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**Announcing Sustainable House Day 2021**

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**Sustainable House Day 2021 will expand on the success of last year’s virtual event, with a month of peer-to-peer information sharing and sessions with homeowners, designers, and sustainability experts. This nationwide program will culminate on the 17th of October with a day of free online sessions, allowing all Australians to take part. Applications for homeowners, community groups and local councils interested in taking part in this year’s event are now open at sustainablehouseday.com.**

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Households generate at least one fifth of Australia’s total greenhouse gas emissions. The products, technologies, and knowledge to make our homes and personal transport greener

already exist, so reducing the carbon emissions from Australian households is a key opportunity to reaching our goal of achieving a net-zero emissions world. Reducing the carbon intensity of our houses also has the extra benefits of saving residents’ money and creating homes that are healthier and more comfortable to live in.

Many Australians are overwhelmed by information on what actions they can take in their home or rental properties, and need guidance sifting through sources and opinions. Through a combination of peer-to-peer learning and practical expert education, Sustainable House Day provides important, practical advice and resources that help Australians put their desire to live more sustainably into action.

This year, the program expands upon last year’s successful event and allows people to take part both in person and online. The weeks leading up to Sustainable House Day will explore four key themes relating to sustainable house design — each week will feature two webinars, expert advice from architects, designers and sustainability experts, as well as the sharing of advice from homeowners.

• Building and Design (Week of 20 September)

• Retrofitting (Week of 27 September)

• Building Materials (Week of 4 October)

• Climate Resilient Homes (Week of 11 October)

Sustainable House Day, 17 October, will centre around a one day-long virtual event featuring eight interactive homeowner discussions on a variety of broad sustainability topics, with a focus on expanding the reach of our event beyond people who are already knowledgeable on these topics.

In addition to these virtual events organised by Renew, our Community Partners around Australia will present a wide variety of house tours, panel discussions, demonstrations and more both in person and virtually throughout the 20 September to 17 October period.

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**About Sustainable House Day**

Organised by Renew, Sustainable House Day provides the opportunity to explore some of Australia’s most unique and inspiring homes. With a community of over 40,000 people, this major annual event is a trusted source of expert advice, insight, and peer-to-peer education about building, retrofitting, or renovating sustainably.

**About Renew**

Renew is a national, not-for-profit organisation that inspires, enables and advocates for people to live sustainably in their homes and communities. Established in 1980, Renew provides expert, independent advice on sustainable solutions for the home to households, government and industry.

With more than 11,000 members in a network of 14 active branches throughout the country, Renew is a leading voice for climate action in Australia. Renew also publishes two market-leading sustainability magazines *Renew* and *Sanctuary,* and provides consultancy services based on our technical expertise in energy, water, and sustainable design.

Renew advocates in government and industry arenas for policies that promote renewable energy and cut emissions, make our homes healthier, more affordable and climate resilient, and protect consumer rights in our rapidly changing energy markets.