

Double Glaze Matters

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Sustainable House Day

Sun 11th Sept
10am—4 pm

Entry Free

251 Old Eltham Rd
Lower Plenty

Sustainable House Day

Last year I opened my house up for Sustainable House Day. It was very successful with over 200 people visiting.

I am doing the same this year on Sunday 11th September, from 10 am until 4 pm. You are more than welcome and can get more information, plus info on other houses that are open from:

www.sustainablehouseday.com

I am looking for a couple of people to help act as "crowd control". I basically need them to usher people into the lounge room, check that they don't steal the china and provide general directions. I will spend most of the time taking people on "tours". If you wish to assist for a couple of hours, please get back to me.

Double Glazing

For those interested in progress on double glazing, you will be pleased to here that the next issue of the ATA's Renew magazine will have a two page article on my double glazing. I will also be talking about it at the next ATA night on 21st September when ATA members report on there special projects. Non ATA members are welcome.

I am giving a course on DIY double glazing on Sat 17th September at Eltham

I am also presenting at a few local fairs over the next few months. If you are going, drop by and say hello.

Diamond Creek Fair—Sat 10 Sept
Eltham Green Fair—Sun 23 October
Maroondah Festival— Sun 6th November
Eltham Fair—Sun 13 Nov

Email for more details.

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Francisca - Its all down hill from here....

Cutting out Draughts

One of the biggest sources of heat loss is draughts and it is one of the most cost effective problems to address.

One of the first things I did was to stick a rubber seal between the window and the window frame. This works very well for wind out windows because the window holds it in place when the window is closed.

A draught strip on the external doors is also great to stop the draught under the door. The Raven Automatic Weather Seal (RP3) is the best for this as it has a stopper on the door frame to force it down and seal when it closes.

The best fixes I put in recently was for the join between my plaster and brick wall. When I looked closely there was a gap up to 1 cm wide. I tried to fill it with the expanding foam, but that was a disaster. It is just too hard to control.

What I found works the best is the rolls of foam that you can get from Bunnings. They come in either 5 or 10 mm diameter tubes. They

squash up by nearly 60% and can be eased into the crack. They work well because they expand to fill the whole gap, and if you don't get it in quite right, you can try again. I found a blunt knife was the most effective.

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Filling the gaps

The Cove

I saw a show on Channel 2 last Sunday called "The Cove". It is a story of what we do to dolphins. It has 3 main themes:-

- Dolphins in captivity are so stressed by noise they are sedated to live.
- Dolphin meat is sold as whale meat in Japan. It has many times the safe limit of mercury

- Thousands of dolphins are slaughtered in Japan by herding them into a cove then killing them.

The final 5 minutes of the film has the underwater sound of 300 dolphins trapped in the cove. As they are killed, the sounds slowly disappear and the water turns bright red. I will never again visit Sea World.

There are beautiful scenes in the film and brutal scenes. I would recommend it to anyone who cares for dolphins. It is available on Iview:

www.abc.net.au/iview