

Barkers Road Townhouses - Horbury Hunt Commercial Award Winner



House Au Yeung - Horbury Hunt Residential Award Winner



BRICKWORKS DOMINATES INDUSTRY AWARDS

Brickworks has done it again. In 2017 we continued to dominate the Industry Awards from Think Brick, the Roof Tile Association Australia (RTAA) and the Concrete Masonry Association Australia (CMAA). At a gala night in Melbourne in August, Brickworks won three of the five awards, comprising the Horbury Hunt Residential Award, the Horbury Hunt Commercial Award and the Bruce McKenzie Landscape Award.

This year Bowral Bricks featured in all three of the award winners. For example the firm of Kavellaris Urban Design won the Horbury Hunt Commercial Award for their project, Barkers Rd townhouses. The featured brick was Brahman Granite.

Tribe Studio's use of Bowral Bricks products in the House Au Yeung won the prestigious Horbury Hunt Residential Award. And finally, Deicke Richards took home the 2017 Bruce Mackenzie Landscape Award for their Crescent House Project. Having won seven awards in the past two years alone, Brickworks can rightly lay claim to being recognised by the architectural community as the leading manufacturer and supplier of premium building products. Through hard work and by supporting our design and architecture partners, we will continue to build on this fine record.

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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAILAND

On 3 August 2017, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, formally opened the new Australian Embassy building in Bangkok, Thailand. At a ceremony attended by Thailand Foreign Minister, Don Pramudwinai, Ms Bishop released a turtle from a pool at the former embassy into a pool at the new building. This symbolic gesture of continuity and respect for Thai culture followed a ceremony involving Indigenous Australian and Thai performances.



The occasion was also a landmark for Austral Bricks. Represented at the opening was Mark Ellenor, Group General Manager Austral Bricks, and Nathan Blackwell, NSW Business Development Manager. We are extremely proud to have played our own part as ambassadors for quality Australian manufacturing.

Says Mark: "This was a very special project with special requirements. Complex logistics in terms of transport, delivery and customs clearance, as well as ensuring matching and blending – brick by brick – kept us busy from the moment our bid was accepted to final detailing and finishing. We'd like to think there'll be more opportunities such as this further down the track. I'm pleased to say that whatever the nature of the project, we always deliver."

Brickworks was proud to supply a total of 425,000 Bowral Embassy Red and Bowral Blue bricks which included 14 special shapes. This figure comprised 256,000 Embassy Red, 120,000 Bowral Blue 50mm and 52,000 Brahman Granite. The overall effect in the new embassy is distinctive, dignified and quintessentially 'Australian' as you might expect.

The winner of the design competition for the new complex was Australian architect, James Grose, from the firm BVN who drew upon the Australian landscape to craft a curved organic form. The five-storey Chancery is in a terracotta-coloured brick, evoking the colours of the deserts of Central Australia, as well as being similar to traditional Thai brickwork – it mon dang. Rippling through the centre of the building, and surrounding the outside are water pools, which are typical features in Thai architecture.

Almost 1,000 Thai workers were involved in the construction phase, about 40 percent of them being women who did most of the bricklaying, painting, plastering and detailing. Construction was overseen by a joint venture between Australian and French firms.

Congratulations to all of our staff involved in this inspiring and important project.

MORTEX LAUNCHED

Our newly launched product, Mortex, is achieving outstanding results for builders and homebuilders alike. Mortex is a factory manufactured, quality assured, premixed M4 rated mortar solution, which eliminates the need for on-site blending. It's simply a case of adding the correct amount of water to the sands, lime, cement and admixtures that have been blended together to produce Mortex.

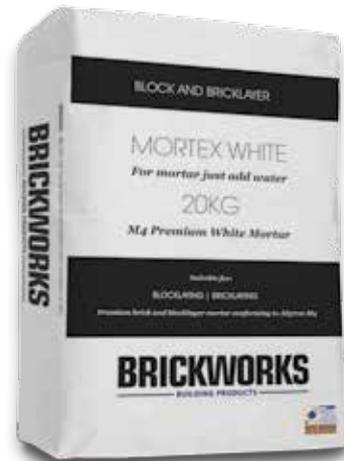
Not only does it save labour time and thereby create efficiencies, it offers consistent strength and colour with every batch. Standard mortars blended on site rely on trades to mix the correct proportions of ingredients to achieve a compliant mortar mix. Importantly, Mortex significantly reduces variations in strength that may occur in site-mixed batches. This ensures enhanced structural adequacy which makes Mortex superior to mortars mixed on site.

By taking the guesswork out of mortar blending and reducing the potential for under strength, non-compliant mortar use, Mortex also reduces potential problems on site.

Mortex fact check

- M4 rated means the strongest mortar blend specified in the Australian standards AS3700:2001.
- Weather resistant and durable mortar and is suitable for most brick and block applications.
- Highly workable and cohesive, with a long board life.
- Available in standard grey and white coloured versions
- Pre-bagged ready for use

Mortex can be used with all Austral Masonry and Austral Bricks products including our range of concrete blocks and clay bricks.



SAN SELMO BRICKS LAUNCHED

In August Brickworks launched the San Selmo range of reclaimed, smoked bricks and larger format Corso bricks to over 700 guests in association with the owners of the Sant Anselmo Italian based brick company.

