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## Livos Australia

### May Newsletter 2012

Welcome to the latest edition of the Livos newsletter, hopefully everyone is managing to stay warm from the cold that seems to have started very early this year. Livos continues to grow with many new enquiries from both DIY people as well as those in the building field, especially architects who are finding our unique qualities very hard to match. While many of us may be limiting our outside renovations and moving indoors, those who are enjoying working though should note that it is very important that Livos oils are not be used in temperatures under 12 degrees. (Generally, this applies to all coatings). In these temperatures the oils become thick, very difficult to work with and this does not allow for them to penetrate into the timber. We would strongly recommend heating up your room temperature to at least 15 degrees. Store the oil indoors and not in a cold shed. You can even sit the tin over a heating duct in the morning before using. Or if it is not necessary to do the work now, maybe wait till the temperature warms up. For external surfaces, it is

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### **LIVOS Total Volatile Organic Compounds Testing**

**Results regarding the Livos Kunos being tested for TVOC ( Total Volatile Organic Compounds). The products are strenuously tested at 0, 3 and 28 days with results calculated to the finest degree. Livos KUNOS, and in fact all Livos products (as they use essentially the same raw materials as basis) are superior performers across and wide range of ecological and building & occupant health criteria as you can see by the report below.**



Founded in 1988, eco-INSTITUT has grown to become one of the leading providers of product and emissions testing and quality assurance. One of our priorities of test competence is the testing of emissions in 70 test

critical that the timber is completely dry.

### **Robert's Trip to Germany**

Rob has returned from his trip to Germany, while he was lucky enough to have some relaxing time with family and friends the majority of the visit was work related. These visits are a wonderful opportunity to firsthand experience the new and ever evolving products that Livos introduce or modify. Whilst also gaining valuable knowledge Robert was also able to update his, over 25 year hands on experience with these product. There are a few new products that have been brought back home, and we anticipate introducing shortly. Our floor sanding sister company will be trialling these new products on our Australian timbers, so keep a look out for our feedback which will be available shortly.

One of the most exciting outcomes from the personal contact is we now have official slip resistant testing information.

### **Healthy Sustainable Homes Alliance**

Healthy Sustainable Homes Alliance. As mentioned in previous newsletters this is small group of very dedicated and passionate eco aware professionals who are spreading the word that not all eco products are the same and we should also be exceedingly aware of how healthy (or not) these products are for our loved ones who will live there. The group has been working hard and anticipate having a simple webpage up soon. This will have links to the members individual websites that contain a wealth of information.

### **Workshop on the 28th of June**

This alliance is holding a workshop which officially

chamber as per ISO 16000.

The result of testing of the Livos KUNOS product is remarkable, and is summarized below: The AgBB criteria specify the TVOC limit after 3 days of  $\leq 10 \text{ mg/m}^3$

The KUNOS result at 3 days was  $74 \mu\text{g/m}^3$  (this is "micrograms" or measured in thousandths of a milligram)

A useful conversion calculator from  $\mu\text{g}$  to mg can be found here:

<http://www.unitconversion.org/weight/micrograms-to-milligrams-conversion.html>

accordingly  $74 \mu\text{g} = 0.074 \text{mg}$  or 135 times BETTER than the upper limit of the test.

The AgBB criteria specify the TVOC limit after 28 days of  $\leq 1 \text{ mg/m}^3$

The KUNOS result at 28 days was  $7 \mu\text{g/m}^3$  accordingly  $7 \mu\text{g} = 0.007 \text{mg}$  or 142 times

BETTER than the upper limit of the test.

This AgBB test also test for range of SVOC's at the same time, the persistent VOC's with higher boiling points, that the current IEQ-8 credit does not take into consideration. The SVOC results for Livos KUNOS at both 3 days and 28 days is 0.



### HINTS and TIPS

#### **Alis Decking Oil:**

**Alis decking oil is fast becoming a popular choice for protecting not only decks however all external timber surfaces. As all Livos products, it is based on natural raw materials and is safe to use in close proximity to any plants or grass that surround your deck. The oil is available in a range of colours to add enhance the colour of your timber or you may choose**

now has a date, Thursday the 28th of June.

So if you are Planning, buying or renovating.....or simply after some answers, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet with a wide variety of professionals all at one event.

Do you want to provide your family with a home that won't continually send you to the doctors, will save you money and create an environment that you and your loved ones will enjoy using?

Then come along to this free event to be held at 6 London Drive Bayswater, booking are essential and can be made on 9762 9181 or [info@livos.com.au](mailto:info@livos.com.au)

### New Videos on the Livos Website

As the old saying goes a picture tells a 1000 words, well we believe a video tells even more! We have added some short videos to the website, both have images of the products in use. These can be found under

the "hint and tips" tab.

How to create a healthy home with Livos (on web home page as well)

Eco Electrics undertook some electrical work and has kindly supplied us with a professional video filmed by Eco electrics and sponsored by Sustainability Victoria of the finished "alley cat" home. This home was accomplished by long time client Viv Faithful, an architect and DIY enthusiast. He incorporated a wide range of the Livos products to create not only an eco smart sustainable home however also a healthy home.

