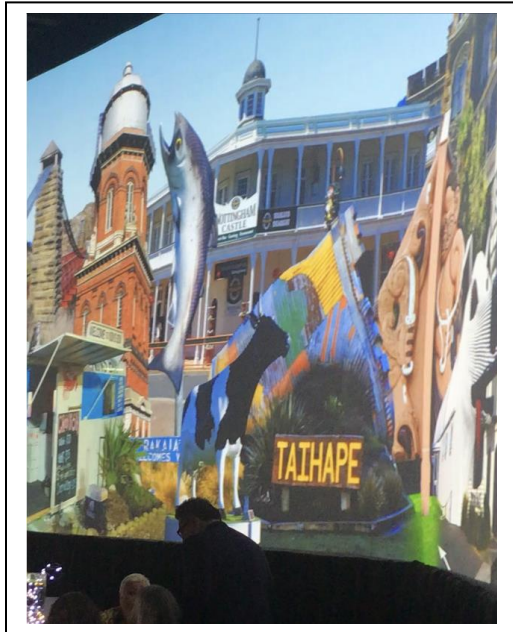


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Theme: Reimagining Aotearoa – from community up
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Day 1 Thursday 8 July

Bonita Bigham – Chair Te Maruata

Need intergenerational equity > financial sustainability> holistic wellbeing.

Covid lessons: LG nimble/good at placemaking.

Our communities need a voice and access to decision makers.

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

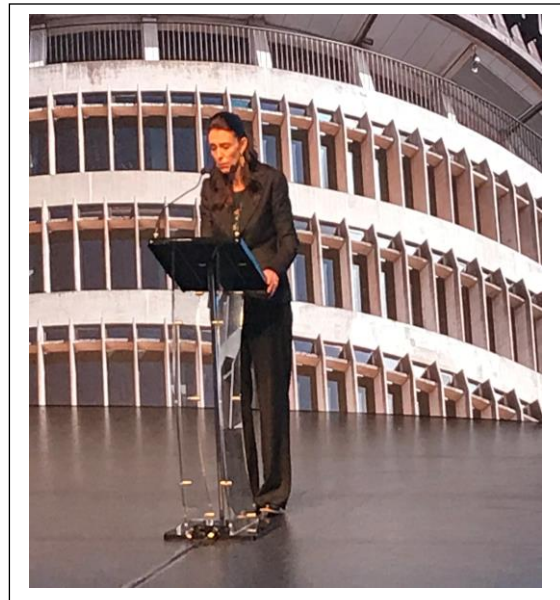
2.5 billion to ensure community wellbeing

Stuart Crosby

2021 will be disruptive and transformational. It is an opportunity to address current and future needs and reset.

What is LG role & how is it going to be funded?

It represents the power of collective voice, we need to remain holdfast to our values, remain present & engaged as Government introduce change at speed and at scale. We need to be at the table and holdfast to the importance of local democracy.





## Better Water Everywhere? Rt Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Is this decision best for our Community? Need good information. Consider the bigger strategic benefit. New entity will have tenacity, fortitude, and the ability to flex. End of operating in the historical silos. Think about what we could gain. Need to take a future focused look at the Community benefit.

\* Efficiency (cost / household), improved investment delivery \* see future value of 'real partnership'.

*The Future of Local Government – Reimagining the future.*

LG needs to be able to collaborate/partner to improve wellbeing. Eg housing, employment, youth pathways, climate change.

Importance of Belonging – everybody needs to feel like they belong and have a voice.

*Creativity as a driver of Community making and wellbeing.*

*“Weave the people; weave the arts; weave the community.”*

Carin Rangi – Role of arts and culture + community wellbeing and placemaking. Art connects communities and enables them to be proud of their identities. Creativity can be extremely healing. Important to listen.

“If we enable creativity to thrive in our communities, we enable our communities to thrive”.

Rangi Kipa – Artist in Taranaki; told a very moving story of how the New Plymouth Council discarded a previous plan for their new airport and started again in partnership with Rangi & local iwi.

He spoke about being tired of being invisible, Art needs to be embedded in the narrative from the ground up, restoring our visibility, restoration of our community in the process; it becomes the glue that holds everything together; we need to use arts and culture to put back what was destroyed.

Panel Question: What is something the LG can do to release the stigma Rangi talks about?

Have the conversation; co-create with mana whenua, tangata whenua, understand the vision, celebrate the past, nurture the present, enable a positive future for rangitane.

Use arts to decolonize. **Arts and culture are the best berocca to get over the hangover of decolonization.**

What is our knowledge of the treaty around this table?

