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## Livos Australia August Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the electronic Livos newsletter, we were very excited with the positive response we received from the first edition and look forward to refining our publication over time. We appreciate any and all feedback to ensure this newsletter provides helpful information so please share with us any suggestions you may have.

Although we are often at our showroom well before and later than our listed office opening times, we are now also open on Saturdays from 10am till 1pm. This is especially useful for those that find it difficult to come to our showroom during the week. Not only do we have all the products on display we have also used most of the products on walls, timber and concrete floors, furniture etc. Additionally we have the equipment and opportunity for making samples for customers whilst they wait. This has often been appreciated due to the long distance some travel to see us. Recently, Robert has completed an outside decking display of spotted gum, merbau, ironbark and radial sawn silver top ash. These we have treated in the various Alis stains of

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### LIVOS Australia Announces New Product KOIMOS WOOD OIL:

Livos Australia wishes to announce the inclusion of the new LIVOS Koimos High Solid Wood Oil #208 to its growing range.



This product, like all Livos products is based on natural raw ingredients, however has an amazing 26gram per litre or 2.8% VOC Content. This is much lower than the 140 gm/lit allowed under the GBCA. As such a revolutionary product KOIMOS has already been verified by Eco Specifier. [Read more...](#)

Although we have been testing this product for 4 years now we have officially introduced the virtually no VOC natural wood oil as a stocked item. It comes in a range of colors as well as clear.



### Hints and Tips

boxwood, oak, teak, chestnut and black. It was interesting to note that the merbau looked the same with the teak, chestnut and boxwood stains.

### Did you know Livos is on Facebook and Twitter

If you like to be informed on small snippets of

information follow us on facebook



and twitter for snippets of information as they come to hand.

### Robert is heading to Sydney

For those in the Sydney area, Robert is scheduled to do timber floor rejuvenation workshops in mid September. One floor Robert will be working on is a well used timber floor belonging to a very busy couple with young children. The floor was completed many years ago, and whilst not looking too bad requires a rejuvenation to bring it back to looking like new again. If you would like any additional information regarding these sessions please do not hesitate to contact us on 03 9762 9181.

### ATFA staining night July

Livos / Anro have recently taken part in the “staining” workshop specifically aimed at floors sanders. There were 9 other companies demonstrating their stains and approximately 70 sanders in attendance.

Robert demonstrated the trowelling and buffing technique in applying the new product Koimos which is termed “no VOC”. While the application technique is different to our other oils, the usage is even more

## Floor Maintenance

If your floor is suffering from an uneven wear and tear due to heavy usage, the Kunos maintenance Oil is very easy to use and extremely economical.

Once the surface is clean, apply a few drops of the oil and spread over the area. After 15 minutes wipe off any excess and stay off the area over night. Due to the product having fewer waxes than the Kunos 244, makes it is easier to do spot repairs and rejuvenations.

## Rammed Earth Floors

Recently we have been asked what Livos product can be used on a rammed earthen floor, the MELDOS natural hardening oil No # 264 would be the product most recommended to use. It is economical and suitable to use and protect the floor. Linus could however be used but only when the surface is extremely absorbent, and then on top of that 1-2 x Ardvos would be needed to protect the surface.



### **In The Media**

#### **1. On our website**

**Builder Project House P/L 2009 HIA CSR Victorian Housing Awards Winner Renovations & Additions up to \$200,000**  
[http://www.livos.com.au/large\\_projects](http://www.livos.com.au/large_projects) 'Photos courtesy of Project House P/L' - Image Copyright

**Beautiful Guitars crafted from timber by Andrew Clarke from Screaming Eagle Guitars**  
[http://www.livos.com.au/musical\\_instruments](http://www.livos.com.au/musical_instruments)

**Delicate Handcrafted bowls by Peter Farkas**  
[http://www.livos.com.au/handcrafted\\_bowls](http://www.livos.com.au/handcrafted_bowls)

#### **2. Green Living Article June 2011**

economical. Additionally the colours available are much more intense than the Kunos range.

