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## Livos Australia Newsletter February 2014



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## **LIFEHOUSE's winning Home**

2013 Building Products News Sustainability Awards winners lead the way in design innovation, and we are delighted to see our friends at LiFEHOUSE design, won the 2013 BPN Sustainability Award for 'Single Dwelling (New)' late in 2013 in Sydney. This is very exciting. They were also kind enough to pass on their gratitude to us as they felt our products played a part in that win as well.

"The Jury citation was : Challenging the accepted paradigms of project home design, this residence does not just feature sustainable initiatives, but embodies the values of sustainable living. At the same time, it pushes the boundaries of the suburban model of the garden with effective and sustainable use of the land. Affordable, simple and high-quality, Lifehouse 2.2 is a true model for low cost sustainability."

[Click here for more details](#)



## **Clarification of Ardvos and Kunos tin labels**

Ardvos and Kunos tin labels do state " Suitable to a limited extent for OSB and veneer. Not to be used on cabinet interiors, stained wood or for the treatment of plywood " The products are shipped worldwide and as a result the labels are generalised. This should be taken into consideration as wood structure varies greatly across the globe, for example timbers in Europe are softer than the Australian hardwoods. Similarly there are also a huge variety of manufactured boards being introduced across the world market, some, not as well produced as we believe they

should be.

Therefore we would like to make it clear that Kunos can and has been used on most Plywoods within Australia. This is demonstrated through the many projects that we and many clients have used the oils on and are featured in the gallery. This is clearly acknowledged in our TDS on the Livos Australia website

"For glued crosscut wood or wood veneers, with a minimum of 0.5 mm after sanding, the 1st coat is to be applied very thinly, and the wet film to be removed after 5 minutes. For glued crosscut wood or wood veneers, with a surface coat of smaller than 0.5 mm, the KUNOS is not suitable. Adhesives and glues have to be completely dry before treatment with the 1st KUNOS Natural Oil Sealer No. 244 coat." If unsure, as with any product I would strongly recommend testing prior to application.

If you have an extremely thin substrate, then priming with the Kaldet 270 and finishing off with the Kunos will alleviate any issues.

While the Ardvos is deeper penetrating oil and although we have had no reactions with the glues used in panelling in Australia it is perhaps best avoided, or at least tested prior on a sample piece. As the Ardvos reaches deeper into the timber it also deepens the colour of the timber more so than the Kunos.

In regard to cabinet interiors the issue here is again one of generalisation to ensure the finished product is correctly treated after application.

While the Kunos and Ardvos products can and have be used in cabinet interiors they must be allowed the opportunity to cure, this can only be achieved through having access to air and being well ventilation. Therefore doors must be either cured before being installed or if time does not permit cupboards must remain open for the duration curing time. If this does not happen, one is confronted with a linseed oil smell when opening the cupboards



## CO2 neutral website

Livos is thrilled to have joined with the Co2 neutral global climate project and our website is now carbon neutral.



As the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cross borders, Livos Australia are pleased to have joined this initiative along with participating websites from all continents.

Co<sub>2</sub> neutral global climate project have received funding for the launch of the climate initiative from the Danish State among others (before the United Nations COP15 climate summit).

When people visit our website, they consume electricity – and that causes carbon emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) There are also carbon emissions from the servers hosting our website. Together with more than 2.500 companies globally, we have now chosen to go carbon neutral online with our website: [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au) . The result is CO<sub>2</sub>-free surfing for our users, which is good for the environment.

If you click on the icon, you will see our certificate:

The voluntary initiative is organized by

[www.CO2neutralwebsites.com](http://www.CO2neutralwebsites.com). They have mapped the emissions and made a CO<sub>2</sub> neutralization program.

Please find further information regarding the

[www.CO2neutralwebsites.com](http://www.CO2neutralwebsites.com)

## Recycled Interiors Blog

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to work with Helen from Recycled interiors who has published a blog interview "Do you want to know about real eco friendly floor sealer, oils, paints and stains for your next renovation or building project? Look no further than Livos Australia. A great interview with all the lowdown on these products on the blog today" so if and you would like to read the blog click here <https://www.facebook.com/RecycledInteriors>



## Northcote Home

Steffan Welsch, CCC polished concrete and Anro Natural Floor Treatments have combined to produce this amazing home

This project, a dual occupancy home for three generations that share the backyard was built in a combination of rammed earth, timber and Hempcrete walls. It created a very

beautiful and healthy environment; putting it together involved courage and adventure which for all involved ended up being a very rewarding experience. The concrete has been treated with Kunos after it was ground down to show the aggregate, creating a natural beautiful lustre while being a gem to walk on with no harsh chemicals or health concerns.



## Helpful information sheets for these dry times from the atfa

As we've been experiencing particularly drier times in a number of States (more so the Eastern States), we thought it would be timely that we resend the attached information sheets to all members to assist and guide with what procedures to follow during these particularly dry times. Some States have experienced a drop of 4% EMC since mid July which have continued through into this month – this degree of falling EMC will result in timber flooring wanting to shrink.

Please contact us if you would like a copy of the information sheets.



## Cardinia Shire Council Sustainability Expo 2014

Council's Sustainability expo will be held on Saturday 1 March 2014 at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham.

Begin or continue your journey to sustainable living, at this free, family-friendly event.

Come and join us in a fun and relaxed environment, to learn about earth-friendly solutions that can save you money without cutting back on your lifestyle.

FREE entry, FREE children's activities and FANTASTIC environmentally-friendly products available for purchase on the day.



## Loch Village Woodworking and Timber Festival

Set in the historic town of Loch, a beautiful drive outside of Melbourne during the weekend of 1st and 2nd Feb 2014 at 5 Victoria Street Loch, Masonic Hall and Village Main Street. Was a great event and an opportunity to meet with lots of very loyal woodworkers who braved the extreme heat and came along to share their amazing creations.





## Australian Woodworker Issue 172

Featured in latest product news - issue 172 Dec 2013 page 80 is the Kaldet range from Livos



## Owner Builder Issue 180

Featured in The Owner Builder Issue 180 from December 2013-jan 2014 is a very comprehensive article regarding spring time is deck time. Covering all the hints and tips on how to achieve great results for your deck culminated from many years of professional experience written by our very own Angela Petruzzi on pages 14-15.



## Renew Issue 126

Featuring the Taketi natural paint stripper in the current issue of Renew # 126 Jan-Feb 2014 on page 19.

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