We need to make sure our young people feel more engaged and are happy to pick up this kaupapa?

Are the arts adequately resourced? How does it meet Council goals plus meet the goals of the Maori people?

*Taking the pulse of Local Government in Aotearoa NZ 2021*

Key opportunities: Growth/jobs; partnership with iwi; RMA & LG reform

Key finding 1: LG welcomes partnership with iwi as a significant opportunity (51%)

Key finding 2: Funding and finance = key challenge – rates affordability (44%)

Biggest impediments: Funding & finance (70%) Central Government policies (80%)

Hopes for RMA reform, hope to improve process efficiency and effectiveness (70%)

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## Day 2: Friday 9 July

### Susan Freeman-Greene CE LGNZ

1. People need to have a voice in the decision making around where they live, work and play.
2. Strong relationship with Central Government
3. Localism: “what’s good for Maori is good for everyone”

### Natural Capital – The Marlborough Story

The importance of good planning documents that support industry and growth.

Jane Orphan: Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre <https://www.omaka.org.nz/>

Ben Glover: Zephyr Winery <https://zephyrwine.com/>

Values: - Turangawaewae: sense of space

- Kaitiakitanga: guardianship and custodianship

- Whanaungatanga: relationships, kinship and sense of belonging

### Rt Hon Nanaia Mahuta – 3 Waters

Three waters our chance to walk forward together with Central govt, Local govt & iwi. With job certainty & economic boost.

Importance of ‘placemaking’ – innovation & vibrancy. Vision & reimagine what Communities look like.

### Resilience in the face of Natural Hazards

Rachel Hyde, NEMA National Emergency Management Agency

Dr Lorraine Eade

Stuart Woods NZTA

Raewyn Bleakly F&ENZ

Mike Mendonca WCC

Importance of partnership, including international.

Why do we only work in true partnership in a crisis? “Panic & forget” cycle.

Must invest now to build resilience. What can we do to improve resilience, rapid & holistic recovery?

Parallel response for Maori community. Importance of trust and triage.

Four points    1 No whanau go hungry    2 Housing    3 Employment    4 Level of wellness

Who pays for the mitigation? Who gets to decide? Take the people with you in the process.

NB: Don’t overlook access to water for firefighting.

