like clean empty cans, glass bottles, paper, cardboard and empty cleaning containers. Do not use for clothing, tools or appliances, soft plastics, liquids or foods.

Red Bin - for items that are not able to be put into the yellow or green bins. Exceptions include explosives and flammable material, chemicals, household cleaning liquids, automotive products and paints and solvents.

Items like appliances, batteries, paint cans, computers tools and old gas containers can be dropped off for free at EcoDrop Recycling Centre.

Bin lids must be shut flat and bins need to be out by 6.00 am and in by 11.00 pm on collection day. Bins cannot be emptied if they are heavier than 70kg and they should be placed on the footpath with the bin logo facing the road.

Make sure bins are also 50cm apart and placed away from tree branches and power poles.

If your bin goes missing, then you must report it to the Christchurch City Council within 24 hours to avoid paying a replacement cost.

If you leave the property, then the bin stays behind for the next tenant.

If you need assistance with managing the rubbish collection you may be eligible for the assisted rubbish collection service. You will need a letter from your GP saying you are incapable of taking the rubbish out and you will need to sign a declaration saying there is no one who can assist you with taking your bins out. To find out more ring the Council on 03 941 8999.

You can download the Christchurch Wheelie Bins app for more information or call 03 941 8999.

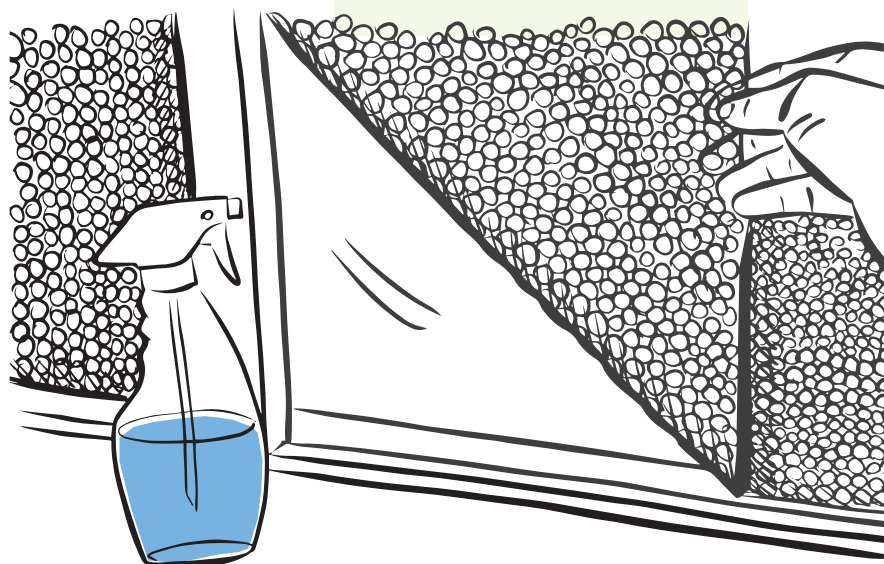
Hot Tip!

Bubble wrap on your windows can help you stay warm in the winter. Bubble glazing works by trapping air inside the bubbles.

This trapped air creates a barrier which prevents heat loss through the window because the barrier insulates the room from differing air temperatures at either side of the Bubble wrap.

Here's how to install the bubble wrap...

1. Use scissors to cut the bubble wrap to the size of the windowpane.
2. Spray a film of warm water, with a couple of drops of dish washing liquid, on the window using a spray bottle.
3. Apply the bubble wrap while the window is still wet and press it into place.
4. The bubble side goes toward the glass.
5. To remove the bubble wrap, just pull it off starting from a corner.



A special mention...



New for us!

A huge welcome to Tracie Palmer the new OCHT Employment Coach. Here's what Tracie has to say about her new role...

I am excited to join the Trust as Employment Coach. My role is to provide help and support to you in getting a job or accessing training to help you get a job.

I am from Christchurch and I love getting out and about in the parks and reserves as well as enjoying the inner city happenings. I have a background in the community and employment sector and have great links with local employers and organisations.

I am available to meet with you to discuss your employment needs and your goals. That might be helping with your CV, gaining confidence to make interviews easier or advice on how to set out on the search for your ideal job. Once you are in employment, I will continue to offer support for up to six months whilst you settle into your new job.

Call me on 0800 62 44 56 to have a chat.

Tracie (Employment Coach)
Email: Jobcoach@ocht.org.nz



So Much Talent...

Recently, I made the acquaintance of Sam Sullivan (Ngāpuhi) who came to stay temporarily at Airedale Courts while his unit was being earthquake repaired. I was very grateful when he was able to fix my garage door which was not tilting up high enough to let me drive my car into the garage.

A couple of weeks later however, I was even more impressed to realise that this very friendly and able handyman also had great creative talent. Above is a photo of an eagle (ikara) he created out of scrap metal using a laser cutter.

I was blown away and asked if I could take a photograph. Anyone who can create something as beautiful as this out of junk is someone I just have to admire. He plans to have it powder coated in brown to finish it off. Well done, Sam, and thank you for sharing your treasure with us!

Story by Irmgaard van Schouten
(tenant at Airedale Courts)



Food Parcels

The OCHT team are working with City Harvest to share food parcels with those in need.

There is currently a nominated tenant within eight of our complexes who is responsible for picking up and distributing food parcels from City Harvest to tenants. The parcels contain different food items each delivery.

Thank you to the volunteer tenants that pick up and deliver the parcels, you are very much appreciated.

If you would like to know more about this activity or would like to volunteer your time to help, please call 0800 624 456 and ask for Jane or speak with your Tenancy Manager.

Thank you from...



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