

Autumn 2011

## What's the latest?

The NMA continues to lobby for and promote the mudbrick industry. We have partnered with Sustainability Victoria to research six star energy ratings and are working with the University of Adelaide to research mudbrick thermal mass.



In 2010 we produced our first electronic newsletter and received very positive feedback. We look forward to keeping you up to date via e-newsletter throughout 2011. If you have received a hard copy and have an email address, please add your email address to the attached application form when renewing your membership.

You might be wondering why you should continue supporting NMA? Here are a few reasons! Firstly, we are as passionate about muddies as you are and work tirelessly to ensure the industry and dwellings maintain the great reputation they have accrued over the years. We also want to ensure that mudbrick rates well for those considering selling their homes.

Finally, the NMA are researching the 'R' value of mudbricks. These are early days, but we have indicative results that show the 'R' value is higher than the current rating given by the software. We also want to ensure that mudbrick homes rate well for those considering building, buying or selling

So, what can you do? It is membership renewal time. Head to the website or see page 4 for a form. New memberships are only \$20 and renewals \$10. Subscriptions can be sent electronically, or through the mail with a cheque. New committee member, James Neil (0417575263) is undertaking a membership audit, including contact details and currency of membership. Contact him to update your details or do it when renewing.

We would love to hear from you with ideas for future articles and feedback on the work we are currently undertaking. Thank you for your support!

## Reaching for 6 stars

The NMA, together with Sustainability Victoria is undertaking a project to compile a list of 'must haves' for a mudbrick house. It appears we have been successful in being granted the necessary funds to undertake the design and thermal assessments of 4 varying styles of mud houses. This includes looking at options for insulation, treatments, renders, amendments, etc. that don't compromise the character, integrity or visual aspect of buildings. Reaching 6 stars (for any building medium) with the current form of rating tool will be challenging. We are hoping, that with a little design tweaking, a 6 star rating can be achieved for mudbrick homes.

This list will be used to create a guide that costs and analyses change that brings most designs to a 6 star level. These findings will be presented to members builders and other interested parties in the future (via the website),

## Mudbrick Survey

Can you spare 15 minutes to share your experience of living in a mudbrick home?

The University of Adelaide and the NMA are working together to collect statistical and scientific evidence to demonstrate how earth buildings, with thermal mass and other typical features, perform differently to other materials. We hope it will position mudbrick more favourably with the new 6-Star Rating assessments and the imminent mandatory declaration of the Thermal/Sustainable Rating for all existing homes when sold. Results of the survey will be posted on our website in approximately 3months.

For a hard copy phone Barry Pearce 94391018. To complete the survey electronically go to:  
[http://www.architecture.adelaide.edu.au/research/earthbuilding?utm\\_source=nma%26utm\\_medium=text%26utm\\_content=survey%26utm\\_campaign=earth\\_building\\_research](http://www.architecture.adelaide.edu.au/research/earthbuilding?utm_source=nma%26utm_medium=text%26utm_content=survey%26utm_campaign=earth_building_research)

If you have undertaken the Survey, please let the NMA know.



## Bendigo Bank

The NMA has an ongoing partnership with Bendigo Bank who are long time supporters of community initiatives, NMA projects, as well as having great products available for builders and owner builders. Check out their competitive products if you are considering finances for your next project!



## Mudbrick tour a huge success



The NMA assisted Eltham High School Music Support Group to re-introduce the Mudbrick Tour that was successfully run by the Pantom Hill Pre-School for many years. The Music Support Group enthusiastically embraced the tour as their major fundraiser. Hundreds of people viewed various Mudbrick buildings around the Nillumbik Shire raising thousands of dollars for the program. We urge you to support this and the Practically Green festival (featuring NMA mudbrick laying demonstrations) that run at the same time each year.

# Notice – of Annual General Meeting

**August 25th**

**7pm**

**Eltham Court House**

The AGM will run for approximately 1 hour and include a short presentation from the Bendigo Bank. We encourage builders, developers or anybody needing finance for an upcoming project to come along and hear how Bendigo Bank works in the community and what they have to offer. Drinks and nibbles provided.

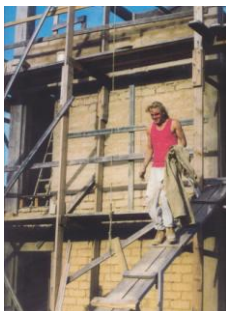
Drinks and nibbles provided.

RSVP (Michael 0417599677) August 10 for catering purposes.

**N.B. – AGM nomination forms available at the meeting**

## Your Committee

<b>President</b>	Rob Marshall	0414890212
<b>Vice President</b>	Michael Young	0417599677
<b>Treasurer</b>	Colin Cook	0408136507
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**Annual Membership Application Form to June 2012**

(Please print application, fill in with BLOCK LETTERS and mail as per details below)

<b>Your relationship to Mudbrick is : (Please tick (· ) appropriate box/es)</b>					
Owner / Occupier	Builder	Trade / Supplier	Architect	General Interest	Other (Please indicate)
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<b>Your details:</b>					
· · Mr	· · Mrs	· · · Ms	· · Other (Provide Details) :		
Surname :			First Name(s):		
<b>Additional Member details:</b>					
· · Mr	· · Mrs	· · Ms	· · Other (Provide Details) :		
Surname :			First Name(s):		
<b>Postal Address :</b>					
Street / PO Box:					
Suburb:		State:		Post code:	
<b>Contact details :</b>					
Telephone :			Mobile:		
Email:					
<b>Preferred method of contact :</b>			Email ·		Mail ·
<b>Annual Membership Fee :</b>					
·				Qty	Total
·	New Membership @ \$20.00 per person			X	
·	Renewal @ \$10.00 per person			X	
	Total Payment				\$
<b>Pay your subscription / renewal as follows :-</b>					
Direct Debit (EFT) :			Postal		
Bank:	Bendigo Bank		Cheque Payable to :		
BSB No.:	633 000		Nillumbik Mudbrick Association		
Acc No.:	139 530 935		P O Box 385		
Statement Reference:	NMA (your name)		Eltham VIC 3095		