Interestingly, the excess was either wiped off or buffed off on the majority of other coatings also demonstrating. So one must then ponder as to why there are sanders that persistently do not wipe off the excess with the Livos oils. This is where the term “cowboys” in the trade comes into it.

## **Ecospecifiers National Data base now has free access**

For those that are building, renovating or even specifying different products, Eco Specifier, the national data base of “green products” is now free for all to access go to <http://www.ecospecifier.com.au/>

## **Rain Tank Calculator**



Smart WaterMark has developed Australia’s first mobile rain tank calculator called iSaveH2O as part of the successful Every Bucket Counts campaign. The application is designed to help people discover how much water they can save and what size rain tank they need, and can be used when out in the field [Read More from the green pages newsletter.](#)

## **Will specifiers accept a product that has been certified by GreenTag™ in the same way they accept a GECA product?**

Yes absolutely....according to GBCA’s Product Certification process, from 1st July 2010 all currently certified GECA products will have to be Certified to the same new Product Certification system that

Painting is important to building sustainably because it protects and preserves the building and prolongs its life. However paints, lacquers and varnishes often contain chemicals that are harmful to your health. Fortunately, there are alternatives.

[To find our more click here](#)

### 3. Ecospecifier Newsletter: KOIMOS WOOD OIL

While LIVOS Australia is proud to only recently introduce officially to the marketplace the Koimos High Solid Wood Oil, Eco specifier was very keen to include this remarkable new product in their latest ecospecifier Newsletter:

[For further details click here](#)

Furthermore, it is listed on the LIVOS natural finishes range Verified Listing page:

[Click here to see more](#)

### 4. Owner Builder Magazine June /July 2011

“Sanding your own floors” pain or pleasure, DIY or professional” by Angela Petruzzi page 46

### 5. Sanctuary Magazine issue 16

Greener paint article “The days of lead paint are long gone, but conventional paint still contain nasties. Sarah Robertson explores the options for making your next painting project more environmentally friendly.” Page 71 .

GreenTag™ and GreenRate is now accredited to.

### Six star Energy Solutions using timber

In June Angela attended a TMA (timber merchants association) meeting where one of the hot topics was:

The move from Five star to Six star Energy Solutions using timber.

Boris Iskra from TPC Solutions was most informative in making suggestions of how the R value needs to be increased to R 2.5 (R Value = The R-value is a measure of thermal resistance used in the building and construction industry) when using timber floors.

There are a number of options available where one may “insulate” existing timber floors, unfortunately types of constructions (i.e. what is suitable for a particular site) is not taken into consideration.

Although a concrete floor is more insulating and has less issues in achieving a particular R value, however a house built with a concrete slab omits 15 tonnes more CO2 than a house constructed out of timber.

Below is a photo of the display centre at the TMA Timber Merchants Association



This is the only timber advisory centre in Australia. Anyone is able contact them regarding any concerns or issues they have to do with timber on 03 9875 5000 or for more information visit their website at

<http://www.timber.asn.au/>



## Re the carbon tax

100% eco friendly', 'carbon neutral' or 'world's greenest'.

The weight of public opinion is that before even considering offsetting, businesses and individuals first need to consider

changing their behaviour to reduce their emissions

*Kind Regards and best wishes from the Livos team.*

P.S. if you know anyone else that may benefit from the information that will be shared during the week, please feel free to pass this email on to them.



### **Point of Interest**

#### **When you think you have heard it all**

USA manufacturers are producing a water-based paint made from recycled bottles and soybeans. "Green Awards are a step in the right direction however there is also a greater push to have companies test chemicals for safety before they are put on the marketplace".  
A Miller, Center for Environmental Health.  
Shared from the Green Buzz newsletter.



### **Expos**

Recently we have been at

**Whittlesea Sustainable Home Expo**

**On Saturday, 6 August 2011**

**Between 10.00am -4.00pm  
At the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre  
35 Ferres Boulevard  
South Morang (Mel 183 A10)**

and the

**Building and Home Renovation Expo**

**Thank you to everyone**

who joined us at the  
Australia's No 1 Building  
and Renovation Expo !  
Friday 15th - Sunday 17th  
July 2011  
at the Melbourne  
Exhibition Centre, Stand  
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