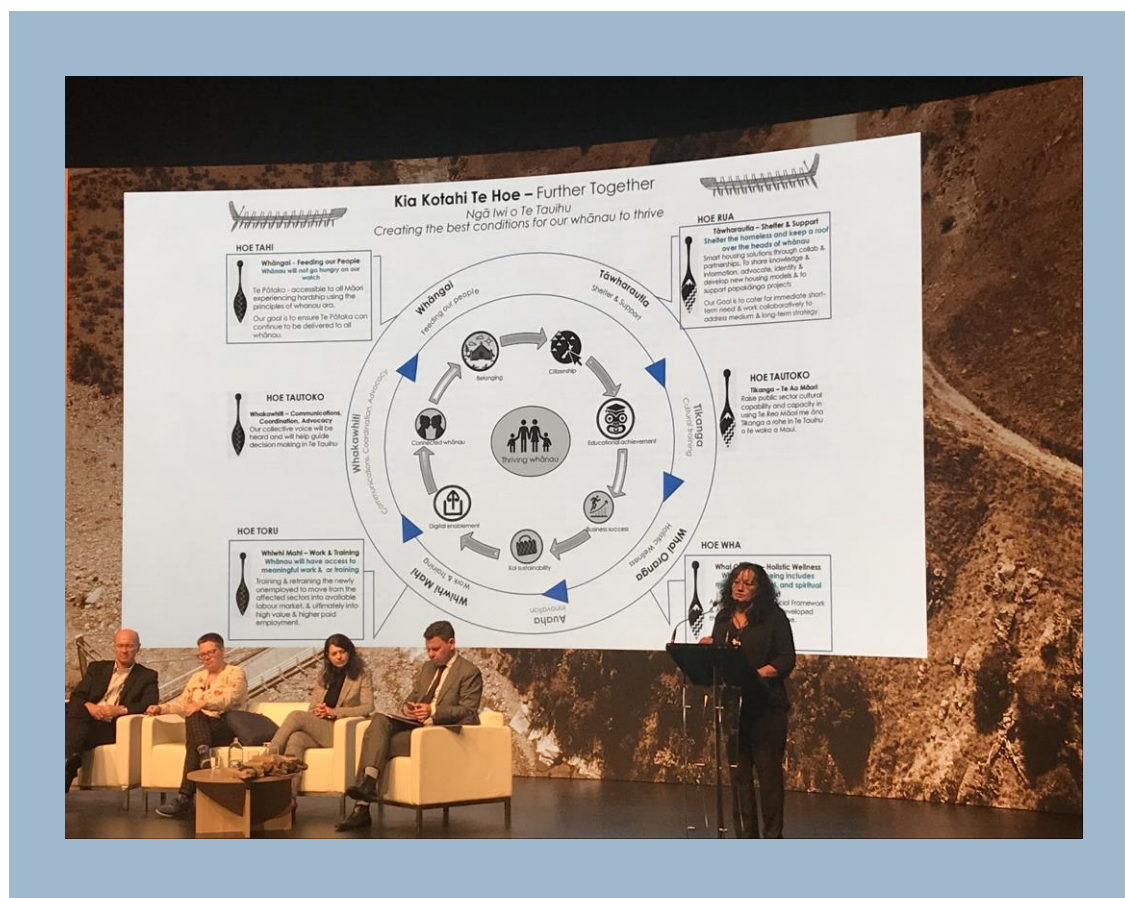


Figure 1 Kai Kotahi Te Hoe - Creating the best conditions for our whānau to thrive

### Building towards sustainable supply

Shamubeel Equb  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Don Cameron  
Clen Cornelius  
Troy Brockbank

### Housing in Aotearoa – Shamubeel Equb

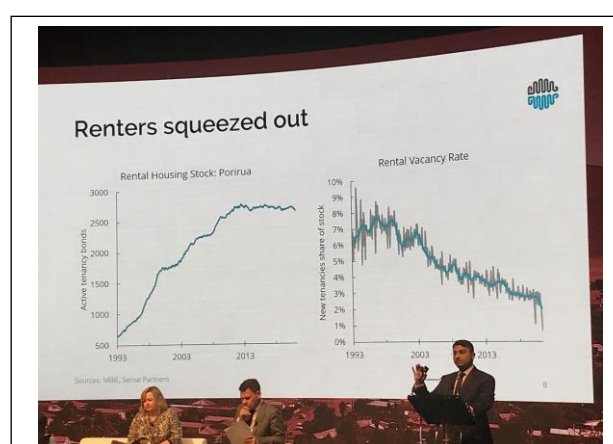
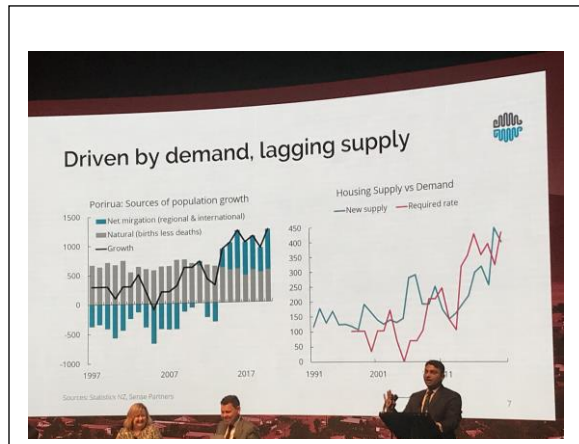
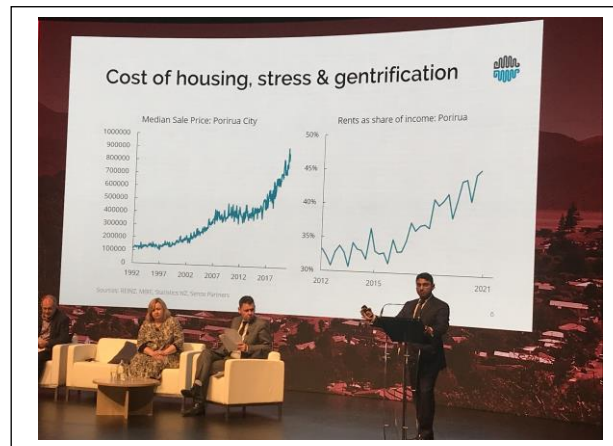
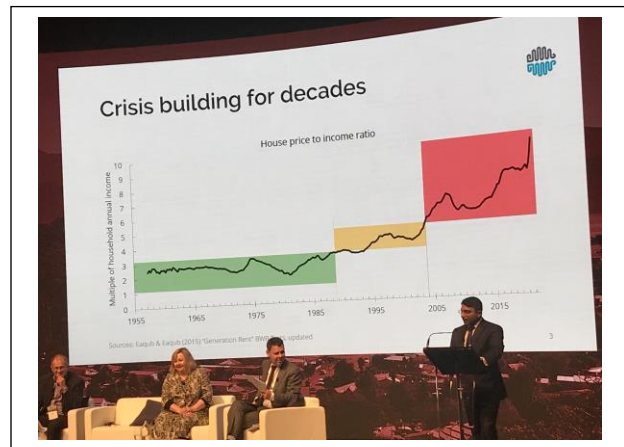
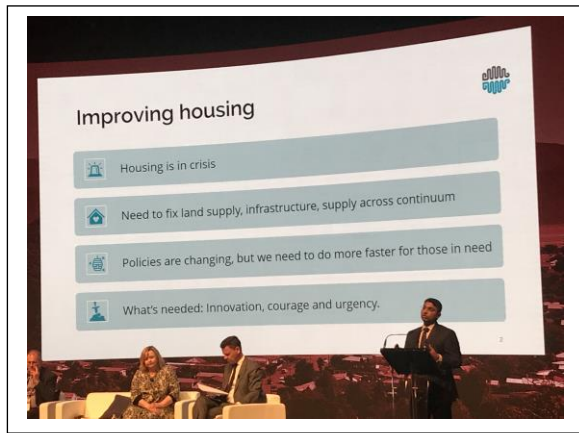
Build houses for the right folk.

