

InSIGHT

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter.

As many of our customers have been informed, our Process Control Engineer, John Lord has retired after a career with Koppers spanning 21 years. John is well known to many of our customers as he has assisted in numerous plant automations, new plant installations and upgrades. We would like to wish John all the best and that our thoughts are with him. Detailed a little later in the newsletter is how we will know provide engineering and automation support to our customers.

I have enjoyed reconnecting with staff and customers over the last few months. Whilst the use of Teams and Zoom has been excellent and will continue to play an important role in how we do business, nothing can truly replace a face to face meeting with colleagues, customers and suppliers.

I have been fortunate enough to attend a few conferences including the FTMA conference on the Gold Coast, the joint AFPA / Timber Queensland Dinner and the Timber Offsite Construction Conference. All three events were very well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with industry friends whilst keeping up to date with the latest developments impacting our industry.

I hope you find our newsletter informative.

Elias Akle



Left to Right at the Joint AFPA / TQ Dinner – Elias Akle (Koppers) and Jessica Douglas & Cameron McDonald (OneFortyOne)

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TIMBER FRAMING COLLECTIVE

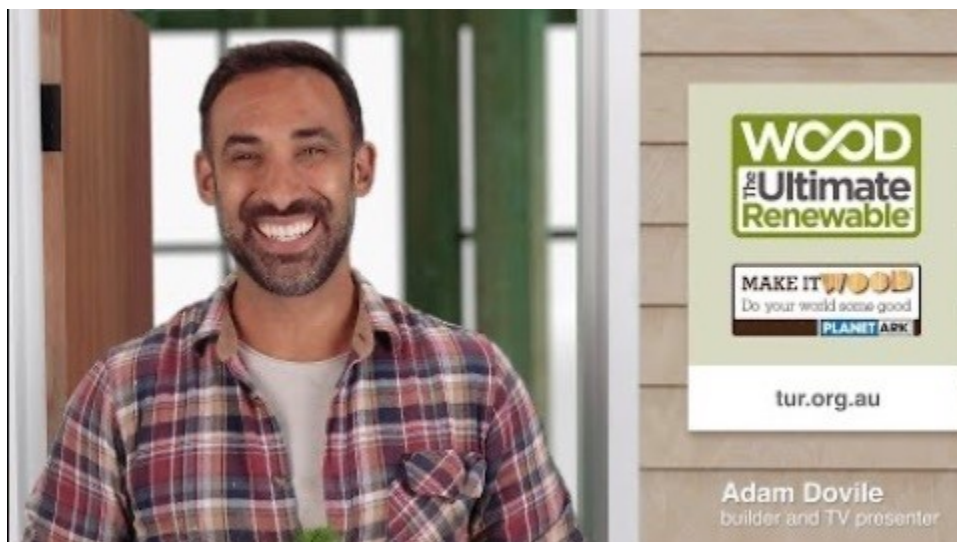
PUTTING TIMBER IN THE FRAME

A Collective Voice for the Australian Timber Framing Industry

The Timber Framing Collective was established to provide a focal point for all things related to timber framing. The Timber Framing Collective has been established for a number of years and has been successful in marketing and promoting the use of softwood timber in Australia.

The Timber Framing Collective is financially supported by a wide cross section of stakeholders including the Australian Sawmills, timber importers, industry associations and suppliers of other building products. Koppers Performance Chemicals is proud to support the Timber Framing Collective and has recently agreed to extend its financial support into the 2022/23 financial year.

<https://timberframingcollective.com.au>



Wood - The Ultimate Renewable™

The Ultimate Renewable™ is an initiative of Forest and Wood Products Australia Pty Ltd (FWPA). The aim of The Ultimate Renewable™ is to help everyone understand the natural advantages of wood and its positive contribution to reducing the effects of climate change by storing carbon from the atmosphere.

The Ultimate Renewable™ has launched an exciting new campaign to promote the sustainability and renewability of wood and wood products amongst consumers and industry decision makers. At the heart of this campaign, is that when wood is harvested today it is replanted for tomorrow.

Adam Dovile, a builder and presenter on Channel Seven's Better Homes and Gardens has taken on the role as the new brand ambassador for The Ultimate Renewable™.

Be sure to support The Ultimate Renewable™ initiative by joining the Partner Program. To find out more about The Ultimate Renewable™ and to access videos and other resources, please follow the link below.

