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What's in the next magazine

EBANZ Conference 2005 in Christchurch October 22-23 - pictures of some of the homes we will be visiting.

The Australian National Wine Centre, University of Adelaide, completed 2003, has rammed earth walls.



Solid Earth's many and varied projects completed in the Nelson region (see the picture above of a wall carving and the picture of the two-storey lodge designed by Peter Olorenshaw at Nelson Lakes).

Fantastic shapes at a midwinter garden sculpture workshop by Dhaj and Guenther in south Auckland in June.

A very interesting summary of SismoAdobe 2005 in Peru from Hugh Morris - lots of interesting stuff about construction techniques and how earthquakes affect our buildings. Lots of fascinating pics from South America.

Snippets and pics for the last ramming on the Martin house, Tokau Bay, progress on the Flintoff

House, update on the Timbercrete house in Rotorua, and

Part 2 on how Ayurvedic medicine works from Yolande Manson.

Need an extra pair of hands to help build your dream home in earth this summer?

Available - a healthy, reliable, thirty two year old Aussie bloke dead keen to work with practitioner of natural earth building methods. full time, casual, travel, ok.

Contact Andrew Jagers at metroferal@yahoo.com.au

Upcoming Events and Courses

EBANZ Conference, House tour, AGM, Dinner and Speakers.

(photos from previous conferences)



EARTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Two day tours of earth and energy efficient buildings.

Labour Weekend, Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 October 2005, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Visit a collection of interesting earth and energy efficient buildings in the Canterbury region. Homes that are both professionally and owner built, featuring passive solar design, eco-building principals and using rammed earth, straw bale, cinva ram brick veneer as building materials. There are several very different adobe homes and an energy efficient concrete designed home with 3m of soil on the roof. Of course no earth building tour in the Canterbury region would be complete without a good look at an historic building or two. The two-day bus tour takes you in

and around the greater Christchurch region.

AGM and Conference

The Conference dinner and AGM will take place in Hororata on Saturday evening, with some very interesting speakers following the meeting.

EBANZ is an organisation of volunteers - nothing gets done without people like you giving your time and effort to make this an alive and proactive organisation. This is your opportunity to have a say in the way your organisation is run and to choose the people you want to do this for you. See a task that needs doing? Volunteer your services. Don't be shy! We'd love to have you on board.

What would you like to see happening in our organisation? Come along and discuss it at the AGM.

Costs are yet to be finalised but will be kept low.

Options include; a one or two day bus tour, conference dinner and after-dinner entertainment, member discounts for all events, a great membership joining deal if you are not yet a member of EBANZ .

This is a great opportunity to see some truly inspirational buildings, meet the home owners and get to know others with similar interests and talk to some of the most experienced people in NZ's earth building fraternity,

Don't miss out - bookings close on October 10. Places are limited so contact Peter soon.

You need to indicate your interest in attending and when details are confirmed further information will be forwarded to you. You can confirm your booking then. After 10th October bookings will be open to the public on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you are interested please contact:

Peter Olorenshaw, Email: petero@tasman.net, Phone 03 546 6176,
10 Ralphine Way, Maitai Valley, Nelson.



Freeform Adobe Sculptural Earthbuilding

Dhaj and Guenther are still slinging mud. Adobe In-situ is a flexible, sculptural, user friendly, method, that leaves the doors wide open to let your imagination run free. It also lends itself to incorporate different materials. Our Workshops are project oriented. Each installation is a one off, an amalgamation of the hosts ideas, ours and whoever participates in the course. We leave behind an installation of value to the hosts property.

So do join us at one of our workshops.

Oct 12th - 16th Sommerville School, Howick,
Auckland.

Oct 22nd - 24th Guenthers Place, Honeymoon Valley,

Northland.

And other courses in Australia and New Zealand.

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Additional Courses of Interest

Click-through to the courses below to find further information (please confirm details with course organisers):

Experimental Earth Building Course	Nelson	September 2-4
EBANZ Conference/AGM House Tour 2005	Christchurch	October 22-23
Sculptural Earthbuilding	Howick, Auckland	October 12-16
Sculptural Earthbuilding	Northland	October 22-26
National Heritage Trust 2005 50th Anniversary	Napier, Hastings	October 3-6
New Zealand Permaculture Hui	New Plymouth	October 21-24
Mud Stove Workshop	Northland	October 29-30
Earthbuilding Workshop, Northland Craft Trust	Whangarei	January 9-15 2006
Eco-Architecture 2006	England	June 14-16 2006

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[Sustainable Structures](#). straw built concepts and designs

Latest News

- Our Show Home - Roof on in under 2 months !
- Straw Bale Open Day at Ruatuna
- Great Fieldays Experience
- New Faces at Sustainable Structures
- Latest Project News

In this space we would like to acknowledge members who have contributed to the success of the EBANZ organisation.

**This month we introduce Graeme North,
our DBH, BRANZ, SNZ Liasion and Committee member.**



Graeme is a Registered Architect and permaculturalist who designed his first earth building in 1971. Since then he has gone on to design "too many earth buildings to recall", as well as strawbale and other buildings. Recent commissions include several multi-building eco-developments.

He is known internationally as a "generalist" in earth building as his repertoire covers virtually all earthen techniques, although he now concentrates on the use of natural unstabilised clay.

He was the founding Chairman of EBANZ, and is Chairman of the joint Standards NZ/Standards Australia Technical Committee for Earth Building, which wrote the suite of NZ Earth Building Standards. For this work he received the only NZIA Research Award for Architecture ever made, as well as a Meritorious Service Award from SNZ. He is a Life Member of EBANZ and has received the Elizabeth Drupsteen Award from EBANZ

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