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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



Time spins by and here we are again, newsletter time. I trust everyone is busy now the weather is getting better (particularly for us southerners).

A great deal has been happening with creating a waterproofing information course in conjunction with the Master Builders Association Vic. David Hepworth and myself have been pivotal in getting this off the ground.

Andrew Golle (AIW member & Committee member) is delivering these courses which are aimed at people who are not necessarily doing the work but those that are having the work carried out or they are specifying (managing) waterproofing works.

This is a big change in what has been offered previously. Frank Moebus (AIW member & Committee member) has also been presenting AIW seminars for the QBCC in Queensland.

What we are now finding, is private building companies are requesting the training in private sessions for their supervising staff members. We are changing the course slightly to solely aim the delivery at these people, some of which know very little about waterproofing, selection of products and subsequent preparation of surfaces and areas.

Not forgetting the critical aftercare or following trades actions, where we see many atrocities committed. My niece and her husband is just at the tail end of having a new dual occupancy built by a "very well know builder" who has been a party to the atrocities.

The number of mistakes and lack of trade control was frankly quite extraordinary, I stepped in to assist them and help with sorting out some of the problems.



To many to mention here, but my point being that the supervisor was way out of his depth (nice bloke, but) and the builder was at fault for having an under-skilled person in charge of building this job.

This is the scenarios we are collectively seeing across Australia – time constraints, poor applications and cost cutting exercises are coming at a high cost at the end of a build or worse still after a project is completed, the owners have moved in and waterproofing fails.

The mental anguish, stress, and significant rectification cost are taking their toll on everyone- Lawyers are lovin' it!!! As a small industry responsible for delivering a critical part of the build, we all need to be extremely diligent in ensuring works are carried out correctly and will last for the life of the building.

We find this training a massive step forward for the waterproofing industry as the sooner the greater construction industry become more knowledgeable the better the standard of work.

On another note- the AIW will be putting together our own “Below Ground Waterproofing Standard” to give us something to work with given the absence of a standard in Australia.

It will be loosely based on the UK standard and adapted to work for Australia - as soon as time permits we will be calling on all who would like to contribute to this. The more of a cross section on methods and materials the better.

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Published Articles by Paul Evans - Remedial Waterproofing Consultant

Finding and Fixing What Lies Beneath in Waterproofing

February 29th, 2024

Drenched to the Core: Major Waterproofing Problems Plaguing Residential Homes

October 12th, 2023

(Sponsored Content) Raising Standards and Awareness in Waterproofing

February 9th, 2023

Multi-Storey Basements Must be Kept Dry

May 26th, 2022

Why Tiling and Waterproofing are Intrinsically Linked

January 17th, 2022

Waterproofing Design In Construction

July 30th, 2021

Leaking Concrete Rooftops – Why Waterproofing Should Not Be Ignored or Delayed

April 28th, 2021

Solving Water Leaks Is Not Always About Waterproofing

February 4th, 2021

Australia's Awareness of Waterproofing is Growing

May 21st, 2020

Why Balconies Leak

February 24th, 2020

BuildIT – Featured Article 2019

“Committed to Raising Waterproofing Standards and Training Across Australia”

Paul Evans, President of Australian Institute of Waterproofing

<https://buildit.partica.online/buildit/buildit-2018/flipbook/66/>

Sourceable – Construction

Interviewed by Andrew Heaton on October 5th, 2017

<https://sourceable.net/australia-must-improve-waterproofing-standards-practices/>

Waterproofing President to Speak at International Conference

Australian Institute of Waterproofing (AIW) News - October 2017

Solving Roof & Balcony Leaks

Facility Perspectives - The Leading Resource for Facility Management in Australasia. VOL 11 NO 1. March-May 2017

Notes from a Balcony Inspection

Australian Institute of Waterproofing (AIW) News - November 2016

Australian Institute of Waterproofing – Online News

Notes from a Balcony Inspection – Nov 2016

<https://www.waterproof.org.au/notes-from-a-balcony-inspection/>

Getting It Right in the First Place – October 2016

<https://www.waterproof.org.au/getting-right-first-place/>

Waterproofing - Getting it Right the First Time

Australian Institute of Waterproofing (AIW) News - October 2016

Waterproofing - Common Failures

LinkedIn Article - Feb 2015

Associations

Australian Institute of Waterproofing (AIW)

Australian Society of Building Consultants (ASBC)

Building Dispute Practitioner Society (BDPS)

Concrete Institute of Australia (CIA)

Australian Concrete Repair & Remedial Building Association (ACRA)

Master Builders Association Victoria-Specialist Contractor (MBAV)

Owners Corporation Network of Australia Ltd (OCN)

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