

# 5 Star Mudbrickers: “Making the Earth Turn”

“Making ground” is exactly what the Mudbrick Building Industry has been doing for generations in Nillumbik. In the forties and fifties it was the ambience and earthy appeal of Mudbrick that attracted so many to Eltham. The blending of house and natural environment was a perfect fit for artists, poets and musicians.

With Global warming a driving force today, our search is for a truly sustainable and thermally efficient building method. This has once again led us to look to the humble Mudbrick. Mudbrick housing dates back 10,000 years and two thirds of the worlds population live in earth housing.

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Nillumbik is the home of Mud brick building here in Australia and hosts many highly skilled Architects tradesman and builders. It is these people that are leading the way in new generation building.

“It's the simplicity of Mudbrick that fascinates people” says Nillumbik Mudbrick Association Inc. President and local Councilor Michael Young.



NMA Inc. - Committee Members - Alan Grimes, Karl Apted, Barbara Pittard, Michael Young, Greg Slingsby, Robert Marshall,

“ Mixing dirt and water and drying them in the sun, and then watching as we form them into beautiful houses; **houses that stand for ever and require little heating or cooling; that is the magic**” he goes on to say.

The Nillumbik Mudbrick Association Inc. (NMA Inc.) was formed to protect this age old building method and to keep Nillumbik at the forefront of alternative environmental building.

During the last four years NMA Inc. has worked strongly with the Victorian State Government to help transform the new 5 star energy rating software to adequately reflect the unique thermal qualities of Mudbrick. State Member for Eltham Mr. Herbert said. “The Eltham area has a great tradition of building fantastic environmentally friendly Mudbrick homes. I am delighted that this tradition will continue long into the future,” The people from Eltham and Nillumbik have enjoyed the image of being trail blazers in the past. The formal recognition of mud brick's 5 star thermal performance is generating an air of excitement in the area once again.

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