

## What's the latest?

The NMA had a busy start to 2012. We have been involved in research projects, conducted regular committee meetings, updated our website (check it out at [www.mudbrick.org.au](http://www.mudbrick.org.au)), released a booklet about 6 star mudbrick house design and heard of lots of new mudbrick buildings and extensions being completed locally.

Thank you to our committee members for the effort they put in to ensuring the future is bright for earth building! Thanks also goes to you 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 have a range of interesting articles in the newsletter this time around. We hope you enjoy reading it! - Rob Marshall (President)

## Release of new trade guide

After the great success of our first trade guide in 2009, the NMA recently embarked on a reprint. This new look trade guide is fresh off the printer. Almost all of the original clients wanted to readvertise and a range of new suppliers were eager to be involved.

In it you will find a range of mudbrick related materials, skill sets and suppliers to suit every need from maintenance and small renovations through to architectural work and new buildings. Hard copies are available at Grimes and Sons (1/1637 Main Road, Research), Nillumbik's Edendale Farm and at upcoming festivals (e.g. Eltham High School mudbrick tour and the Practically Green Festival). Electronic copies are available from our new look website ([www.mudbrick.org.au](http://www.mudbrick.org.au))!

## New look website

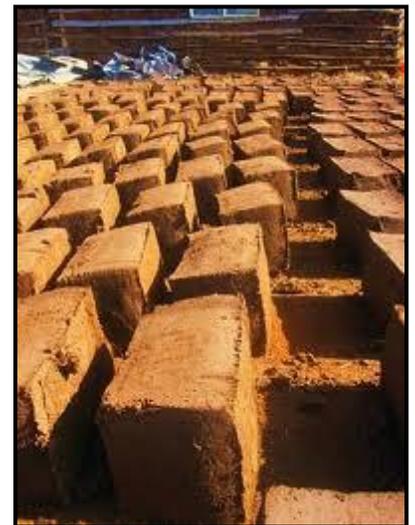
[www.mudbrick.org.au](http://www.mudbrick.org.au)

The NMA is working hard on developing a quality, new look website. With lots of info & vital links to Trade Guide advertisers (and their websites where available). We are always on the look-out for new content, additional articles, ideas and photos. Email us with your ideas!

## 2012 Mudbrick tour needs your help

The NMA assisted Eltham High School Music Support Group to run their second, hugely successful Mudbrick Tour last year. The tour saw a 20% increase in numbers from the first year, making it a unique and successful fundraising venture.

The 2012 tour will run on the same weekend as the Practically Green Festival - Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. The NMA are putting out a request for all members to consider offering their homes for next year's tour. If you have a great muddie, or know someone who does, let us know! Any inquiries about availability or for further information, please contact Andrew Evans (a volunteer for the music support program at Eltham High) on 0417 575 061.



## Reaching 6 stars

Late last year, the NMA produced a booklet- *6 star Mudbrick house design – guidelines to achieving a 6-star thermal rating for your mudbrick home*. It includes options for insulation, treatments, renders, amendments, etc. that don't compromise the character, integrity or visual aspect of buildings. The project was financed through the generous support of Sustainability Victoria and Bendigo bank (Eltham and district branch). The Bendigo Bank is a long time supporter of the NMA and we thank them for their ongoing interest in sustaining the mudbrick industry. Booklets are available from Grimes and Sons or from Michael Young (0417599677).

## Awards

The Practically Green Sustainability Awards were held for the first time in 2011 to encourage and promote sustainable building and environmental initiatives as well as recognising the many activities and projects by households, businesses, schools, children's centres and community groups that are making a positive contribution to Nillumbik's sustainability. The late, great Alistair Knox's home was awarded the retrospective sustainability award. His son Hamish accepted the award. We acknowledge his contribution and forward thinking around sustainability in house construction, use of recycled materials and handmade mud bricks.

## Practically Green Festival

The 2012 Practically Green Festival will be held at Edendale Farm (Gastons Rd, Eltham) on October 21st. 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!

## Survey of Muddies across Australia

Thanks to everyone who completed the questionnaire (via NMA) conducted by Lyrian Daniel and Prof. Terence Williamson at Adelaide University. Of the hundreds of responses received, 40% came from Victoria. Several dwellings were subsequently electronically monitored to quantify thermal performance of sample dwellings. We acknowledge that the overall environmental performance of a building is determined by an interaction of building fabric, appliances and, most importantly, the behaviour of the occupants. Survey results confirmed obvious differences in attitudes, values and behaviours (and heating/cooling preferences) of 'muddie' occupiers when compared to average Australian households in the same locations...and stark contrasts to the generic comfort-assumptions within the 6-Star Energy-Efficiency computer programs currently used to assess residences. Thermal simulations reveal, when the real occupant behaviours (revealed by the Survey) are adopted for earth dwellings, significant energy savings result, compared to "average Australian households". The study also showed that the National Code objective..."to reduce greenhouse gas emissions" could be achieved if the revealed 'real preferences and behaviours' were adopted when assessing earth dwellings. For more details of the study, go to File link: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/directory/terence.williamson?dsn=directory.file;field=data;id=20372;m=view>  
Barry Pearce (committee member)

## Notice of AGM

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Eltham Library**

AGM will run for approx. 1 hour.  
Drinks & nibbles provided.  
RSVP (Colin 0408136507) by  
August 22 for catering

**N.B. – Nomination forms  
available on the night**

### Your Committee

<b>President</b>	Rob Marshall	0414890212
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**Annual Membership Application Form to June 2013**

(Please Print application, fill in with BLOCK LETTERS and 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"/>
Your details:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Provide Details) :		
Surname :			First Name(s):		
Additional Member details:					
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Surname :			First Name(s):		
Company Name :					
Postal Address :					
Street / PO Box:					
Suburb:		State:	Post code:		
Contact details :					
Telephone :			Mobile:		
Email:					
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Annual Membership Fee :					
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<input type="checkbox"/>	New Membership @ \$20.00 per person		X		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal @ \$10.00 per person		X		
Total Payment					\$
Pay your subscription / renewal as follows :-					
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		
<b>Email : nillumbik.mudbrick.association@gmail.com</b>					

**RENEW NOW**

The NMA invites all our current members to renew their membership for 2013. 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.