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project profile: the good wood in sherwood

A unit development approaching completion in Sherwood is a great example of how choosing the right building products can provide ease of construction during installation and peace of mind for a life time.

The Glen Williams Constructions project at 44 Skew Street, Sherwood consists of six by three bedroom apartments. The site itself is a narrow block so consideration had to be given to material delivery and ability to move with the limited space.

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Brettps were happy to offer a cost effective solution to Glen by designing a full pre nail frame and floor truss system, providing ease of construction with limited man handling on site. Brettps Frame & Truss Production Manager liaised with Glen to ensure on time deliveries to meet any requirements with site cranes. And the Pryda open timber web design allows easy installation of ductwork and services such as air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical.

Glen also saw the value in Brettps supplying all structural components for the job in T2 Blue treated timber. Specifically designed to combat termite attack in areas south of the Tropic of Capricorn, Hyne T2 Blue offers the combination of core strength framing with relatively low cost termite protection. And most importantly, it is backed by a 25 year manufacturers guarantee against termite damage; when used in conjunction with a physical barrier, any correctly installed Hyne T2 Blue that becomes structurally unserviceable due to termite attack within the guarantee period, will be repaired or replaced at no cost to the supplier, the builder or homeowner. So for a relatively minimal cost, T2 Blue provides true peace of mind.

Glen Williams said he chose the floor truss for ease of installation. "The spans are impressive; and it makes the installations so much easier for the plumber, especially on jobs like this one which are tight," said Glen.

The T2 treated timber was used because Glen likes to be able to walk away at the end of a job and forget about it, not have issues pop up five or ten years later. "It is the best way I know to termite proof a job long term," he said.



md's message

Welcome to the final Bugle for 2010 as we begin to wrap up for Christmas and prepare for what we hope will be a much better year in 2011. Last December I foreshadowed a more buoyant 2010 on the back of what was a pretty ordinary 2009. I'm not afraid to admit I was wrong and by a considerable amount.

Successive interest rate hikes, an election year and a hung parliament certainly didn't help the industry. Housing starts in Queensland remain subdued and are unlikely to rebound significantly until we hopefully see a combination of increased bank lending along with a return of confidence to general industry and a relaxation of exorbitant development infrastructure costs. Unfortunately the mining boom in isolation is not enough to generate the broad based demand we need to jump start the industry.

On a positive note, we have begun to see some green shoots of recovery broadly across all of our markets. Hopefully the weather Gods are kind to us and provide us with more dry weather than in October when Brisbane received over 200% of the monthly average.

From an operational perspective, we are delighted with the new drive through yard at Windsor, the additional frame & truss lines installed at Hamilton, the relocation and impending expansion of our Window business at Banyo and the recently commissioned finger jointing line at our Inglewood sawmill. We hope to offer you new and improved ranges of exclusive products early in 2011.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your custom in the past year and I look forward to seeing you in the Bretts businesses throughout 2011, our 98th year of doing business.

Bill Nutting

Bill Nutting Jnr
MANAGING DIRECTOR

news in brief: community corner

bretts gets arty: with oscar theatre company

Local group, Oscar Theatre Company was founded with a view to supporting the development of new works as well as the production of contemporary local and international works. And to provide high quality theatre experiences for the Brisbane youth and arts community.

Oscar Theatre Company receives no funding and is always looking for creative ways to fund their activities. And so, Bretts was happy to help out with their request for a donation in pine framing for them to use in the set design for their [Title of Show] production.

The creative people at Oscar let nothing go to waste, and even put the Bretts plastic timber packaging to use – as a sawdust catcher, paint drop sheet and even picnic rug at lunch time.

[Title of Show], a musical comedy previously seen on Broadway, ran at the Brisbane Powerhouse in October was well received by audiences (and we doubt anyone recognised the set as Bretts timber!)

damselfly takes to the air: with a little help from bretts

Earlier this year Bretts were approached by a Brisbane team, building a "flying machine" for the Red Bull Flugtag competition being held in Sydney in November.

Bretts provided the team a range of small hardware items like glue and staples that were used in the construction of their "Damselfly" craft.

Unfortunately, they didn't place at the Flugtag competition in Sydney in early November, but by all accounts everyone in attendance had a great time.

A new Australian distance record was set at the Red Bull Flugtag 2010 competition, with the winning team – Sport Aircraft Association of Australia – sailing to 20.5 metres.

More than 30,000 turned out to watch the competition at Mrs Macquarie's Point in

Sydney; with all manner of wacky flying craft, including an Australian dunny, a Julia Gillard-faced flying fish and a schooner taking to the air.

just for fun: insults and observations

I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.

