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## NEWSLETTER Peter Roberts Executive Director

Welcome to our first edition of ‘**SPLINTERS**’ where we will endeavour to keep our members up to date with TMA issues.

### *Membership*

This year we have gained 23 new members taking our membership to 70 members which is very encouraging. Companies are recognising the benefits of joining the TMA and there are still many who are interested and giving it serious consideration.

Wright Forest Products  
Moorooduc Timber & Hardware  
Hume & Iser Pty Ltd  
Golden City Joinery Pty Ltd  
South East Timber Pty Ltd  
Meyer Timber Pty Ltd  
Porta Mouldings Pty Ltd  
A Lewis & Co Pty Ltd  
Britton Timbers  
McCormack Hardwood Sales P/L  
AKD Softwoods  
Coldstream Timber & Hardware

Dindas Australia  
Gunnarsens Pty Ltd  
Hoogies of Yarra Glen  
Corinthian Industries P/L  
Donreal Pty Ltd  
JVS Timber  
Australian Treated Pine P/L  
WR Timbers Pty Ltd  
Woodhouse Timber (Vic) P/L  
Mortim Australia  
Laminated Timber Supplies

### *New Committee Members*

After many years of invaluable service to the TMA Committee, Jack Bowen and Norm Tilling have decided to step down. Their significant contribution will be missed but we are pleased to welcome Glenn Tilling of Tilling Timber, Stephen Iser of Hume & Iser P/L and Garrie James of Outdoor Timber on to the board. The committee meets monthly.

### *Showroom*

With new displays being installed and the floor having been repainted the rejuvenated showroom is now attracting increased activity. New exhibitors are AKD Softwoods, Reproduction Mouldings and Outdoor Timber. The following analysis shows the number of visitors and the product enquiries for the last six months.

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Total enquiry contacts to the Timber Advice and Display Centre for the 6 months January to June 30 2009 was 2500.

<b>Enquiry Subjects</b>	<b>Total</b>
BEAMS LAMINATED	19
BEAMS MECHANICAL	14
<b>BENCH TOPS / CUPBOARDS</b>	28
CLADDING AND LINING	80
<b>COATINGS / FINISHES</b>	199
PRESERVATIVES	61
<b>DECKING</b>	252
DOOR HANDLES	249
<b>DOORS</b>	38
FASTENERS / CONNECTORS	34
<b>FENCING</b>	91
FIRE RETARDENTS	4
FIRE RETARDENT TIMBERS	22
<b>FIVE STAR OR BETTER RATING INFORMATION</b>	13
CHOOSING A SPECIES (COLOUR)	183
FLOOR LAYING TECHNIQUES	79
<b>FLOORS FLOATING</b>	59
<b>FLOORS STICK DOWN</b>	52
<b>FLOORS T AND G</b>	303
<b>FLOORS PARQUET</b>	48
<b>FLOORS PROBLEMS</b>	97
<b>FRAMING / STRUCTURAL</b>	83
FURNITURE TIMBERS	66
INSULATION THERMAL	141
INSULATION ACOUSTIC	17
<b>MOULDINGS</b>	89
MRTFC	7
<b>PARTICLE BOARD / MDF</b>	18
PERGOLAS AND CARPORTS	32
<b>PLASTERBOARD</b>	1
PLYWOOD	15
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	141
<b>Australian Sandards</b>	2
SEMINARS & COURSES	9
<b>STAIRS</b>	33
TERMITES AND BORERS	30
<b>TIMBER DECAY</b>	31
TIMBER TECHNICAL DATA	162
TIMBER GRADING	19
<b>HOW TO CARE FOR TIMBER</b>	89
<b>TREATED PINE / DURABLES</b>	88
CYPRESS PINE	16
VENEERS	15
<b>WHERE AND WHAT TO BUY</b>	434
WINDOWS	16
<b>SUBJECT TOTALS</b>	3479

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### ***Consolidation***

For many years our industry has been represented by a number of associations. We believe we should have a united voice and it is our intention to work closely with VAFI, FTMA, TABMA NSW, TABMA QLD and WADIC (Window and Door Industry Council) and other associations for the benefit of our industry.

### ***Land Tax***

After a meeting with the Shadow Treasurer, Kim Wells, we have written to the State Revenue Office regarding Timber Merchants classification in relation to the Land Tax Act. We will keep you updated with our negotiations.

