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MainPower My Housing Options Expo Coming to Kaiapoi

The Waimakariri District Council, with support from Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) and the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA), is set to hold the MainPower My Housing Options Expo at Kaiapoi High School on Saturday 10 December from 12 pm-6 pm and Sunday 11 December from 10 am-4 pm.

Further to the My Housing Options Expo held by CERA in Christchurch in July this year, this expo will provide an opportunity for people to learn about residential opportunities in Kaiapoi and the wider Waimakariri District, and source information about building and buying, insurance, finance and banking.

There will be 45 organisations on site both days at the expo, including local property developers and housing companies, banks and insurance companies. The Waimakariri District Council, CERA and the Earthquake Commission (EQC) will also be present.

The Council's Earthquake Recovery Manager Simon Markham says the main focus for the expo is to provide the best information and advice for red zone homeowners in Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach and Kairaki as well as people who are thinking about living north of the Waimakariri River.

"We've got exhibitors and seminar presenters from across many sectors and we are looking to provide an opportunity for people to get as much advice, information and support as they can so they can make the best possible decisions about their future housing needs."

A number of topical seminars will be presented on Saturday and Sunday and these will cover insurance, land assessments, green building, financial considerations, building a house post-earthquake and conveyancing.

"There will be twelve hours of exhibitions in total and close to the same in seminar sessions," Markham says.

"The seminars will be run over both days to meet the needs of people that have other commitments in the weekend. We are aiming to give people as much opportunity as possible to pick up all the information they need on their future housing options."

There will also be a seminar on the new Department of Building and Housing (DBH) Technical Categories - specifically the Technical Category 3 'green/blue' households and what this categorisation means for homeowners in these areas.

"We are having this seminar for those who have recently been rezoned green/blue as we know these households may not have all the information they need if they are planning to repair or rebuild their house in these areas," Markham says.

A programme for the expo seminars will be printed in the Northern Outlook, North Canterbury News, Kaiapoi Advocate and The Press during the week commencing Monday 5 December.

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