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eco-tips

- SEAL DRAFTS AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS- YOUR HOUSE WILL BE SO MUCH WARMER
- INVEST IN GOOD CURTAINS AND PELMETS TO MAXIMISE HEATING EFFICIENCY
- TURNING YOUR HEATING DOWN BY ONE DEGREE CAN SAVE 10% ON ENERGY USE!
- INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS AROUND – THE MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSE THE WARMER IT WILL BE!

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Cygnets house under construction

eco-news & events:

It seems only last week since our last Newsletter. We have been very busy making a difference since your last issue. Time flies when you are having fun!

We welcome Wendy, the newest staff member to the Eco-style team. Wendy has brought fresh drafting skills to the office.

Eco-style exhibited at the 2009 Sustainable Building and Lifestyle Expo. We had a great time talking to you all about your projects and sustainability ventures and have gained a number of new projects and assessments as a result. It was a very successful weekend!

Construction is recently completed on a number of projects including houses at Opossum Bay and Strickland Avenue, and a renovation for Disability Services at Austin's Ferry. A number of projects are under construction including houses in Cygnets, Sandfly and Tranmere.

In our drive to be always improving and providing the best service we can, we are proud to say we have further reduced our office paper use by implementing new procedures and we are upgrading our computer systems this month.

Look out for new eco products coming soon to our website.

featured eco-product:



Winter has arrived, is your heater getting a work out? Reduce your heating bill by insulating your windows.

ClearComfort window insulation keeps heat where you and your family need it most: warmth inside your house in winter and outside your house in summer.

With our intelligent windows insulation you will create a year-round comfort zone for your family, while enjoying clear views and unimpeded daylight.

Clear comfort works like double glazing, while it is not as efficient as double glazing it will greatly improve your homes efficiency at staying warm for a fraction of the cost.

ClearComfort insulation is a tough, transparent membrane that attaches to your window frame to enclose an insulating layer of air.

It is suitable for all types of windows in existing houses- ideal for renters too! There is no need to call a tradesman as it is easy to install yourself.

Visit us at www.eco-style.com.au or at 5 Mathers Lane, Hobart to purchase your ClearComfort today!

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Eco-style Services

- architecture and design
- commercial and residential projects
- home sustainability assessments
- commercial sustainability assessments
- carbon footprint measuring
- eco product sales

related business: Halogen Home Loans

An early step to take when contemplating building an Eco – Style home is to be sure that you have the financial capability to fund the project. There are many good reasons to do this such as:

- You will have the peace of mind from the start that your dream home is within your reach financially
- You will not waste your time and energy getting excited about ideas and projects that are not currently affordable for you
- You will have a beneficial effect on the environment by not using resources unnecessarily if your anticipated project may not proceed
- You can forward plan your expenditure more accurately

The fundamental concept is to plan your mortgage just as you would plan the design of your Eco-Style home.

You want to know how much you can afford, what it will cost you upfront and in the future and put a plan in place for the eventual disappearance of your mortgage. This last step is often overlooked, but if not done properly, can affect your quality of life for years to come.

To get your Eco-Style home off to a flying start, speak to a specialist who understands the Language of Loans, call Paul Gilhooly at Halogen Home Loans on 0410 520 398 or email paul.gilhooly@bigpond.com.

eco-info:

Bamboo is the new cloth on the scene. From tea towels and bath towels to nappies and undies!

Bamboo is one of the world's most versatile, environmentally friendly materials. Bamboo requires no fertilizers, pesticides or insecticides and requires very little water to grow. It absorbs 45% more carbon dioxide from the air than many other plants and this prolific plant is fully mature and ready to harvest in 3 to 4 years. Bamboo can actually improve the quality of the soil where erosion and mineral degradation has occurred.

Bamboo is also naturally anti-bacterial and highly absorbent and soft, which makes it ideal for wearing against the skin.

Think about investing in some lush bamboo towels for an eco conscious shower. Keep an eye on our website for new products coming soon.



featured project: Sandfly House

Currently under construction

The brief for this cosy passive solar house was functionality, flexibility and performance.

The southern wall is the “backbone” of the house that supports the three living zones, a private bedroom wing, a shared wing and the living zone is the heart of the house. All the living spaces and bedroom are orientated to the north to receive as much sun as possible while the large eave overhangs provides shade from the sun in summer. Polished concrete floors add to the thermal mass in the house, and the passive heating of the house is supplemented with electric panel heaters for those particularly cold winter nights.

Sustainable servicing in the house includes rainwater collection tanks, solar hot water and solar collection for electricity. All waste water from the house is treated with a reed bed system that irrigates the permaculture gardens.

The house is constructed of Timbercrete, a composite block of recycled sawdust and concrete. Timbercrete is highly insulating, waterproof, sound proof and easy to use. Using Timbercrete as a single skin envelope negates the need for insulation, skirting, architraves and splashbacks, Timbercrete is an all in one building material that performs very well and is cost effective.

This is an example of a sustainable, high performance house with timeless style that will be a pleasure to live in.

