



Welcome to the Winter edition of the NMA newsletter! We've been busy promoting the Mudbrick industry through information sharing, research projects, local events and our website (check it out at www.mudbrick.org.au). We have even joined the world of Facebook! We've heard of lots of new mudbrick buildings and extensions being completed locally. With all of this going on in Nillumbik (and much more on a global stage), the future of the mudbrick industry is bright.

As the building world battles for a greener position we are sitting on the ultimate 'eco' product and the definitive environmental medium. Thank you to our committee of dedicated volunteers and all of our other members who continue to advocate for and share their experiences of how wonderful mudbrick buildings are to live and work in. We hope to see you at the upcoming AGM to be held on August 28th at 7pm at the Eltham library.

NMA at the 2013 Melbourne HIA Home Show

The NMA wowed audiences at the April HIA Home Show. The Show had a focus on sustainable living and approached the NMA requesting a presentation on the wonderful benefits of mudbrick. Over 41,000* people visited the show over 4 days and the interest in the NMA Mudbrick presentation was huge - so much so, that we have been invited back to present at the August HIA Home Show (which has an even greater 'green' focus). We will further capitalise on the opportunity by creating some eye catching NMA banners and printing informative leaflets for distribution. 'Remuneration' takes the form of powerful marketing exposure on the HIA website, trade listing and promotional materials. 'Like' us on Facebook for the chance to win free tickets. - Lou Dixon

*Research indicated 98% of visitors at the 2012 HIA Home Show were actively building, renovating or improving their home

Website & Facebook

NMA is on Facebook! We had a great response from our members, other Company and Association pages (including Owner Builder Magazine) and the wider community. We quickly reached 100 'Likes' and it continues to grow, helping us to spread the word about this great building material. The Facebook page is regularly updated with fantastic photos, information and event details. We look forward to reaching the 200 'likes' milestone soon. If you are not already one of our Facebook followers, 'like' us - you won't be disappointed!

Practically Green Festival

The 2013 Practically Green Festival will be held at Edendale Farm (Gastons Rd, Eltham) on October 20th. The NMA will have a strong presence with active demonstrations on how to make and lay mudbricks as well as plenty of opportunities to get your questions answered by the experts!

Check out the website!

www.mudbrick.org.au

The refurbished NMA website hosts lots of info on building and renovating, as well as vital links to our user-friendly and informative Trade Guide (everything from designers & builders to suppliers & Tradies). We are always on the look-out for new content, additional articles, new suppliers and photos. Email us with your ideas!

University Survey of Nillumbik Mudbrick Dwellings

Notice of AGM

August 28th, 7-8pm. Eltham Library

Drinks & nibbles provided. RSVP Colin (0408136507) by August 22 for catering

N.B. – Nomination forms available on the night

The University of Adelaide (in particular, Adjunct Associate Professor Terence Williamson of School Architecture and Built Environment, and PhD student, Lyrian Daniel) is currently conducting a monitoring program to measure the thermal performance of twenty Mudbrick, and earth built, houses in Nillumbik. The monitoring equipment was installed in March of this year. The NMA is helping to facilitate this program. A further twenty naturally ventilated dwellings around Darwin will also be monitored by the University. The data collected by the installed equipment, will be linked with the occupant's assessments of their comfort within their dwelling at intervals during the one-year research period.

The project aims to examine the range of temperatures within which the occupants experience thermal comfort. It is suspected that the range of 'comfortable' temperatures, will be wider than the range that the Australian Standard currently stipulates. If the fundamental temperature range is shown to be wider (maybe both cooler and warmer) than the Australian Standard's adopted range, then this could, in turn, have a fundamental effect upon the manner in which we assess dwellings for thermal comfort.

This study will present further quantifiable evidence of how Mudbrick dwellings perform thermally, how occupants behave within them, and what comfort levels those occupants experience seasonally.

This data could have the potential to alter the way in which Star Ratings are applied to Mudbrick Dwellings.

The NMA sends sincere thanks & gratitude to those who have offered their home for monitoring. Barry Pearce

Membership

Thank you to our members who renewed or joined as new members to June 2013. Your support through membership renewals assist the Association in achieving its target projects during the year to keep Mudbrick in the forefront. The NMA now invites all our current members to renew their membership to June 2014. New members are greatly welcomed from far and wide who share the same passion to highlight the benefits of earth building. All the information we share with our members is now through our updated Website, Email or Facebook. We urge you all to renew today. Head to the website to download an application or complete the form attached along with your payment. Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook to keep up with regular posts and updates.

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Annual Membership Application Form to June 2014
 (Please Print application, fill in with BLOCK LETTERS and (e)mail as per details below)

Your relationship to Mudbrick is : (Please tick (☑) appropriate box(s))					
Owner / Occupier	Builder	Trade / Supplier	Architect	General Interest	Other (Please indicate)
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Street / PO Box:					
Suburb:		State:		Post code:	
Contact details :					
Telephone :		Mobile:			
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RENEW NOW

The NMA invites all our current members to renew their membership for 2014. We also welcome members from within and outside the Nillumbik Shire who share with us a passion and commitment for the future of the earth building industry. Become a member today! Head to the website or complete the form (left). Once filled out, please post the form along with your membership fee to us.