Pourirua Case Study: 33% – 45% of income in rent. # of rental properties has fallen. 80% of renters need additional assistance. Need to do better.

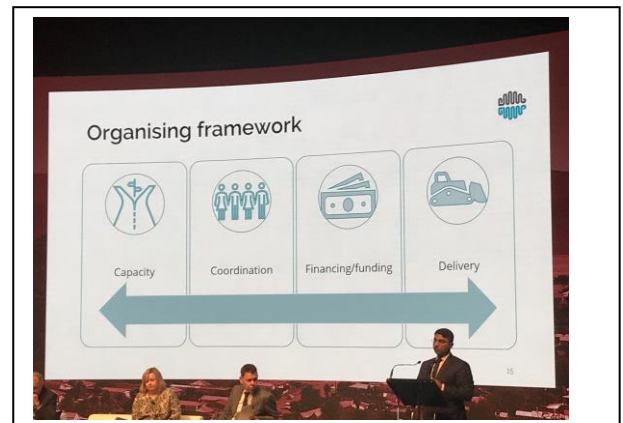
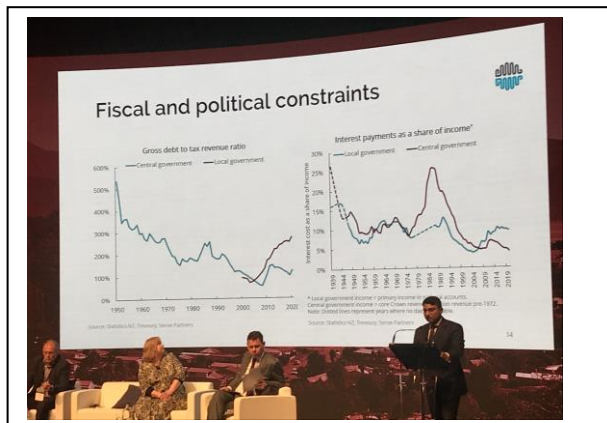
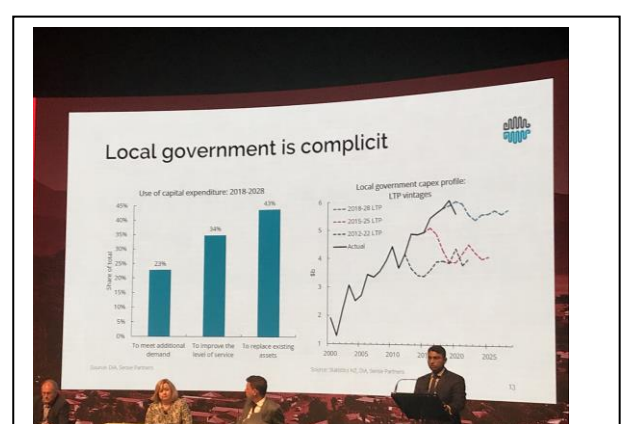
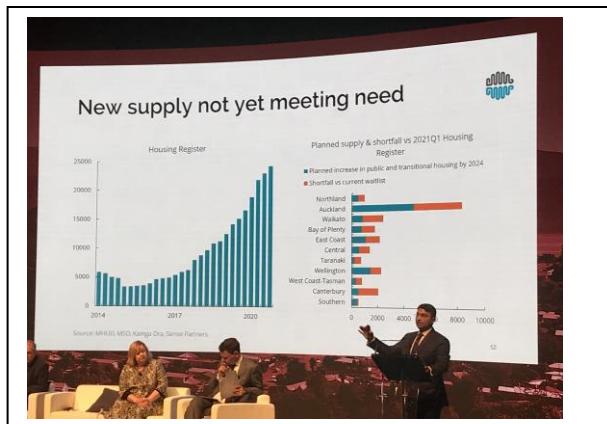
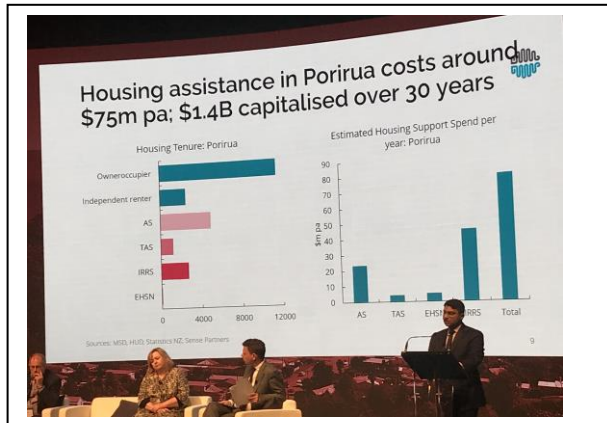
Have more state houses than ever but it's still not enough.