### ***Regional Meetings***

We convene meetings for our country members every three to four months in Geelong and Bendigo. It is important to keep our regional members up to date with changes in Industrial Relations, OH&S and other industry matters. Meetings were held in May and a further round is scheduled for September/October. Our committee will also hold their monthly meeting in Bendigo in October.

### ***Code of Conduct – Illegal Logging policy***

A series of Code of Conduct workshops are being held around Australia in relation to the Federal Government's illegal logging policy implementation. The new code will consolidate and improve systems to verify the legality of harvest of wood – based imported and Australian produced products. The Melbourne workshop is to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Please contact Ingrida on 9875 5000 for further details.

### ***Breakfast Meetings***

We will be holding regular breakfast meetings during the year to keep members informed and for the opportunity to network. At our next meeting Boris Iskra will present 'Building in Bushfire Prone Areas'. Details, 7.30am, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Bruce County, Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley. Please contact Ingrida on 9875 5000 with your booking.

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### ***Chain of Custody Information Seminar***

Ron Caddy and myself will be representing the TMA at this seminar to be held in Brisbane on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009. We strongly object to timber merchants having to be certified to FSC or AFS certification. We believe the sawmillers and producers will be supplying certified timber so why duplicate the process down the supply chain? As you will appreciate this is a major issue which we must address immediately. We will keep you informed.

### ***Bookshop***

We have an excellent range of timber publications listed below for sale which would be great 'point of sale' products for you.

**\*SPECIAL Any purchase of 20 or more of any one publication will receive a 10% discount off the published prices**

Please contact Ingrida for your order form on 9875 5000 or [ingridam@timber.asn.au](mailto:ingridam@timber.asn.au)

## **TADC Bookshop**

The Timber Advice and Display Centre has a number of reference publications available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one of the following books, please either drop in to the TADC or download an order form.



[AS 1684 Part 2 - Residential Timber Framed Construction. Non-Cyclonic Areas. 2006 - Standards Australia](#)  
Covers the full information of timber framing design requirements and construction details for the four non-cyclonic wind classifications: N1, N2, N3 & N4 as well as cyclonic wind classifications C1, C2 & C3. Span tables for 15 timber stress grades are provided on CD.

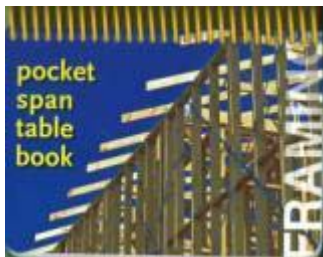
**Price: \$103.80 (including GST) Loose Leaf Folder Version**



### **AS 1684 Part 4 - Residential Timber Framed Construction. SIMPLIFIED - Non-Cyclonic Areas. 2006 -Standards Australia**

For easy specification 'Part 4 Simplified Non-cyclonic (N1/N2)' has been derived from AS1684.2 and provides simplified design procedures for timber span solutions, bracing and tie-down. Printed span tables for 10 selected timber stress grades are included in the manual.

Price: \$87.35 (including GST) Loose Leaf Folder Version

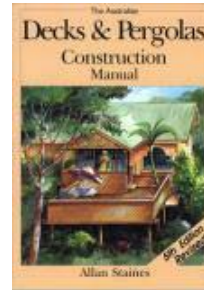


### **Pocket Span Table Book**

The 330 page PSTB is an easy to carry pocket sized (A5), durable and spiral bound format and includes span tables for commonly used sawn structural timber grades as well as engineered LVL and I-beam floor joist tables. Other technical details provided include bracing installation details, nominal fixing requirements, design details for internal stairs, ceiling lining boards, flooring, decking and miscellaneous roof framing members and much, much more...

The PSTB is designed as an easy to use supplement to AS1684.2 Residential timber-framed construction.

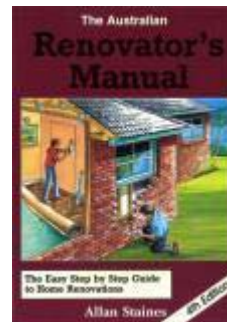
Price: \$30.45 (including GST)



### **The Australian Decks and Pergolas Building Manual, 5th Edition - Allan Staines**

A valuable book for any professional or DIY builder wanting to design or build a timber deck or pergola. The book provides advice on selection of the most suitable types of timber and the appropriate size to use

Price: \$25.00 (including GST)

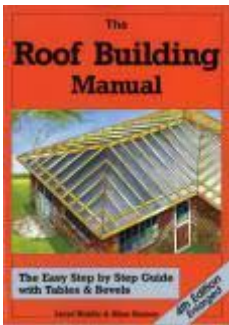


### **The Australian Renovators Manual, 3rd Edition - Allan Staines**

This book is specifically designed to deal with problems confronted when renovating or altering an existing dwelling. It also shows step-by-step how to accomplish popular renovation projects. It solves problems such as rising damp, floor and wall cracking, rot in members, small kitchens and bathrooms, leaking shower recesses, and termites. It also describes how to support the roof when making openings in walls.

