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Master Builders takes the green building message on the road to Bendigo next week

Builders will join a forum in Bendigo on Wednesday (15/8) promoting sustainable and energy efficient building.

More than 45 builders will attend the first Master Builders Green Living Road Show that will bring the highly successful Green Living Conference to regional Victoria. The road show will feature the most popular speakers from the conference including:

- Boris Iskra from Wood Solutions who will discuss Six Star and the best ways to maintain an energy rating while reducing embodied energy using raised timber floors;
- Blair Freeman, a House Energy Consultant from Energy Leaks who will talk about how to make the most of Six Star designs by minimising draughts and poorly installed insulation; and
- Rod Lovett, Member Services and Education Officer with the National Electrical and Communications Association who will focus on the National Construction Code and lighting requirements for houses.

Also speaking at the road shows will be Master Builders' Sustainable Building Adviser Dr Phil Alviano. Dr Alviano said that the Green Living Program continued to increase in popularity with more than 800 builders taking the sustainable building course since it was launched in 2006.

"With the introduction of the Carbon Tax, we are hearing from more and more builders wanting to know how they can streamline their sustainable building practices and save money for themselves and their clients," Dr Alviano said.

"The need for sustainable building is being driven by consumer demand as homeowners consider the long term financial benefits of building and living in a 'green' home."

Dr Alviano said that following the success of the Melbourne based Conference, the road shows had been developed to provide builders from all over Victoria with information on the best and most innovative ways to build sustainable homes.

"These three-hour sessions will provide builders and tradespeople with a wealth of information from our expert presenters and will also provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and network with other like-minded professionals."

What: Master Builders Green Living Road Show (Bendigo).

Where: Quality Resort All Seasons Hotel, 171-183 Mclvor Road, Bendigo.

Cost: \$30 for Master Builders members. \$50 for non-members. Light supper and a copy of the presentations included.

Registration: from 3.45pm for a 4pm start. Finishes at 7pm.

All attendees must pre-register. Book online by visiting www.mbav.com.au or call (03) 9411 4555 for more information.

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