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Where is the captian of the ship

Many changes have occurred in building techniques over the years, most have been driven by the desire to reduce both costs and time.

Focus on quick and easy construction practices has meant a reduction in supervision and a large portion of problems left to chance.

Hand made has taken on a new meaning with mechanical tools available for most trades people. Painters, plasterers, carpenters etc. We have factory made roof trusses, pre-nailed frames and much more.

These innovations have significantly reduced time on site and inadvertently impacted on trade skills.

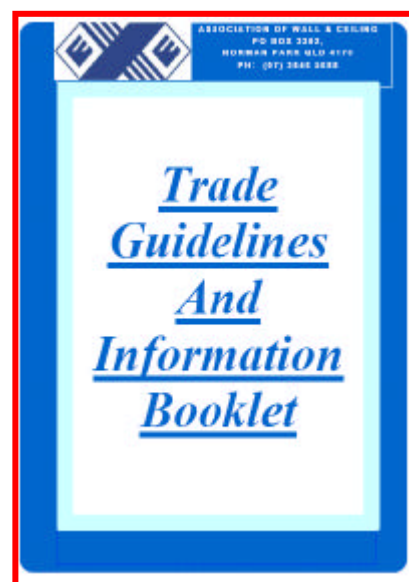
The speed required for today's industry has generated a get the job done attitude and created an every man for himself environment, this has destroyed the team spirit that once existed where trades people worked closely on site all with the same result in mind.

The system comes together only when the same set of subcontractors work together as a team , job after job. Tragically with today's nomadic band of subcontractors, team work is most unlikely.

In the absence of any one to steer the ship, closely following long established guidelines will greatly assist in the smooth running of the job, improve product presentation reduce call backs and maintenance.

Watch for it

Available soon





Believe it or not

Once again the top ten list of defects have been issued by the Building Services Authority and once again Plasterboard remains on top of the list. The breakdown makes for interesting reading with surprising results for the painter? How come? What about the carpenters, how good are they? The soon to be published Australian Standards contain some good news for plasterers with regard to providing support in the dispute resolution process, with a view towards vacating the top spot, we hope.

Certainly progress has been made with the inclusion of joint tolerances, no inspections to be carried out with artificial light, load limits on ceilings etc.

Insulation manufacturers specification have provided some valuable information on ceiling load limits. A suitable device for determining allowable joint tolerances will be available to coincide with the introduction of the new Australian Standard and wait for it. We hope soon to have a paint thickness measuring device to gauge correct paint film thickness.

At the Wall & Ceiling Association we continue to pursue ways to give you, the plasterers a level playing field.

However, we also need your help, tell us what you need, send us an email, give us a call, together we can make it happen.

Defects Vs Activity	05/06	06/07
BSA Insured Residential Projects	85 023	93 166
Defective Work Complaints	5 012	4 590
Top Ten Defects	05/06	06/07
1. Internal plasterboard installation	332	305
2. Ceramic floor tile and adhesive failure	276	272
3. Waterproofing shower recesses	239	253
4. Concrete driveway, path and landscaping	222	197
5. Roof flashing and drainage	272	177
6. External paint application	182	169
7. Timber door and window installation	174	164
8. Aluminium door and window installation	210	160
9. Steel sheet roofs	167	157
10. Internal paint application	173	154