



## Painting Australia Green June 2009

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### Course in Sustainable Painting Practices



June 27th 2009, Holmesglen TAFE, VIC [click to register](#)

### How Long Do Water-based Paints Off-gas?

*"Although many of the toxic materials found in paints have been reduced in recent years due to legislation, especially among latex paints, some may still be released as the paint dries and the compounds volatilize, while others continue to be released into the ambient environment after the paint dries when there is no detectable odor...Paint emissions can continue for extended periods of time after application and Sparks et al. (1999) estimated that less than 50% of the VOC's in latex paint (applied to a surface) are emitted in the first year. Compounds studied include ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, Texanol®, and butoxyethanol." - US Green Seal*  
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### Green Paint Shop Seminar



Daniel from GreenPainters presents Steve from Rockcote with the Industry Partnership certificate, acknowledging the role of Rockcote as a leading manufacturer of sustainable paints

Have you completed a project you are proud of? Are you a specifier who used natural products creatively? Did you use cutting edge technology for the first time? Is your project up for an award? You could win a GreenPainters Award!

- Categories include:
- GreenPainter's Project
- GreenPainter's Colour Scheme
- GreenPainter's Interior Design
- GreenPainter's Sustainability Innovation Award

Please send photos in high-res format to the above email address and include details about the job. We will publish the finalists and provide a small prize to the winners who will be announced in a future issue.



Designer Paint Co, Australian distributors of Oikos Paints, is proud to be a member of Green Building Council of Australia. There has been 2 projects certified now with a Green Star 5 Star rating and we are working closely with other architects now on projects around Australia going for a 6 star rating. Our main interior products are low VOC and the biggest advantage with the Oikos range of paints is that all our pigments are 0 VOC. This means that you can have any colour you wish and it will not increase the VOC level of the paint.

### Designer Paint Co - Non-toxic Paint Retailers

If you're like most of us, the most important element in your life is your family - in fact, we spend most of our adult working hours with one goal in mind... to provide for our families and to

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create a safe environment for them.

However, unknowingly, we often bring unsafe toxins and VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) directly into our homes through the introduction of a simple commodity... new paint.

Although some paint toxins have recently been reduced, paint may emit several VOCs for months after application. [One study](#) estimated that less than 50% of VOCs in latex paint are emitted in the first year. Toxic compounds in this study included ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, Texanol®, and butoxyethanol.

**VOCs** are organic chemical compounds that vaporize and enter the atmosphere. VOCs include aldehydes, ketones, and hydrocarbons and may be either organic compounds or mixtures of varied composition.

[The Paint Quality Institute](#), UK recommends that DIY painters always choose non-toxic paints and pigments over those that are toxic.

We agree. The Designer Paint Company aims to make a difference... helping you keep your home safe with non-toxic paints. The Designer Paint Co offers training in low-VOC paint effects.

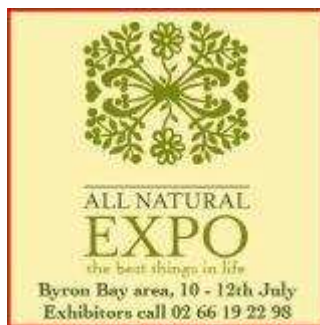
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#### Up-coming GreenPainters Events

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**GOING GREEN EXPO**

Melbourne Exhibition Center

Aug 14-16



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COLOUR



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