[To share The Ultimate Renewable™ videos, click here to head to the video page and share.](#)

Please note that you need to join The Ultimate Renewable™ Partner Program to use the logos and other resources. This is easy to do – sign up for free **[HERE](#)**



Fire Preparedness

With all the rain we have experienced, especially in NSW and Queensland, not many are thinking about the threat of bushfire. Before we know it we will be into spring and hopefully better and warmer weather. While the threat of bushfire may be diminished for the coming summer due to the amount of rain we have had this year, we should look to prepare ourselves for the threat of fire.

Whilst the threat of fire to any business or home is terrible, fire poses an added threat to CCA treatment businesses and those businesses who stock CCA treated timber. Fire brigades may refuse to actively fight a fire where large quantities of CCA treated timber are involved. The other factor to consider should there be a fire involving CCA treated wood is the handling and disposal of the ash from CCA treated timber. This ash is likely to be treated as contaminated waste and as such may require special handling and then disposal in a designated waste facility approved for this type of waste.

Some things to consider for all businesses who store CCA treated timber include:

- If you haven't already done so you should get your local fire department to visit your site and for them to understand the nature of the products on your site.
- All CCA sites should look to minimise the potential for CCA treated timber to burn. Actions like keeping CCA treated timber away from the boundary of the property and trying to keep CCA treated timber separated from untreated timber so that in the event of a fire it will be easy to segregate the ash of CCA treated timber from the ash of untreated timber.

- Ensure that your insurance coverage is adequate, especially in relation to pollution and clean-up requirements. You should get your insurance policy holder to confirm in plain English exactly what you are covered for and whether you are covered for potential contamination and waste removal from your site due to events outside your control such as bushfire or fire from adjoining property.



Boracol - fight mould and decay.

An often-forgotten product in our range is the Boracol group of products. Given the rainy, wet weather much of Australia has experienced recently this is an ideal product to use.

Boracol 100 is specifically formulated for the management and prevention of mould, algae, lichen and moss on timber, stone, concrete, bricks and other porous masonry and building products. The product is very effective in eliminating mould and providing longer term protection against mould returning. Given the rainy weather we have been experiencing, the formation of mould on different types of surfaces is common and potentially a slip hazard on pavers and concrete. Boracol 100 is the ideal product for these applications. Boracol 100 will work to kill mould and provide extended protection against recurrence compared to bleach type products which are widely used.

Boracol 200 assists in preventing decay to timber products by wood destroying fungi and will also assist in arresting decay already present but not advanced enough to impact on the structural properties of the wood. Boracol 200 can diffuse into the wood when moisture is present enabling the active ingredients to move from the surface of the timber to the areas where fungal attack may occur. These qualities make Boracol 200 ideal to use in homes where there has either been flood damage or like many homes across Australia there has been a leak / water ingress and has impacted the framing timber.

For more information on the Boracol products please
visit www.kopperspc.com.au or contact us on 1800 088 809

Koppers Process Control System Support

For many years, the mainstay of our support for the Koppers Process Control System (PCS) has been John Lord. John is very well known across our customer base in both Australia and New Zealand and has done a superb job. We would like to wish John the very best in his retirement and want to thank him for everything he has done for Koppers Performance Chemicals and our customers.

We have worked hard to ensure that our customers using the Koppers PCS will remain well supported.

In early 2021, Stephen Bettsworth, based in Auckland New Zealand was hired as a Process Engineer. Stephen has learnt the system quickly and is proving to be an asset for our business and to our customers. With international borders reopening, Stephen has recently been involved in a few upgrades and PCS installations with our Australian customers.

We have recently decided that while it has worked well having the support for the PCS based in New Zealand, the next step was to hire an Australian based Process Engineer. In late July Andrew Brown commenced work with Koppers Performance Chemicals Australia. Andrew will be based in Victoria and will work with Stephen to ensure our customers continue to receive a high level of support. Andrew comes to us with excellent experience in automation and electrical engineering, having had extensive experience in these fields with a number of large organisations in both Australia and overseas. Andrew is now training in all aspects of treatment and our PCS and I am sure he will be visiting many of our customer sites in the coming months.

In addition to Stephen and Andrew, we also have the ongoing support of our USA based engineers who are always available to assist us when needed. This support we have from multiple people across Australia, New Zealand and the USA is one of the many reasons why the Koppers PCS is the leading timber treatment plant automation software available.

With the Koppers PCS you are supported by a team.

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