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Design for Living Forum

Small, Sustainable Housing for Affordability and the Environment

Free

Saturday 25 March, 2017

10am - 2pm

Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House

6 McMahons Rd, Kinglake VIC 3763

- **What are some of the key issues we face in relation to housing in Australia?**
- **What can we, as a community, do to support flexible, creative approaches in solving the housing crisis?**

Speaker **Sally Wills** is the director of Small Change Design and Construction P/L, based in Melbourne and has been involved in the building industry for the last 30 years. Sally is a registered domestic builder and is a qualified building designer. She is passionate about building design and construction with a particular interest in high quality small housing that is both affordable and sustainable. She has instigated lobbying the Victorian State Government to relax the rules for granny flats and is committed to finding ways to encourage construction of smaller sustainable homes.

Speaker **Lou Sbalchiero** is a founding member of Grace Burn Co Housing in Healesville. Lou, along with his partner and friends, have been embarking for the past 6 years in planning their co - housing project. It's based on the principles of ageing in place, community and sustainability within an urban setting. Building works are now underway and fingers crossed they aim to move in early 2018. Lou will reflect on the dreams, dilemmas and decisions faced to date with this exciting and small co housing project.

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Presentations

“Design for Living” is the second forum in a series of three focused on small, sustainable housing alternatives, affordability and the environment. The first forum held at Emerald Community House in 2016, we explored tiny houses, off grid living and flexible creative approaches to housing design.

The forums are intended to generate positive action and outcomes. In this forum our panel speakers will discuss:

Regulations

What are they and how can we make them more flexible?

Construction, Cost

What individual and shared dwelling designs are available?

What are the expenses for a small sustainable house or retrofitting an existing structure?

Culture/Perception/Security

What are the fears or barriers around sustainable houses and shared community assets? How can we manage expenses and simplifying our lives using sustainable or shared resources in a community setting?

