



Ardex and Applicators Visit Italy

South Island Sales Manager John Fass along with two applicators, Paul Savage from J.P.S.Roofing Systems, Christchurch, and Lionel Williams from Williams Contracting, Cromwell, spent a full day at the General Membrane factory with Luca Brugnera, Export Manager. "We

had a very informative day. Luca gave us a complete tour of the plant where the torch on products are made" said John. They also spent one full day at the brand new Isoltema factory in Gambettola, Italy, where they were met and shown the complete peel and stick (Shelterseal) process by Stephanie Van Boheemen, (Export Manager, Isoltema). Lionel and Paul were selected to go on this trip on the basis that they are the two largest users of Bitumen products that Ardex imports from General Membranes and Isoltema. Both these Italian companies were very generous with their financial contribution to make this trip possible.



Membrane Conference

HUGE SUCCESS!!

SUDIMA HOTEL
LAKE ROTORUA



A two day Ardex membrane conference was held in Rotorua in August. Ninety three delegates and thirty seven wives attended this function. There were six workshops throughout the conference which provided a great platform for some lively debate. One of the major sponsors of the event was WA Stroud Ltd. Strouds arranged a special promotion at the conference on their Graco airless sprayers resulting in nineteen units being sold. The feedback from the three day event has been very positive and resulted in at least one customer doubling his sales since the event. Consideration is being given to holding this type of meeting every two or three years.

Ardex would like to thank General Membranes, Isoltema, Bostik NZ Ltd and WA Stroud for their generous contributions to the running of this event.



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Rising Above The Rest In Rolleston



The new \$14m Selwyn District Council headquarters in Rolleston designed by Ian Athfield Architects was opened by the Governor-General in front of 200 invited guests on Saturday the 29th of September. The building features a pond (pictured above) lined with Ardex Butynol. The water channel (pictured to the left) is waterproofed using Ardex HydrEpoxy 300 applied by JPS Roofing. The area surrounding the channel is tiled using Ardex tile adhesives. 125 council staff are looking to move in and be operational by the 19th of November.



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New Rights For Leaky-Home Owners

Leaky home owners now have the ability to sue for general damages enshrined in law, after Parliament yesterday passed new laws covering water-damaged homes.

Politicians and lawyers had always assumed existing laws covering leaky buildings allowed people to sue for general damages to cover mental distress, but a High Court ruling in March that no legal right existed for such damages saw the laws rushed through just months later.

"The bill puts Parliament's and the Government's intention beyond doubt, so that leaky homes claimants can get on with settling their claims," Building Minister Clayton Cosgrove said.

The new law was drafted after Auckland couple David and Fleur Hartley found they could not claim general damages for their leaky Eastern Beach home. The Hartleys, whose home featured in yesterday's Herald, have called the weathertight homes mediation service "a complete joke" and said they wished they had taken their case straight to the High Court. Mr Cosgrove said the Hartleys, as well as other claimants, had every right to take their case to the courts. However, since the Hartleys' case the service had undergone a major revamp and was now more effective and efficient.

The new Weathertight Homes Tribunal, in operation since April 2007, has resolved 11 claims so far nine through mediation and two by tribunal order. It has had 67 claims lodged with it.

The tribunal has held 46 preliminary conferences, which identify key issues to be addressed in the claim, and have scheduled another 19 preliminary conferences to be completed before the end of September.

About 200 claims remain to be heard under the old weathertight homes resolution procedures. Of those, 50 were expected to remain and settle their case there, while the rest would transfer to the tribunal or abandon their claim.

Mr Cosgrove said the average weathertight adjudication award had been \$137,000, with the largest being \$273,000.

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