



Find us on  
**facebook**

**Livos Australia**

### Healthy Living Natural & Safe Surface Treatments

- Impregnates and protects
- Made from renewable raw materials
- Ingredients fully declared
- Easy to rejuvenate
- Free of harmful chemicals
- Stringently tested to European Standards

For our full product range visit: [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au)  
Our Showroom: 6 London Drive, Bayswater 3152  
(03) 9762 9181

## Livos Australia Newsletter April 2013



### Autumn has arrived

After such a long hot summer it is lovely to welcome the cooler autumn. We have a new look newsletter that we hope you enjoy.

- [Alis black deck](#)
- [Tips for Kunos and Kaldet Stains](#)
- [Is this Ardvos Clear on concrete? Yes it is!](#)
- [15 Trees](#)
- [Fryers Road House Article in Renew Magazine](#)
- [Sanctuary Issue 22](#)
- [Owner Builder Magazine #176](#)
- [The Agrarian Kitchen-TV Series Casting Call](#)
- [Livingsafe Directory](#)
- [New report: Financial value of green buildings](#)

- [Expos](#)
  - [New Video - Rejuvenation of timber floors](#)
  - [Lifehouse design- Castlemaine](#)
  - [VOC questions? This could be the answer.](#)
  - [Positive footprints cubby house challenge](#)
  - [If you know someone who might like to read this newsletter please forward it to them](#)
- 



## Alis black deck

This beautiful spotted gum deck has been treated with the growingly popular black Alis #579. The black stain highlights the grain while still ensuring the timber can still be seen and enjoyed. For more photos please visit our [website here](#)



## Tips for Kunos and Kaldet Stains

When using an oil with pigment stain such as Kunos or Kaldet we recommend using the Kunos clear as the final coat. This ensures that the remaining pores are filled and the pigments are also closed in. By using a clear you will also get more sheen to the finish, whereas with a pigmented oil the pigment sits on top giving a slightly duller appearance.

For furniture, the Kunos countertop oil has the added heat protection up to 50 degrees.

Later, rejuvenation with a clear oil is quick and easy to do, with no feathering in necessary.



## Alis Decking Oil in Oregon Pine is no longer a stock item

The Alis Oregon pine will no longer be a stocked item however we do have a small quantity still available for anyone who has already used it or was thinking of using it in the future. Stored in a cool dry area away

from direct sunlight it will last for many years. However please note it can still be specially ordered at any time with a delivery of approx 8 weeks.



## Is this Ardvos Clear on concrete? Yes it is!

Before applying any oil we strongly recommend undertaking a test sample, and here is a great example of why. This concrete floor has been oiled with Ardvos clear. Note the strong change in coloring even though a clear product was used.

## 15 Trees

Livos is proud to have joined with Fifteen Trees, where we are helping them directly support our rural communities and the environment. Indigenous trees are sourced from independent native nurseries and planted out by school groups, environmental networks, landowners and Landcare throughout all states of Australia. Each step we take, no matter how small, helps add up to a healthier planet.

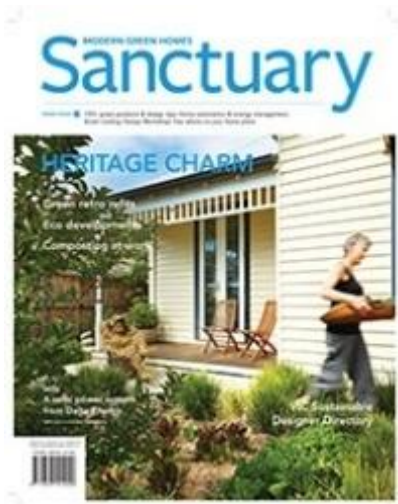
For more information go to

<http://www.15trees.com.au/>



## Fryers Road House Article in Renew Magazine

The journey from school house to home, with Andy McLeod architect from Solarchitecture who has embarked on a building adventure. With a beautiful block of land in Chewton, Central Victoria, he has built a spec home using portables as his shell, this is his expedition of reuse! For more info [click here](#)



## Sanctuary Issue 22

Features a beautiful "Edwardian charm" restoration and renovation of a Melbourne bay side home, page 16. The makeover of this 4 bedroom house was designed to give it a modern commitment to energy saving and sustainability, while retaining its heritage charm and quirks. Livos oils were used on the salvaged Baltic floors and completed with the services of our sister company Anro Natural Floor Treatments.