In a packed week of launch events held in each of our capital city design studios, our Brickworks team and Italian partners showcased these beautiful new additions to our product range. We believe that launch events such as these add weight to Brickworks' claim to be the industry style and design leader.

It may, however, surprise you to know that about 40 per cent of the bricks we sell today weren't available five years ago. The current interest and uptake has much to do with our engagement with leading architects and designers. Brickworks is at the front of a resurgence as more and more customers re-connect with brick as a mainstream design and style material.

We're excited with our new Italian range and their growing appeal and popularity with a new generation of consumers and designers who have come to appreciate the qualities and appeal of brick in all its forms.

The San Selmo range of reclaimed, smoked bricks and larger format Corso bricks have already proved very popular with builders, designers and customers looking for something different.



Alberto DeChecci from Sant Anselmo launching Brickworks new Italian ranges



San Selmo Reclaimed
San Selmo Smoked
San Selmo Corso

BRISTILE SOLAR LAUNCHED

Continuing global advances in the science and technology behind photovoltaics are rapidly bringing solar into the mix of mainstream power sources.

Bristile Roofing is now providing solar products that reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and provide a clean and affordable energy supply. We believe that our integrated solar roof tiles are a big step forward in sustainable roofing technology. What's more they're designed to make the most of Australia's natural sunlight – offering savings for homeowners and the environment.

The recently released Bristile's solar roofing system captures the sun's energy and converts it into a usable sustainable power source. The system is designed to integrate seamlessly with the homeowner's chosen design, allowing them to capture free solar energy without compromising on aesthetics.



Features and benefits

The Bristile solar and battery system is made up of four specially designed elements:

- Solar cells – there's a choice of integrated solar roof tiles for a refined finish, or standalone traditional solar panels from Suntech, a world-leading supplier
- High-tech inverters - the option of a Fronius inverter allowing energy to be transferred back to the grid; or, for systems equipped with sonnen Batterie, an integrated battery and inverter that stores the energy for later use
- German-engineered storage batteries from sonnen – means the home becomes a sustainable closed-loop solar energy system

- Monitoring systems – that enable performance tracking of the energy captured and monitoring of stored energy. Accessible via iPhone, iPad or a desktop computer.

A key strength is adaptable configuration – the system can be tailored to suit small homes or larger projects, delivering maximum returns in any scenario. System components are sourced from leading suppliers whose market size maximise continuity and will help to ensure efficient operation for years to come.

Together, these components offer an advanced solar roofing system tailored to the homeowner's energy needs and budget.

Says Ross Baxter, Bristile's General Manager

"We're proud to have created a beautifully designed system that offers maximum efficiency but which complements home design. The Bristile Roofing solar and battery system brings together the latest technologies in capturing, converting, storing and monitoring solar energy."



Bristile can provide basic and advanced monitoring packages – the basic option shows power generation and usage; while the advanced package optimises your system for peak performance through a sophisticated algorithm that tracks weather data, usage patterns and electricity pricing.

BRISBANE'S SUPER AMART PROPERTY PROJECT COMPLETED



Rochedale Motorway Estate

Brisbane's newest industrial precinct is on the Gateway Motorway and conveniently placed for easy access to the CBD, the airport and the Port of Brisbane.



We are pleased to announce the opening of the Super Amart building, which is located at Rochedale Motorway Estate on the outskirts of Brisbane.

The Super Amart distribution facility sits aside another 21,000m² facility of our latest joint venture with development partner, Goodman.

At 50,585m², the building becomes the largest single facility in our Investment Portfolio. It is leased to Super Amart for 20 years and becomes its main warehouse and distribution facility in Queensland and also serves as their corporate head office. Super Amart was founded in Brisbane and has grown to become one of Australia's leading furniture, bedding and outdoor retailers.



CHILDREN'S CANCER INSTITUTE BUILD FOR A CURE

To mark International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in 2017, Children's Cancer Institute (CCI), McDonald Jones Homes and Walker Corporation joined forces to undertake an extraordinary challenge - building a house in just 28 days. This was the third "House Built with Love" to be auctioned off since 2014.

Brickworks is again thrilled to be part of our third Build for a Cure. This year Austral Bricks have again donated all the bricks that have made the build possible.

The house is located in the historic town of Appin, located in Greater Western Sydney, and is a postcard-perfect location for the Build for a Cure house in 2017. The lush landscape and mountain views, the rich local history and the generous and warm community all come together to make this a beautiful place to build a home.

Austral Bricks were one of the founding partners of Build for a Cure in 2014. So, when David Fitzharris, Brickworks' Group General Manager of Sales, brokered the initial deal, little did he realise how much of a community catalyst this project has since become. It's incredible to see so many people come together to achieve this amazing feat of building a house in just 28 days - all for childhood cancer research.

Says David: "For more than 12 years Brickworks has been active in supporting the work of CCI in money and in kind. Children suffering from cancer are some of the most vulnerable and we are determined to do what we can to alleviate the trauma for youngsters and their parents."

Like to help? For more information or to buy a Virtual Gold Brick head to buildforacure.org.au

"Each year we come up with new activities and initiatives that make for a stronger, more engaging partnership". David Fitzharris



(L-R) David Fitzharris - Brickworks Group General Manager Sales, Nikki Quinn - Childhood Cancer Survivor, Bill McDonald - McDonald Jones Homes

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