

Mudbrick housing is BACK

Industry Going from Strength to Strength

The Local Mudbrick building industry is enjoying a resurgence, once again staking its claim as the country's most important region for this unique building method. The Nillumbik Mudbrick Association is reporting healthy levels of building activity despite Melbourne suffering from a general downturn. NMA spokesperson James Neil says "we have put a lot of work into promoting our craft and it's paying dividends". Designers and builders are getting their 6 star Mudbrick houses endorsed and on the way". The recent release of our trade guide has made access to building in Mudbrick very easy".

Local identity Jonathan Hurst who is one of two suppliers of traditional Mudbricks in

the area claims that his brick sales are way up. "The owner builders are back and my builders are all busy" I can't keep up with the orders at the moment which is great.

It would seem that a number of things are lining up. The Mudbrick designs are rating 6 stars and more, there is a need for safer housing after the black Saturday tragedy, and people are looking more closely for an environmentally sustainable home. From a local level, the industry is going from strength to strength James says. "I think a lot of people are seeing us at the practically green festival in October and the Melbourne Home show; the message is getting out there".

For a comprehensive list of Mudbrick specialists go to mudbrick.org.au

