

Surfaces

... AWCI downunder

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A Viewpoint

I was recently reading AWCI US's magazine titled *ConstructionDimensions*. It was with something of a sense of déjà vu that I read Don Procter's column article called *Stilts on a High*.

Don first paragraph read: 'Drywall finishers and workers who install vapour barriers still can't legally work on stilts in Ontario [Canada], but the industry is one step closer to persuading the powers that be in the Ontario government that the ban should be lifted'.

Prof Steve Cowley from Ballarat University at the 2008 AWCI Conference described his stilts research, which is being funded by a grant from WorkCover NSW via AWCI NSW. WorkCover has unilaterally banned stilts in NSW. Other States have not banned their use. One very strange dichotomy.

AWCI in conjunction with Holmesglen TAFE runs regular courses on safe use and maintenance of stilts for plasterers (see News and Events column at <http://vic.awci.org.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi>).



Allen Morley, executive director

OUR TRAINING FRUSTRATION II

As explained in the November e-newsletter there is a new training package ready for our industry sector - CPC31208 Certificate III in Wall and Ceiling Lining.



Industry wants CPC31208. However, some States seem to be actively thwarting its introduction.

The Package has been endorsed by the National Quality Council, and following this it has gone to all State and Territory Ministers.

CPC31208 has been lumped in with 53 other qualifications packages in this process. That conglomerate comprises a mix of Certificate II and III packages. Each State and Territory is autonomous in the accepting of such packages, and therein lies the essential problem. Implementation of a training package occurs on a State-by-State basis.

Our package for wall and ceiling lining is not in contention, having passed through the review and revision steps. It will introduce more flexibility into the training of apprentices and allows for both residential and commercial plastering streams.

But, now it appears that another level of bureaucracy – a so called Implementation Committee (IC) - is planned. There is strong resistance in the business arms involved. Collectively this additional level is seen as not only delaying but unnecessary.

So despite this industry wanting the training package introduced and the Federal Government supporting the package we appear to be going nowhere. It is now time for State and territory Ministers to move on this.

What do we want? Our training package! When do we want it? NOW!

Certificate III in Wall & Ceiling Lining

- An industry package addressing skill shortages
- Achieving agreed Council of Australian Governments' objectives

AWCI says Let's make it work!

James Hardie National Awards of Excellence

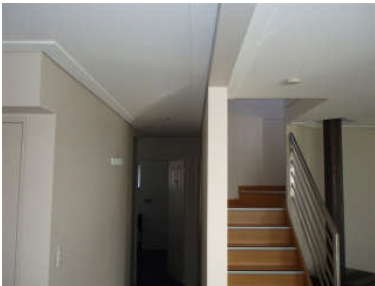
We promised to feature other projects from the 2008 National Awards of Excellence sponsored by James Hardie. And again we recognise James Hardie for its sponsorship.

Below is a selection of the submitted entries – all of which were winners at the State level and national level in New Zealand.

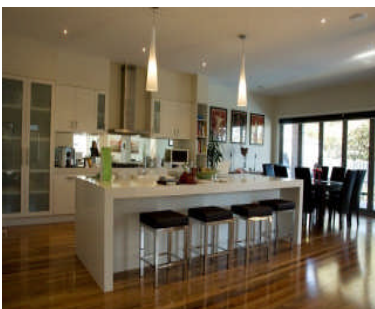
Residential entries



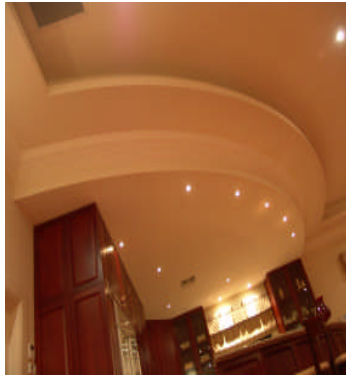
Intouch Interior Linings for luxury home Strathfield NSW