## Owner Builder Magazine #176

*TOB issue 176 Apr/May 2013 edition*, features an article Surface Finishes for Concrete Slabs ( page 50) written by our own Angela Petruzzi, exploring the issue of avoiding moisture problems in this increasingly popular flooring. Also included is the ongoing story of a Green Renovation (page 33) in Tasmania, where they have used the counter top oil on their kitchen bench tops.



## The Agrarian Kitchen-TV Series Casting Call

The Digital Suite is searching for people interested in appearing in a TV pilot based on the work and philosophy of 'The Agrarian Kitchen'. The Agrarian Kitchen is a sustainable farm-based cooking school situated in a 19th century schoolhouse at Lachlan in Tasmania's Derwent Valley.

The TV Series will be made in an observational documentary style covering all aspects of life on the farm and in the classes. This is not just another cooking show but a program about real food and how important it is in our lives. Participants will need to make themselves available for a full day of filming at a date yet to be confirmed.

So if you have an interest in all the good things in life, and want to witness the new food revolution in action contact Dan Broun at [agrariantv@gmail.com](mailto:agrariantv@gmail.com) for all the details



## Living safe Directory

Livos is proud to be included in the Living safe [Safer Shopping Directory](#) which is growing day by day. It is comforting to know they have had to turn down quite a few companies that would have liked to be listed, due to the fact they either were not yet certified cruelty free by either of the non-profit organizations they recognize, being Choose Cruelty Free and Leaping Bunny, or because they sold products that had BPA , PVC or other dangerous materials in them. They want you to trust that Safer Shopping Directory is exactly what it says it is, a place for "SAFER" shopping.



## New report: Financial value of green buildings

### Shared from the green pages

A new comprehensive report released by the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC), highlights a large number of compelling benefits of green buildings. The report, [The Business Case for Green Building: A Review of the Costs and Benefits for Developers, Investors and Occupants](#), examines whether or not it's possible to attach a financial value to the cost and benefits of green buildings. Today, green buildings can be delivered at a price comparable to conventional buildings and investments can be recouped through operational cost savings and, with the right design features, create a more productive workplace to read more [click here](#).



## Expos

See Livos Australia at The Building and home improvement expo Stand L16 July 12th to July 14th 2013 At the Melbourne Exhibition Centre for more information [click here](#)



## New Video - Rejuvenation of timber floors

We are very excited to have completed a new "How to" Video for Rejuvenation of timber floors this along with our other helpful videos can also be found on our YouTube channel [click here](#).



## Lifehouse design- Castlemaine

Castlemaine-based award-winning building designers Lifehouse Design have launched an exciting new range of sustainable and flexible designer homes.

The modular design is based on being affordable to a wide range of people, and offers a flexible approach to living – it allows for pushing the boundaries of sustainability and efficiency if the owner is so inclined, it can be simply added to at a later stage if required, it maintains costs at a realistic level, and supports local communities.

- Waffle concrete slab on ground, burnished and sealed with Livos 'Kunos' natural oil sealer
- Windows and doors are finished in Livos 'Alis' natural oil finish
- Structural plywood ceilings throughout (including eaves and veranda), expressed panels over 35mm batten, finished with Livos 'Kunos' natural oil sealer in White. For more information [click here](#)



## VOC questions? This could be the answer.

Often we are asked about the VOC content of the Livos products, VOC is a complex issue and often misunderstood, in short VOC does not mean harmful and no VOC does not mean harmless. One should interpret various aspects of the information to make a truly informed decision, to help assist with exploring this topic our expert, Angela has written three similar articles. One is a short quick version that shares the main points. The next is a longer detailed version for those who want more technical information, and lastly the stance Livos Australia has taken in regard to

VOC's. To read any or all versions [click here](#).



## Positive footprints cubby house challenge

The Kids Under Cover Cubby House Challenge brings together members of the building industry to build and donate highly creative and unique children's cubby houses for public viewing and subsequent raffle and live auction. While there is great variety in the theme and look, these are not ordinary cubby houses! The cubby houses demonstrate the imagination of the top builders who build them, the highest standard of craftsmanship, the childhood spirit of exploration and 'state of the art' technical features. Livos was proud to have been involved with the entry made by Positive footprints. It was a great event for a very worthwhile cause.



## If you know someone who might like to read this newsletter please forward it to them

We love meeting and sharing with new people so if you know someone who might like to read our newsletter we would greatly appreciate if you could forward it to them. The newsletter is published approx 6 times a year.

*Copyright © 2013 Livos Australia, All rights reserved.*

**IF YOU HAVE MISSED  
ANY OF OUR PREVIOUS  
NEWSLETTERS  
[CLICK HERE TO VIEW  
THEM](#)**

[unsubscribe from this list](#) | [update subscription preferences](#)