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eco-tips

- RATHER THAN USING CLEANING PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN HARMFUL CHEMICALS, CONSIDER: SPRAY SURFACE CLEANER – LEMON JUICE DILUTED IN WATER. ABRASIVE SURFACE CLEANER – BICARB OF SODA ON A DAMP CLOTH. DISHWASHER POWDER – BICARB OF SODA.
- TO KEEP NASTY CHEMICALS OUT OF YOUR HOME WHEN REPELLING PESTS, CONSIDER: DETERRING ANTS BY MIXING JAM OR HONEY WITH BORAX & LEAVE IT ON THE ANT TRAIL (BUT OUT OF REACH OF KIDS AS IT'S POISONOUS). MICE DETEST PEPPERMINT OIL AND POSSUMS HATE CAYENNE PEPPER!
- SLUGS HATE COFFEE – SPRINKLE YOUR WASTE COFFEE GROUNDS ON THE GARDEN!

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Completed Landscape project for Oakdale

eco-news & events:

Time for spring cleaning!

We have had a very busy quarter with the construction completed for the Hobart Polytechnic campus foyer make over, a landscape design for Oakdale that is truly inspiring and number of projects for Housing Tasmania.

We also have a number of projects under construction at Abels Bay, Oyster Cove, Housing Tasmania and a house on Bruny Island. Some of the exciting projects we are working on include a residence/ guest accommodation project in the north of the state, a multi use building including a cafe on the eastern shore and new houses at Huonville, Fern Tree, Tranmere and Devonport.

We have enjoyed having James, A TAFE work experience student: his enthusiasm, passion for sustainability issues and assistance in the office has been great!

Brendan has joined the Eco-style team. Brendan is an architect with years of experience in Tasmania and interstate bringing additional construction detailing and project management skills to enrich services provided by Eco-style.

Feature product: Rockcote's ECOSTYLE Paint

This is a high quality Australian made paint with no Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC'S), so it doesn't smell nasty and it won't harm your health.

Rockcote's ECOSTYLE Paint is suitable for interior and exterior use and comes in numerous finishes, such as flat, gloss and low sheen, as well as a sealer/undercoat. All paints are water based making the cleaning of brushes easier.

This product has been awarded the Good Environmental Choice Label for environmental performance and has been approved by the National Asthma Council of Australia.

Consider using Rockcote's ECOSTYLE paint for your next project.

For more information, visit:

www.rockcote.com.au

Rockcote's products are available from Anmax Coatings at Derwent Park.

Eco-style Services

- architecture and design
- commercial and residential projects
- home and commercial building sustainability
- eco product sales

related business: Ecolour

In keeping with the theme of this newsletter, our related business is a paint manufacturer that produces zero VOC paints. Ecolour is a Byron Bay based company that manufactures paint that incorporates re-refined recycled engine oil that would otherwise be burnt as a cheap alternative to LPG in power stations and industrial furnaces. Ecolour receives carbon credits for using the oil in their paints, which it offsets against its other aspects of production; making them a carbon neutral company.

The benefits of ecolour paints are numerous:

- Zero VOC's
- 100% non toxic (baby & pregnancy safe)
- Comparably priced to standard paints
- Water based
- Self Priming
- Made using a recycled product
- Ecolour can match any colour
- Interior and exterior use
- Can be delivered anywhere in Australia for a flat rate of \$20

For further information, visit www.ecolour.com.au

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Many products that are used daily in homes and offices contain VOCs that emit gasses which may harm our health and the environment. Symptoms from exposure may range from eye irritation and headaches in the short term to cancer and liver, kidney and central nervous system damage in the long term.

Sources of VOCs include many paints, cleaning products, adhesives and manufactured products used in furniture and home/office construction.

To avoid exposure to VOCs, use natural cleaning products (see eco-tips for ideas), build and renovate using natural materials such as sustainably grown or recycled timber, stone, masonry, earth, straw bale and glass. To coat surfaces, use natural oils, waxes and plant based varnishes and paints.

At Eco-style we design to minimise the exposure to VOCs for the users of our buildings.



Completed Campbell Street Polytechnic Foyer

featured project: POLYTECHNIC FOYER – CAMPBELL STREET CAMPUS, HOBART

construction completed

This is the third project completed in a series of renovations for the Tasmanian Polytechnic. The entrance foyer at the Campbell Street Campus in Hobart was cluttered, making navigation difficult. The existing colour scheme required an update.

The new foyer has been rationalised into a more welcoming space with increased visibility and colour co-ordination making orientation far easier than before. It has become a lighter and brighter entry area. The colour scheme drew upon one of the existing schemes and this will become the standard across all future campus renovation projects.

Existing aluminium, steel and timber were re-used during the renovation. Wherever possible, the existing structural fabric of the foyer has been maintained such as the ceilings and floor.

Eco-style provided a cost and time efficient solution to give users a bright and welcoming space to inhabit.

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