Price: \$35.00 (including GST)

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### **The Australian Roof Building Manual, 4th Edition Enlarged**-Allan Staines

This publication explains in clear detail and step by step format, how to cut out and pitch a roof. A great text book for apprentices

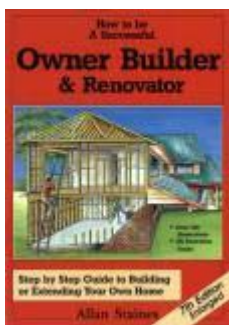
Price: \$29.60 (including GST)



### **The Australian House Building Manual, 5th Edition Enlarged**-Allan Staines

A step by step guide to house building. Written for Builders, Apprentices, Owner Builders, Building Designers and Teachers.

Price: \$40.00 (including GST)

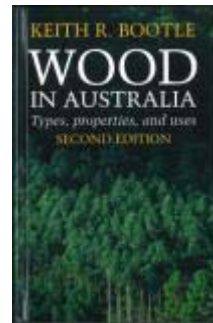


### **How to be a successful Owner Builder and Renovator, 6th Edition**-Allan Staines

A step by step guide to building or extending your

own home. The book covers all aspects of building including design, planning, managing, estimating and the practical aspects of home building.

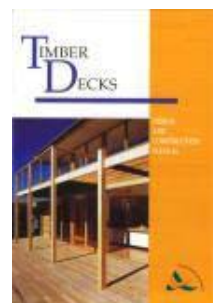
Price: \$35.00 (including GST)



### **Wood in Australia (types, properties and uses)**-Keith R. Bootle

The bible of Australian and some imported timbers comprehensive descriptions of all species, their suitability for applications and other detailed information. 440 pages of essential reference material not found in other publications.

Price: \$108.95 (including GST)



### **Timber Decks : Design and Construction Manual**

An illustrated guide to the design and construction of timber decks for domestic applications. Information is provided on commonly available framing and decking timbers in a clear, easy to read format with colour coded span tables. Additional detailed information such as footing requirements, stumps, stairs and handrails, fasteners and recommended timber finishes is also provided.

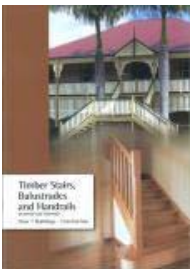
Price: \$18.95 (including GST)



### **Carports & Pergolas**

An illustrated guide dealing with the design and construction of timber carports and pergolas. It enables the effective utilisation of commonly available timber species considering both structural performance and durability requirements. It contains information for flat or skillion roofs as well as pitched roof structures with open or supporting sheet roof only.

Price: \$18.95 (including GST)



### **Timber Stairs, Balustrades and Handrails**

A unique reference guide to the design, practises and construction of timber stairs, balustrades and handrails in domestic applications. The guide provides recommendations on timber species selection, members sizing, durability, finishing etc for internal as well as external stairs - open stairs (no risers) and closed stairs (with risers) are catered for.

Design information is provided for commonly available timber species used in stair construction in a clear, easy to read format with span tables. Additional design information such as the Building Code of Australia requirements, connection details, stair construction procedures as well as recommended timber finishes is also provided.

Price: \$24.65 (including GST)



### **Timber Service Life Design package**

This package consists of the (1) Timber Service Life Design Guide and (2) TimberLife software.

Following a 10-year multi-million dollar 'world first' research project, the Timber Service Life Design Guide brings together the outcomes of the research that has developed predictive durability design models for timber. The guide addresses the predicted life of timber construction subjected to : In-ground decay, Above ground decay, Weathering, Termites, Corrosion and/ or Marine borers. The Timberlife (service-life prediction software) is intended to be used as an educational tool. It provides detailed estimates of service-life performance, with time, for an extensive range of hazards - both internal and external.

Price: \$36.25 (including GST)