

Friday 30 Oct Schedule



TINY HOUSE ESSENTIAL SERIES

9:30am - 10:15am - 45min

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Which Tiny House Path Is Right for You? - Rebecca McLean

This talk helps untangle one of the biggest sticking points in tiny living: choosing the right path. Tiny house on wheels? Small home on land? Granny flat? Something in between? We'll break down the pros, cons, and trade-offs of each option, who they tend to work best for, and where people often get caught out. It's less about "what's best" and more about "what makes sense for you".

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Designing a Tiny Home That Still Works in 10-20 Years - Karen Flett

This talk focuses on future-proofing your tiny home so it continues to work as your life changes. We'll cover layout flexibility, storage, accessibility, and design decisions that make a home easier to live in long-term. It's about building something that grows with you – not something you outgrow faster than expected.

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Tiny Homes on Wheels: What Needs to Change - and What Happens Next? - Karen Flett

Tiny Homes on Wheels have come a long way in New Zealand, but our rules haven't quite caught up. So what would a clearer, nationally consistent pathway actually look like? Karen has spent years researching exactly that, and has taken her work from a Master's thesis to conversations with government, councils and industry. Karen will share what she's working towards, where things are heading, and what needs to happen next. Most importantly, she'll explain how the tiny house community can get behind the work and help build momentum for change.

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