Domestic house on Bruny Island Tasmania by Hi-Lite Plaster



Mt Waverley Victoria residence by Boral Interior Linings



Steve Coleman & Heritage Plaster for residence in McLaren Vale SA



Submitted by Seddon's for an Otago Peninsula House, New Zealand

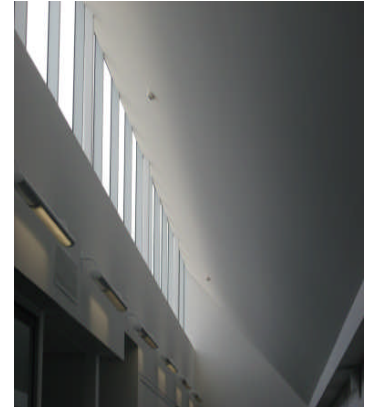


Brock Plaster for luxury home at Rochedale Queensland

Commercial submissions



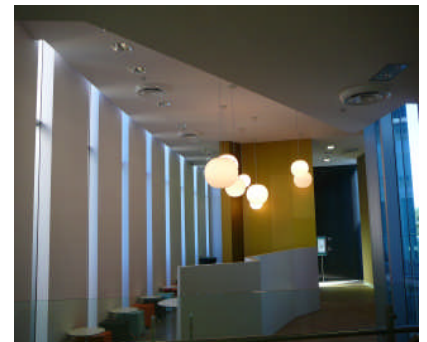
Commercial premises in Darlinghurst by Intouch Interior Linings



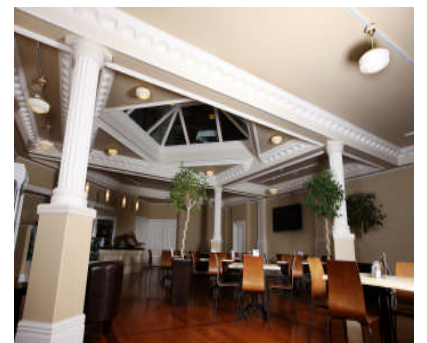
Hi-Lite Plaster commercial offices Cambridge Tasmania



Office building restoration in Adelaide SA submitted by GBM Services



Queensland Brain Institute at St Lucia submitted by Superior Walls & Ceilings



Skelsey Plasterers project of the Old BNZ Building, Wanganui,

Heritage

Cornice detail from RM Williams Heritage home, North Adelaide SA submitted by Coymans Ceilings



RM Williams residence – built 1887

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Best wishes to all *Surfaces'* readers from AWCI's Executive Committee and the National Office for a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a profitable new year



AWCI and Associated Events Program in 2008 and 2009

- **Christmas Day, nationally, Thursday 25th December 2008**
- **AWCI Qld Conference Committee, 30 January 2009**
- **AWCI Tasmania AGM and Annual Dinner, 14-15 February**
- **AWCI WA Sundowner, March (date TBA)**
- **AWCI Executive Committee Meeting, Sydney, 5 March**
- **AWCI NSW Technical & Information Session, 6 March**
- **AWCI NSW AGM & 11th Awards of Excellence, 6 March**
- **AWCI SA Darwin NT Chapter Meeting, April (date TBA)**
- **AWCI Vic General Meeting, 8 May**
- **AWCI WA Golf Day, 15 May**
- **AWCI SA Awards Dinner, 29 May**
- **AWCI Qld Fishing Competition, 9 June**
- **AWCI Qld Annual Golf Day, 13 July**
- **AWCI Vic Annual General Meeting, 13 July**
- **AWCI Vic Technical Sessions & Awards, 13 July**
- **AWCI WA Products Night, August (date TBA)**
- **AWCI Qld Annual General Meeting, 22 August**
- **AWCI Qld Excellence Awards Dinner, 22 August**
- **AWCI SA Annual Golf Day, 11 September**
- **AWCI WA 21st Annual Ball & Awards Night, 10 October**
- **AWCI SA Annual General Meeting, 16 November**
- **AWCI Conference, Gold Coast, 14-18 October 2009**
- **AWCI Annual General Meeting, 16 October**
- **AWCI SA Christmas Sundowner, 7 December**

Sister Associations

- **fpdc Annual Conference – September 2009, (date & location TBA)**
- **AWCI US Academy 2009, Atlanta Georgia 30-31 January**
AWCI US Convention and INTEX Expo, Nashville Tennessee, March 24th - 28th 2009
- **CISCA e-newsletter, go to: www.cisca.org; CISCA offer: You can give the gift of CISCA membership to the non-member company of your choice for only US\$250.00.**
CISCA Leadership Symposium, 7-9 October, 2009 at The Phoenician Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona USA