





July 2016



Livos Germany celebrated their 42nd birthday with 3 days of expos, talks, information and demonstrations.

Whilst there, Angela had the opportunity to catch up with some of the Livos international distributors that also attended as well as sharing discussion, projects and other interesting international issues in the field.

Some interesting trivia: The significance of celebrating every 7 years instead of every 5 or 10 is that in some "world views" the number 7 stands for "change", for "a new beginning". It is a Lucky number as well as a holy number.

We love to hear from you so please <u>let us know any feedback</u>.

Kindest regards Angela Petruzzi



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Hazardous chemicals found in outdoor clothing

Have you ever wondered how a sleeping bag, jacket or gloves can be made waterproof or stain resistant? Or, if this would have an effect on your health? Despite claims of sustainability and love for the great outdoors, many leading outdoor brands are using hazardous and persistent chemicals in their products to enable them to be waterproof and or stain resistant. Read the full report on how the hazardous chemicals used remain in the environment for many years. For more information <u>click here.</u>



Trade Certification workshop

With such a huge demand growing for natural finishes and requests for quality applicators as well as an increasing number of applicators wanting the know the various techniques in application etc, we have held our very first, but not last Trades Certification Workshop. Over a 2 day period, the attendees from interstate, country victoria as well as from the Melbourne metro area, were able to receive several hands on demonstrations of applications, repairs and rejuvenations. We will certainly be

placing the details of those having completed the workshop on our website.



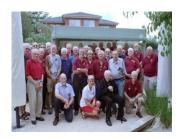
The Australian Wood turning Exhibition June 2016

It was again a pleasure to take a small part in sponsoring the highly successful and very well visited Australian Woodturning Exhibition held in mid June at the City of Whitehorse. It was amazing to see the creativity of the 369 entries that were on display. It was also very pleasing to see, more and more entrants and winners were using the Livos oils.



Goodbye to Styrofoam, a possibility

We may soon be able to say goodbye to polystyrene, the petroleum-based material that is used to make Styrofoam. Swedish designers have replaced Styrofoam with a new shockabsorbing material made with renewable and biodegradable wood-based material. Click here.



Koonung wood turners presentation

Angela was made very welcome by the Koonung wood turners in Blackburn earlier this year. Whilst we all understand not one product is always suitable for all projects, we feel it is important to at least know of safer alternatives that one may not know off as well as the various outcomes one can achieve with these oils. It is always nice to see familiar faces at these meetings as well as hearing positive feedback from those that have used the products.



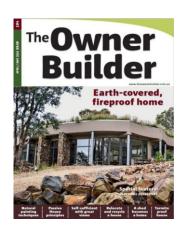
Grey deck

Another excellent DIY project. The client was so eager to coat the deck prior to the winter wet settling in, that the Alis in the Agate grey was specially air freighted in for him. The grey pigments penetrate the timber not only nourishing the surface, making it repel water however also giving it the lovely greyish tinge of old boards. Not being a painted finish, one has the ability to rejuvenate the surface easily in the future when necessary.



DIY Floor

It is always nice to receive photos of projects where clients have used the Livos oils. These clients recently visited our showroom (coming from over 2 hours away!) to purchase the oil and receive instructions. They oiled the floor themselves and followed all instructions. They were so thrilled with the result, "the floor looks great with a beautiful lustre to it".



194The Owner Builder Issue

Natural Painting tips: Tips for using natural paints on walls and ceilings. Angela highlights here some of the differences between natural paints and their synthetic counterparts. For more information, <u>click here.</u>



Sanctuary Issue 34: Passive Warehouse

Passive warehouse: An inner Melbourne warehouse is re imagined as a contemporary, comfortable 'machine for living' through the application of Passive House principles. Internal floors finished with Ardvos. For more information, <u>click here.</u>



Sanctuary Issue 34: Coastal Gem

Coastal Gem: The high performing Aplite house borrows from its surrounds, without detracting from it. Owners Sam and Tamzen did extensive research to ensure the home which serves as a creative sanctuary, family retreat and guest house, would have minimal impact on the environment, both in terms of materials used and operational energy use. Concrete oiled with Linus and Kunos clear. For more information, <u>click here.</u>



Sanctuary Issue 35: Closer to Eden

Rather than being bulldozed, this striking and ambitious yet badly performing house in Adelaide's Eden Hills has been reconfigured and extended to provide better flow and connect to its bush setting. Deck is finished with Livos Alis decking oil. For more information, click here.



Sanctuary Issue 35: Country Spread

Living in the country may seem charming and idyllic to some, but Pamela O'Reilly endured many climatic extremes before building a modern farmhouse near Margaret River. Timber flooring is finished with Livos Ardvos Universal wood oil. For more information, <u>click here.</u>



Renew Issue 136: The Greening of Paint

The greening of paint. An eco-paint buyers guide. Page 74. An informative article detailing that not all VOCs are actually bad for you. In other words, a no VOC product is not necessarily the healthiest option on the market place. To be fully informed, one must know the contents. For more information, <u>click here.</u> To purchase this latest issue please <u>click here.</u>



Product Information

For all products, wether natural like Livos or synthetic, it is imperative that the preparation, application as well as maintence are followed. This is the only way to keep anything from a bench top, floor, deck or painted walls and everything inbetween in an optimal condition.

We have simple to follow how to sheets, videos as well as care and maintenance and rejuvenation sheets available on our web site. Please download or ask your retailer for a copy. When you've gone to the trouble of sourcing out good materials and undertaking the work, it is worth maintaining your surface for longevity.





Living Green app

Living Green App: Tips for reducing your carbon Footprint. With all the information out there in the news, most people are at least aware of pollution problems. This app gives some great tips on reducing your carbon footprint and making the earth a more sustainable, healthy place to live!



Sustainable Home Hub

Being launched in September, the Sustainable Home Hub will focus on all things sustainable design, build & decorate. It will detail homes and how people live in them, including some weird and wonderful ways of living sustainably. It will be a fantastic source for consumers seeking information about a sustainable home design, building or decorating needs. Read more here.

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