

# Public Housing in Waikato Region

The Waikato region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Hamilton City, Hauraki District, Matamata-Piako District, Otorohanga District, South Waikato District, Taupo District, Thames-Coromandel District, Waikato District, Waipa District, Waitomo District.



## Public Housing Supply

Public houses are properties owned or leased by Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

**4,079**

HNZ IRRS  
Places

**80**

Registered  
CHP IRRS  
Places

**80**

HNZ Market  
Renters

**2**

Registered  
CHP Market  
Renters

**29**

HNZ Short-term  
Vacants

**37**

HNZ Long-term  
Vacants

**= 4,307**

Public houses in Waikato region  
(4,299 as at 30 September 2017)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2017.

## Housing Support in the Waikato Region

**Accommodation Supplement (AS)** is a weekly payment to assist people who are not in public housing, with their rent, board or the cost of owning a home. A person does not have to be receiving a benefit to qualify for Accommodation Supplement.

**31,836**

Accommodation Supplement  
(30,883 as at 30 September 2017)

**\$1,817,937**

Weekly total AS amount  
(\$1,761,020 as at 30 September 2017)

**Temporary Additional Support (TAS)** is a weekly payment that helps to cover essential living costs that cannot be met from their income and through other resources. It is paid for a maximum of 13 weeks, and the recipient does not have to be receiving a main benefit to qualify for it.

**7,933**

Temporary Additional Support  
(7,542 as at 30 September 2017)

**\$514,408**

Weekly total TAS amount  
(\$479,161 as at 30 September 2017)

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) also pays an Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) to registered housing providers to cover the balance between the tenant's rental payment and the market rent for the property.

# Community Housing Providers

Community Housing Providers (CHPs) became eligible to receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) from 2014 for tenants placed from the Social Housing Register.

CHPs are registered, regulated and monitored by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority, a part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

**20**

Accessible Properties  
New Zealand Limited

**47**

Link People  
Limited

**11**

Nga Rau Tatangi

**2**

Tamaki Housing  
Association Limited  
Partnership

**2**

The Salvation Army  
New Zealand Trust

**= 82**

Community housing places in Waikato region  
being delivered by Community Housing Providers  
(87 as at 30 September 2017)

## Housing Supply Targets 2020

MSD plans to purchase additional public housing by June 2020. It is an ambitious plan that recognises specific areas in New Zealand where there is significant unmet demand for public housing.

Public Housing Supply Targets 2020 breakdown by Territorial Local Authority:

<b>Hamilton City</b>	3,412 public houses		
<b>Hauraki District</b>	105 public houses	<b>Matamata-Piako District</b>	179 public houses
<b>Otorohanga District</b>	38 public houses	<b>South Waikato District</b>	38 public houses
<b>Taupo District</b>	193 public houses	<b>Thames-Coromandel District</b>	215 public houses
<b>Waikato District</b>	347 public houses	<b>Waipa District</b>	231 public houses
<b>Waitomo District</b>	95 public houses		

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**4,853**

Public houses by 2020

## Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored social support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by contracted providers, who are skilled in supporting tenants with a range of social and tenancy-related services, and are also responsible for maintaining the properties.

The transitional housing programme is led by MSD and Housing New Zealand and involves local councils and emergency housing providers.

People living in transitional housing pay rent of up to 25% of their income, which is in line with income-related rents for public housing. The balance is subsidised to providers by MSD.

**58**

Link People

**18**

The Salvation Army

**24**

Women's Refuge

**= 100**

Total available places as at 31 December 2017  
(102 as at 30 September 2017)

## Transitional Housing Targets

Using demand data and local knowledge, MSD has identified transitional housing targets for each region.

Hamilton City	85 available places	72 target
Hauraki District	0 available places	3 target
Matamata-Piako District	0 available places	3 target
Otorohanga District	0 available places	1 target
South Waikato District	6 available places	7 target
Taupo District	5 available places	8 target
Thames-Coromandel District	0 available places	4 target
Waikato District	0 available places	3 target
Waipa District	4 available places	7 target
Waitomo District	0 available places	2 target

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**100**

Total available places  
as at 31 December 2017  
(102 as at 30 September 2017)

**110**

Total target  
(110 as at 30 September 2017)

## Housing Support Products

Housing Support Products (HSPs) consist of a range of products designed to assist people to achieve or sustain independence in the private housing market. HSPs help to ensure that those who most need public housing can access it by reducing the number of people on the register, and by helping those who can sustain alternative housing to transition out of public housing.



**\$11,510**

Bond Grants



**\$2,622**

Letting Fees



**\$2,635**

Moving Assistance



**\$2,480**

Tenancy Costs Cover



**\$3,000**

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant



**\$2,745**

Rent in Advance

**= 31**

Grants for 17 distinct clients (total \$24,992)

(60 grants for 29 distinct clients, total \$50,875 as at 30 September 2017)

## Social Housing Register

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on the Social Housing Register. The Social Housing Register is comprised of a Housing Register and a Transfer Register. The Housing Register is prioritised by need and consists of public housing applicants who have been assessed as being eligible. The Transfer Register is made up of people already in public housing, but who have requested and are eligible for a transfer to another property.

**386**

Housing register

(371 as at 30 September 2017)

**85**

Transfer register

(79 as at 30 September 2017)

### Applications Housed



Waikato

**117** (155 as at 30 September 2017)



National

**1,673**

(1,876 as at 30 September 2017)

#### Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation or with a Community Housing Provider.

## Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant

The purpose of the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) is to help individual and families with the cost of staying in short-term accommodation if they are unable to access one of the Ministry's contracted transitional housing places.

The EH SNG pays for short-term accommodation for up to seven days at a time, and is provided by commercial and community providers who are not contracted by MSD to deliver accommodation services.

With more transitional housing places coming on board in the quarter ending 31 December 2017, MSD has seen a decrease in the number of EH SNG being paid.

In the quarter ending 31 December 2017, there have been **253** grants made supporting **97** households compared with **435** grants supporting **174** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2017.

**\$236,674**

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2017  
(\$441,779 as at 30 September 2017)