Do you ever notice that when you're driving, anyone going slower than you is an idiot and everyone driving faster than you is a maniac?

Never forget that you're unique, just like everyone else.

I heard you took an IQ test and they said your results were negative.

What do you call dog with no legs? Don't matter wot u call him, he ain't gonna come.

I've used up all my sick days, so I'm calling in dead.

Your birth certificate is an apology letter from the condom factory.



Oscar Theatre Company



Red Bull Damselfly Flugtag

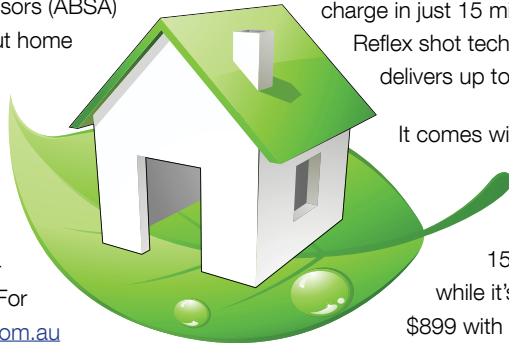
green day: the enviro-cottage open day

The Spring Hill "Enviro-Cottage" Project has revitalised a traditional Queensland worker's cottage in Spring Hill, Brisbane. The objective has been to turn one of Brisbane's oldest traditional residential properties into a showcase of sustainable development and environmentally friendly living.

The project has delivered the latest available design methods and technologies to ensure the highest possible efficiencies of water, energy, heating and lighting. The project has sympathetically restored the original worker's cottage and added a cutting edge new 'solar pod' extension to the rear.

The Spring Hill Enviro-Cottage hosted an Open Day in September as part of Sustainable House Day 2010. And with well over 500 visitors coming through the property on the day, it's a good indicator of the level of interest in this type of building and renovation. Each visitor was treated to a guided tour by one of 9 generous and knowledgeable volunteer guides who provided information to visitors on sustainable housing principles and the sustainable features and products incorporated into the Spring Hill "Enviro-Cottage". And the Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) were also on site to answer questions about home sustainability assessments.

Bretts has been involved with our brand partners in this project – Miele for kitchen and laundry products and Argent for tapware and bathware – from the beginning, so it's exciting to see the Enviro-Cottage receive such a positive reception. For more information see www.envirocottage.com.au



product profile:

senco fusion nailers



SENCO combines the flexibility of a cordless nailer with the power of a pneumatic in the new Fusion nailer tools.

Senco Fusion technology eliminates the drawbacks generally associated with traditional gas and battery powered nailers, including fuel cell replacement costs, tool weight, and ramp up times.

This technology is designed to operate on the same principle as pneumatic tools: compressed air, but does not need a compressor and hose to operate. An 18-volt lithium ion battery compresses air within a sealed aluminium chamber and releases it when you pull the trigger, providing instantaneous power.

The 18-volt lithium ion phosphate battery can reach an 80 per cent charge in just 15 minutes and full charge in 45 minutes. Patented Reflex shot technology provides instant trigger response and delivers up to 500-600 drives between charges.

It comes with a two year limited warranty and a heavy duty, durable storage case.

Check out the Senco Fusion FN65DA 15-gauge DA Bradder from Airco and get yours while it's still available at the special introductory price of \$899 with bonus second 18V Li-ion battery and T-shirt!

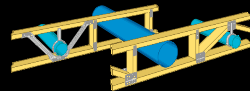
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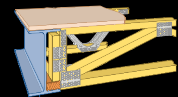
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bretts supports: 'national tree day'

Bretts continues with our 'National Tree Day' sponsorship programme again in 2010. We've had such a great response from the community in the past and as it encompasses both pillars of Bretts sustainability efforts - Community and Environment - Bretts Managing Director, Bill Nutting Jnr, was happy to run the program again this year.

Planet Ark's 'National Tree Day' is Australia's biggest community tree-planting event, with more than 2 million volunteers planting over 15 million native trees and shrubs since its inception in 1996.

'Schools Tree Day' is the dedicated tree-planting day for young people. Last year saw 229,000 students from over 2,100 schools participating in 'Schools Tree Day'.

To support the program, Bretts offered gardening kits to those schools and other community groups on Brisbane's north side that participated in 'National Tree Day'.

The gardening kits were especially child-friendly and included items like a child-sized wheel barrow, rake, hoe and shovel, trowel, digging fork, digging shovel, plus gardening gloves, a watering can and pine bark.