Need to learn from ChCh Earthquake response – Had a plan – worked together in partnership.

Currently don't have the decks lined up to do the mahi – we have the capacity – need to coordinate (like ChCh) Need finance







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**Don Cameron Ruapehu**

“Working with Government” 2.5 years ago did a “livability study” to understand story/data.

9 small towns 160 -1000 people \* 81 pensioner flats \*5 years ago couldn't fill \* deprivation index 8-10\*  
40-50% Maori \* Average wages \$45,000 \* need emergency housing \* high % holiday homes or Air bnb \*  
any new builds are generally high end

November 2020 new Housing Strategy

1 Support Iwi    2 Client friendly    3 Affordable housing    4 Integrated developers in town

RDC has developed 6 proof of concept houses with the aim of developing 45 social houses. 5.4mill  
CRP set up for case. High trust approach/accountability. Kainga Ora need a min of 50 lots.  
Solution for clients with wrap around support.

Panel:

Maori already locked out of Housing. Often Maori land has no supportive infrastructure.

Is the Health of the people ok? Is a key matrix.

Habitat for humanity: Re Emergency Housing – need to get out of hotels & on a pathway to social  
housing or oyo. We need CG to provide assisted/progressive home ownership option. Need to pull levers  
around policy and pull levers around availability.

Don't have equality but need equity. Importance of partnership & CG finance.

3.8bill infrastructure funding – some ring fenced for iwi.

Current immigration policy gives buffer but no workers as a result.

Still need 40,000 extra homes.

**Christopher Luxton MP National – Local Government Spokesperson**

Believes there is different regional needs. The solution is not centralization. Swiss model is not  
centralized.

Believes re 3 waters management – one size fits all option is unworkable.

We have 3 options:

1 Increase spending on infrastructure    2 Support the new entity    3 Consider other models.

He has an issue re GST

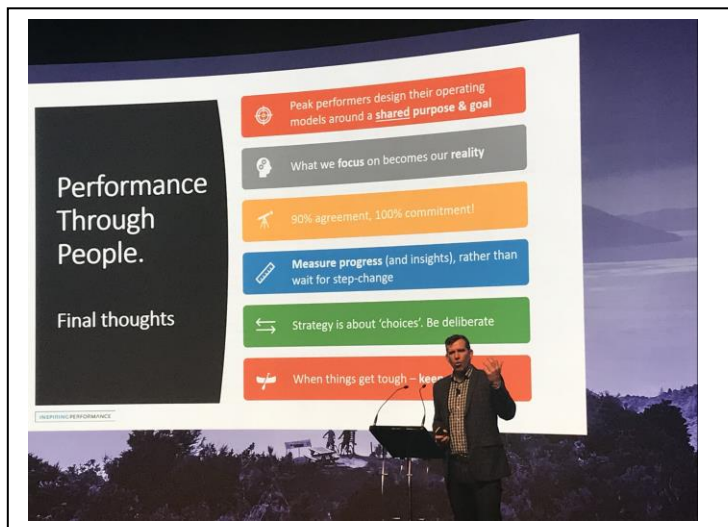
NZ is the best country on earth, local & central government need to work in partnership.

We need to have the courage to change things that are no longer working.

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Last video – starts 4.33mins “Performance through people” Jamie Fitzgerald

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