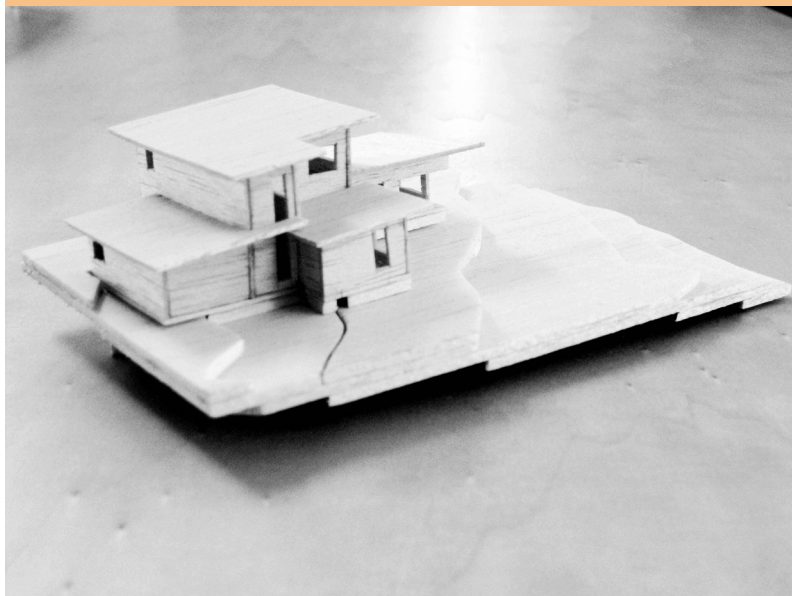


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## eco-news and events

The end of a very successful and busy year is here and we would like to thank all the great people we have collaborated with this past year, clients, consultants, suppliers and builders.

In 2010 we have refined and improved our service , developing a range of design and budget management method and systems. We have undertaken research in a number of sustainable building systems and products including the latest solar panels, insulation and bush fire protection. We have been introduced to some great products and people and look forward to continuing this growth next year.

Recently completed projects include a new House in Abels Bay, a passive solar designed , sustainable and comfortable home on a lovely property with great views, and a large contemporary family home in Tranmere.

We have a number of projects starting construction early in 2011, A Housing Tas project in Chigwell, new homes in Geilston Bay, Huonville and Newtown. A multi use building on Bruny Island and an extensive renovation in Rosny.

An exciting event for the eco-style team is our pending office move! We are looking forward to our new, fresh, inspiring space. Keep your ear open for our new inner city address to be released shortly.

We are enjoying having Dominic in the office, a first year Environmental Design work experience student. Dominic's enthusiasm and flair for design is proving to be valuable in the office.

2011 will also see the launch of our renovated webpage, and new consulting service. Keep an eye on our web page for updates.

**Coverpage image:**  
**Newtown House**  
**- currently in design stage**

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Eco-Style closes for the holiday break. The staff at Eco-Style would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

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JAN

Eco-style opens for 2011! Check out our new and improved website!

## green travelling tips

- Car pooling to and from the airport decreases the environmental impact from the very start of your trip.
- Supporting the programs undertaken by airlines that counterbalance the emissions associated with your flight is another great means of travelling green.
- Finally, when you arrive why not combine travel to the shop or out for dinner with exercise? Each litre of petrol used emits 2.5kg of greenhouse gases which can be prevented by using exercise as your means of travel.

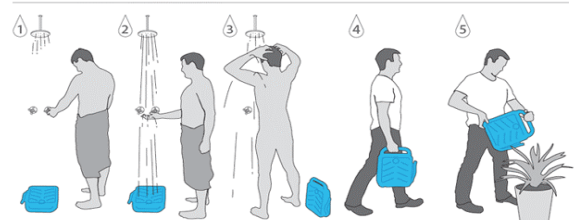
## food-for-thought

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Perhaps that should that be "water-for-thought?" Up to 10lt of water can be lost down the drain each time you wait for the shower to get to the right temperature.

If every house saved just 4 litres per day using Joeycan, the combined effect of 2 million households would reduce the time to fill an Olympic sized pool from 1700 years to 7.5 hours. The Joeycan brings into your home a simple and affordable way of saving water.

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#### Tranmere House - Complete

Standing as one of the highest residential buildings on the steep hillside of Tranmere, this new home for a young family is anything but visually distracting. It is the creative use of vertical spaces in the design that help reduce the visual impact of this house compared to the landscape surrounding it; which was a challenge in itself set by the site and council restraints.

The great views of the Derwent River are by no means the only feature however, as its solar passive design and use of sustainable materials continue to add to the attractiveness of this modern home. ECOply, shadow clad and timberecrete are the dominant materials used on the outer facade of the building. Timbercrete - an Australian invention - is a lightweight, environmentally sustainable material that actually stores or offsets carbon gas emissions. It also improves the insulation value of the home, compared to traditional materials.

Inside, the use of concrete as a thermal mass allows the heat during the day to be stored within the material, released slowly as the temperature drops in order to achieve a constant and passive (ie. non-active such as electric heating or air conditioning) temperature throughout the entirety of the building.



**Eco Tasmania** was born from a community impulse to find a solar hot water system that truly suited Tasmania's cool climate conditions. They have now been providing just such a product, the Apricus evacuated tube system, for over three years. With over 750 systems in place across the state, the Apricus system has proven itself to be highly efficient and extremely effective. Now established in their new office, Eco Tasmania can provide advice and support for solar hot water across Tasmania.

A poor quality installation will greatly reduce the performance of any solar hot water system. This includes the attention to detail and quality of lagging of all points of heat escape. For this reason, Eco Tasmania only recommends plumbers who have signed up to minimum standards of installation, developed with our experience of all the installations to date.

The Apricus system is a premium quality solar hot water system, carrying an extensive manufacturer's warranty of fifteen years on major components including glass tubes, and ten years on stainless steel tanks. Apricus is the only evacuated tube supplier in Australia who actually manufacture their systems in their own factory in China, whereas all other systems are sourced from different third party suppliers with little quality control. Apricus warranty is also a true manufacturer's warranty, not one extended by sales people with little regard for actual product quality. In this time of rising power prices, it makes sense to reduce your power consumption now and into the future with a high quality, long life Apricus system.

You can contact Eco Tasmania on 6231 4082, email them [info@ecotasmania.com](mailto:info@ecotasmania.com), or drop in and see them at Level 1, 100 Elizabeth St Hobart for advice on which system is right for your family.

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ecoswitch©



The simple, inexpensive and multi award winning **ecoswitch©**, invented by Rod Sheppard, is a great green gift to give to family or friends who are all about saving money; and this gift keeps on giving! The appliances in our homes or businesses are designed to draw power 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long - wasting money and energy.

Eliminating standby power is estimated to save the average household over 10% of their energy bill, or an average annual saving of \$120 OR 36 days of free electricity per year! The ecoswitch© is expected to save small commercial premises \$86 per year off their electricity bills, medium commercial premises \$287 per year and up to \$3,343 for large commercial premises.

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