This shows the Alis decking oil on exterior radial sawn cladding, decking and screen. Kunos on concrete on the ground floor. Kunos white on ply paneled walls, clear on ply floor also the Kaldet ebony on cupboards.

We have had their extensive video professional edited to highlight the Livos products in a quick, easily

to disguise it by e.g. using black.

As a guide

Chestnut - Suited for Merbu, Teak and Jarrah

Oak - Suited for Spotted gum and Cypress

Oregon pine-Suited for Oregon

Light teak - Suited for Iron bark and Jarrah

Black- This is a popular choice when one wants a specific feature.

Boxwood- This is the closest to clear finish (a clear finish is not available in a truly natural finish as without pigment the Uv breaks down the coatings too quickly)

**An important note when oiling decks in the colder wetter months: we do not recommend oiling in temperatures under 12 degrees and always ensure timber is dry ( below 12% moisture). As a suggestion we would not recommend oiling until there has been no rain or frosts for 3 days.**



### IN THE MEDIA

#### 1. Sanctuary Issue 19

- **Form And Function- Charlotte Bay Home page 25**  
Features kunos on blackbutt timber and concrete floors  
Balance, harmony, sustainability and self sufficiently are the principles behind this rammed earth and timber NSW costal home. that even has a meter in the house to

accessible clip. This home was also featured in the Green Magazine


Why Neil Scobie the fine furniture craftsman and wood turner uses Livos natural oils

This is a candid video taken at an expo, Neil explains his decision to use Livos and how it affected the health of his family. He is also featured in another video, where he demonstrates how quick and easy the Kunos is to use, while providing handy tips to get the most from the oils.

### Join Livos on Facebook & Twitter

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and twitter  for snippets as they come to hand.

*Kind Regards and best wishes from the Livos team.*

*"I ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders."  
~Jewish Proverb.*

*P.S. if you know anyone else that may benefit from the information that is shared here, please feel free to pass this email on to them*



### POINT OF INTEREST

**Did you know? Livos has entered the fashion world !!**

Uki fashion house has used the Meldos on the walls and then added 5 % Vindo for their floor.  
"We were so happy with the Livos product...so easy to



### EXPOS

A dates for your diaries

**Good Life Festival in Daylesford on the 2nd and 3rd of June**

measure chemical pollutants in the air and it always registers zero

- Reclaimed, Rebuilt- Norwood Residence page 56 features Alis on cypress gold-clad timber cladding, external recycled hardware and recycled jarrah decks, the subtle eco features of this Adelaide renovation saves energy in more ways than one.

2. Livos was very pleased to attend the official opening of the new Byron Green Building Centre's on Wednesday the 16th at 1 Brigantine St, Byron Bay. Our Livos expert Angela was in town for a few days and loved the opportunity to discuss using the paints and/or oils with many builders, architects, interior designers and the like.

The event was featured in an article in a recent edition of the Byron Bay Echonetdaily.

[Click here to see article](#)

3. Featured in Architecture newsletter was Skilled medical: Our sister company Anro Floorcare was involved in transforming an old deserted factory with tiles glued to the old hardwood floors, patched with metal pieces and home to a flock of pigeons into a very beautiful busy working office. The old hardwood floors have now been treated with Kunos and have been saved from any further sanding.

[Click here to see article](#)

4. The Age : A strong advocate for the Livos oils is award winning furniture maker and designer Anton Gerner who was recently featured in The Age Domain. The paper copy had more photos.

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apply and we are thrilled with the finish.

Thanks again for all your advice and we would highly recommend this product".

Best regards,  
Melissa Ashcroft & Adam Young



The Sustainable Hepburn Association (SHARE) with the support of the Hepburn Wind Community Fund, will host festival on Saturday at Daylesford Primary School and Sunday at the town hall in Daylesford.

The festival will showcase practical solutions, ideas and skills to live a more sustainable and fulfilling lifestyle. The festival will be a good opportunity to share building and renovation experiences with others or become part of a group which grows or preserves food, makes clothing, or simply has a focus on the good life.

Our Livos expert Angela will giving a presentation at 3pm on Sunday the 3rd of June. Come along and hear, see and touch a range of the Livos products while getting the best advice and answers possible.

#### Hands on demonstration in Hobart.

Livos offered our services for oiling an old hardwood floor for Sustainable Living Tasmanian. The SLT are pleased with the result and the area will house their new office and display centre. This also provided the opportunity to be kept busy seeing professionals and again, interest was strong especially amongst architects. It appears due to popular demand, our Hobart visits may become regular.

#### Ways to create a Healthy Sustainable Home workshop June 28th

Due to the popular demand of our trade nights we are in collaboration with other professionals in the field from the Healthy Sustainable Homes Alliance and are holding an information evening especially for DIYers who are interested in creating a healthy sustainable home. The event will take place at London Drive in Bayswater Vic on June the 28th at 6pm.

The event is free however places are limited and booking are essential, so please register your interest early by calling 9762 9181 , replying to this email or through our website.

See website [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au) for more details.



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## Livos Website

1. Livos website: we are constantly updating and adding new information to the website and we try to share as much information as possible. We are proud to proclaim that the average length of visits is a very encouraging 4 minutes. So when you are looking to use a new product please have a look for their application and hints and tips info sheets.

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