



# newsletter

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## eco-tips

Simple ideas for your business;

- Recycle paper & reduce waste - Support the Walkabout Industry, enrol your business in a paper recycling service set up by **OAK Tasmania**. It provides greater job opportunities for people with disabilities to enable them to contribute to the community. For more information contact OAK Tasmania on; (03) 62728244
- Consider composting at work. **Bokashi** is an urban kitchen composting system available from **ecoHaven** in Murrey St, Hobart.
- Recycling; how many newspapers, milkcartons and drink bottles does your office produce? Roster someone in your office to take home and recycle at the end of each week.
- Recycling program to include recycling printer, fax and copier cartridges. Use both sides of the paper within the office.

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## eco-news & events

We welcome into the team two of our newest members Kaz and Helene. Kaz, a Graduate Architect has left his home of Adelaide to experience Tasmania's unique quirks and beautiful isolation. Helene, also a Graduate Architect, finished her studies at the University of Tasmania in October. We are looking forward to both their newly acquired skill and fresh ideas having a positive influence in our office life and the work we produce.

Eco-style has moved! We are very happy at our new location at 202A Liverpool Street. The new office is already much loved and provides us all with natural lighting, a new meeting room and convenient parking.

We have several projects on the go, including houses in Paradise, Lauderdale, Mt. Nelson, Sandford, and a special needs house on the Eastern shore. We also have four new projects about to commence, located on Bruny Island, Geilston Bay, Huonville and Newtown.

In addition to continually increasing our knowledge of ESD (environmentally sustainable design), we have been undertaking a range of specialised house projects. These projects include very specific yet diverse needs for a range of clients such as youth, the disabled and the ageing. This avenue of specialised residential housing and the subsequent research undertaking feeds and strengthens our core residential services. We are constantly striving to offer best practice design solution that consider the environmental, economic and social impacts. Specialised housing brings to the forefront the social and cultural aspects of housing design. Giving our practice food for thought and an expertise that can be applied throughout our projects.



feature  
product

If you are looking for an environmentally safe floor or furniture finishing product you should take a look at the Australian company Livos. They produce non-toxic, plant based treatments, cleaners, waxes and wall decorations. Their products include; wood oil, oil sealers, natural resin hardening oil, transparent wood stains, priming oil, thinners, waxes while also including natural make-up and finger paints for the little ones. For more information on these products visit their site at [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au).



## Eco-style Architecture and Interiors

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### feature project



Abels Bay House, Tasmania

The Abels Bay House is a contemporary interpretation of a country homestead. It utilises natural light and beautiful rural view to create a bright and comfortable home. It acts as a showcase for their beautiful art, collections and furniture. A place where the well travelled owners can now retreat and enjoy all Tasmania has to offer.

Built by Warwick Ashlin, the home is a product of the client's interest in sailing, a love of gardening and the Tasmanian lifestyle. The design includes, on-site storm water collection, a solar hot water system and polished concrete floor in the living area utilising thermal mass to capitalise on solar penetration. While functional considerations such as a well considered mud-room/laundry assist the client's to ease into a rural lifestyle, all with future adaptability for a gracious retirement and relaxed comfortable living.

### eco- related business

Environmental Consulting Options Tasmania provides a variety of ecological services including surveys for threatened flora and fauna, vegetation and weed mapping, and providing advice on the management of ecological values. We service a wide range of industry sectors from the forestry, mining, agricultural sectors to the urban planning sector. Increasingly, local councils are requesting planning applicants to "undertake a flora and fauna survey by a suitably qualified person", a request that often leaves people confused as to their options. At Environmental Consulting Options Tasmania we have been helping clients work through these sorts of issues.

The main issue we often need to manage is the presence of threatened plants (species with restricted ranges). Finding a sensible and pragmatic solution to managing such species is what we do – it is rare that a viable planning solution can't be found. Environmental Consulting Options Tasmania – providing options in environmental consulting.

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 [not to be confused with ecotasmania solar hot water]

Image: *Vittadinia muelleri* (narrowleaf new-holland-daisy), a low herb locally common in southeast Tasmania often detected in grassy semi-urban areas.

