



Welcome to the Winter edition of the NMA newsletter! The committee and members have been working hard in 2014 to spread the word about the virtues of 'muddies'! You might have seen us at local events and festivals or working on the new mudbrick buildings and extensions going up locally? Maybe you have visited the website (www.mudbrick.org.au) for information on building and renovating? If you haven't already, please like us on Facebook for regular updates and photos www.facebook.com/nillumbikmudbrickassociation



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 September 17th at 7pm at the Eltham library.

Bendigo Bank Trade Night



The NMA is conceptualizing a 'Trade Night'. We hope it will be run in conjunction with our major sponsor, Bendigo Bank. This gala event, to be held in Autumn next year promises to be a great night with lots of good food, drinks, information and entertainment! We will email you an invitation early in 2015.

NMA Guide to Making and Laying mudbricks.

The Trade Night will be used to launch a major piece of work we are currently undertaking. There has been a lot written on making and laying mudbricks over last 30 years in Australia and abroad. It is now necessary for the NMA to produce an up to date guide that takes into account the various new requirements demanded by the building code of Australia (e.g. earthquake resistance in new homes). We have highly skilled engineers, builders and architects contributing to the draft and we will be meeting shortly with the building commission to glean their early support for the venture.

Building Awards

In support of new homes with sustainable features, the NMA is sponsoring a building award at the Practically Green Sustainability Awards and dinner, to be held on the 16th of October. For tickets, please contact Romney Bishop at Nillumbik Shire Council (94333211), head down to the Shire office or jump online at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au and follow the prompts to the Practically Green Awards. \$35 gets you a 3 course meal and drinks.

Notice of AGM

Sept 17th, 7-8pm. Eltham Library

Drinks & nibbles provided. RSVP Colin (0408136507) by September 10 for catering

N.B. – Nomination forms available on the night

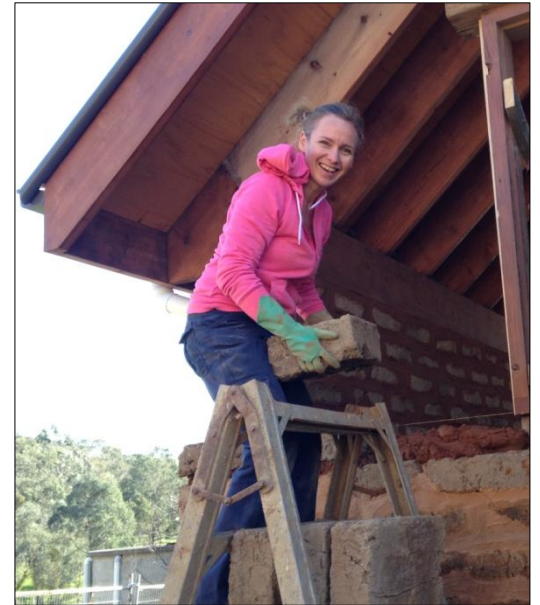
Practically Green Festival



The NMA is once again a proud sponsor of the Practically Green Festival. The Festival celebrates sustainable living and all things green with great activities for the entire family. We will have a stall providing information and showing mudbrick enthusiasts how to make bricks. We will also be extending the mudbrick retaining wall that we commenced at last year's festival. The Festival will be held at Edendale Farm (Gastons Rd, Eltham) on Sunday the 19th of October. For more information visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

NMA Secretary gets her hands dirty

The NMA Secretary, Louise Dixon, has been getting her hands dirty with some hands-on learning this month, laying some beautiful mudbricks and packing and washing walls. "What a wonderful experience." said Louise, "I absolutely love the earthiness and natural aspect of the construction. It has inspired me to build a mudbrick cubby house for my kids!".



Mudbrick House Tour

The Eltham Mudbrick House Tour also takes place on Sunday 19th of October. This long held tradition (previously run by the Pantan Hill preschool group) is now superbly organized by the Eltham High School in support of their music program. It is always a compelling experience. To book your ticket closer to the time, go to www.trybooking.com.au/by/gs

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Membership

It is that time of year again - membership fees are due! New and existing members are asked to fill in the form on the next page. Your fees assist us to keep you up to date with news about the industry and to advocate for improved recognition of mudbrick as a building medium.

Annual Membership Application Form to June 2015
(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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Acc No.:	139 530 935		P O Box 385		
Statement Reference:	NMA (your name)		Eltham VIC 3095		
Email : nillumbik.mudbrick.association@gmail.com					

RENEW NOW

The NMA invites all our current members to renew their membership for 2014/15. 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.

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