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new pigeon hole system



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NAMBOUR STORE SHAPING UP!

We know that as a tradie, you want to get in to our store quickly, get what you want, and get back to the job.

As most of our Nambour trade customers would be aware our Nambour store is in the process of a huge transformation. This was brought about partly due to our desire to provide a better distribution service and a much better pick up service to our builders that call in to Nambour.

We have begun this transformation by moving a lot of our Nambour delivery requests to our Kunda Park Distribution Centre where we now have 6 dedicated crane trucks transporting your gear to site. We still have a local delivery truck based at Nambour servicing local needs.

As well as our distribution improvements, over the next few months, the trade counter

at Nambour will be moving and a brand new pigeon hole racking system will take shape giving quick and easy access to all your day to day trade needs, all in the one place, all within easy reach of our trade sales counter.

The new trade sales counter will be built along with openings cut through the walls meaning you won't even have to enter the store to talk to one of our trade sales people or to charge your goods to your account.

All your usual timber and trade gear will be conveniently located in the one place, thereby reducing the time taken to pick up your items.

Come in and check it out next time you are in the Nambour area.

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LABOUR SHORTAGES PERSIST

The latest HIA-Austral Bricks Trades Report confirms that labour shortages persist despite failing activity, suggesting that urgent reform is needed to the vocational education and training (VET) system to avoid a future skills crunch.

Although trades availability improved marginally over the quarter as high interest rates strangled building activity, all thirteen trades surveyed remain in short supply in all regions.

HIA's Chief Executive – Policy, Chris Lamont said skills shortages in residential construction should ring alarm bells for all levels of government.

When combined with research on underlying demand, they show that supply constraints are masking dire skills shortages.

HIA research confirms that Australia needs 1 million new homes in five years to meet demand. One of the real concerns is the availability of

skilled labour to meet this demand in the areas where new construction is desperately needed.

"Unless the industry attracts an enormous number of new skilled workers, the cost of construction will rise substantially as supply constraints bite", said Chris Lamont.

To prevent a future skills crunch urgent, practical reform is needed to fix the VET system which is failing to deliver the skilled workers the industry needs.

Despite booming demand, apprenticeship commencement rates are stagnating and completion rates are declining with almost 60 percent of apprentices in key trades cancelling within the first two years. 40 percent of tradespeople have no formal qualifications and acquire their skills on the job because the formal training system doesn't meet industry needs.

"We don't need more reviews that become captive to vested interests. We need reforms and programs that allow employers and employees to make the training system work and meet Australia's future skilled labour requirements," said Chris Lamont.

"Unless the VET system starts delivering the type of skills industry wants in the manner in which industry wants them acquired we will not only rob future generations of the dream of home ownership but force them to live in caravans."

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making life easy KUNDA PARK TRADE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

At our Kunda Park store we understand that time is money, so currently we are undergoing major store transformations to make your life easier. When you drive through next, you will notice that all relevant departments, such as power tools, hand tools, fasteners, and plumbing etc have been moved closer to the drive through, so you can get what you want faster. We have also expanded our fasteners section, with a huge selection of all the accessories to get the job done. We are in the final stages of the transformation so be sure to let us know your thoughts.

Our guru of fasteners, Nathaniel Hardy is overseeing the expansion of our range in Kunda Park. Nathaniel, along with the rest of our trade team are working hard to ensure more efficient, and faster deliveries from our official distribution hub of Kunda Park. You can reach Nathaniel on Daves old number, and can count on Nathaniel for all your special orders.



lydia robinson

A fresh new face for Noosa is Lydia Robinson who has joined the Noosa trade counter team. Lydia comes to us with experience from working at Mitre 10 Megas in Victoria, with a focus on the trade counters. Lydia has a good knowledge of all trade related products and solutions. She is a sports fanatic and especially loves her basketball which she plays each season. Mother of two, Lydia and her husband moved from Victoria to be closer to their extended family. Come in and meet Lydia who is an integral part of the new clean shop in trade with that important womans touch.



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