

Dwell Newsletter – December 2014

It's been a busy year. We will be doing a full newsletter in the new year but for now a short roundup of 2014 with Dwell.

One year milestone for Dwell

The 30th June marked the end of Dwell's first full year of operations and first full financial year. But really, it was just another year in our long history of providing affordable quality homes.

10th annual tenant survey

We conducted our 10th annual tenant survey this year. What our tenants want and think has been at the heart of what we do for many years. This year, out of the tenants who responded to our survey, no less than 100% said they Strongly Agreed or Agreed with the statement "I am happy with the service I receive from Dwell" (up from last year's very high result of 94 %!).

We're a registered provider

Dwell was deemed a registered community housing provider with the government's new Community Housing Regulatory Authority. This means that Dwell is eligible for the income-related rent subsidy for new tenancies and we are thrilled that after years of lobbying we are now able to provide this subsidy to our new tenants, who are have been assessed by MSD.

Shared homeownership

This year a huge milestone occurred when Dwell launched its new shared home ownership programme which helps people buy their first home in partnership with us. Shared home ownership provides a pathway to home ownership for families who want to own their own home but cannot afford to buy on their own. Both our Brooklyn and Pomare projects include homes for shared home ownership.

More homes

We have been busy managing our two new housing projects in Brooklyn, Wellington and Pomare, Lower Hutt. We have taken possession of four new homes in Pomare and families in need are now renting these homes. After advertising for only one week we received 25 applications from people on low incomes in need.

We are very excited that our four new homes in Brooklyn are almost finished and will have families living in them very soon.

Advocacy

Social and community housing has been in the spotlight this year, with the government's plans for reforming the sector. We believe passionately in community housing. Our research and advocacy role is an essential part of who we are and we will continue to advocate for the community housing sector and for access to affordable quality housing for all.



Season's greetings

Our very best wishes for the festive season and we hope all our customers, team, supporters, partners and friends have a happy and healthy 2015.

He whakarato kāinga, he whakatakoto huarahi mō āpōpō.
Providing homes and paving the way for the future