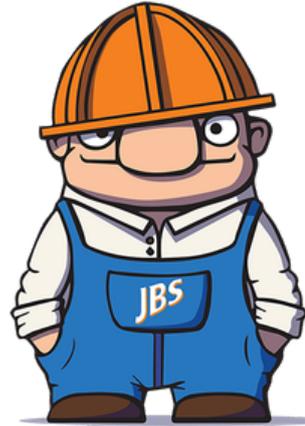
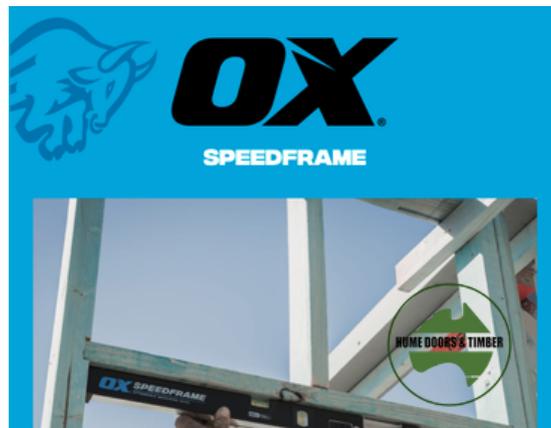


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Welcome to 2026 and another year of Johns Club.

As many of you may know, Johns Building Supplies joined the Big River Group late last year. While this brings additional support behind the scenes, it's very much business as usual for our customers – the same team, the same service and the same commitment to looking after trade.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're focused on continuing to support you with reliable supply, practical product ranges and service you can count on. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working with you throughout the year.



EASTER & ANZAC DAY CLOSURES

Please note Johns Building Supplies will be closed across the upcoming Easter and ANZAC Day period. To keep your jobs running smoothly, we recommend planning ahead and arranging any materials, deliveries and collections around these dates. Please check the full closure schedule below, as some additional days outside the public holidays are also affected.

We appreciate your planning during this period and thank you for your continued support.

EASTER HOURS



Friday 3rd April (Good Friday): CLOSED

Saturday 4th April (Easter Saturday): OPEN

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday): CLOSED

Monday 6th April (Easter Monday): CLOSED

Normal Trading Hours resume Tuesday 7th April.

ANZAC DAY HOURS

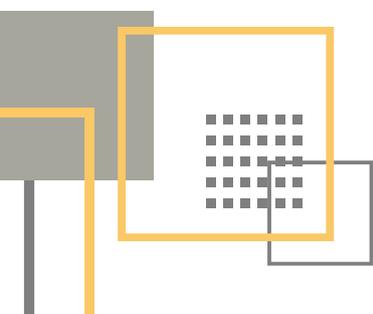


Saturday 25th April (ANZAC Day): CLOSED

Sunday 26th April: CLOSED

Monday 27th April (Additional Holiday): CLOSED

Normal Trading Hours resume Tuesday 28th April.



Last Chance To Register Before Opening Round!

JOHNS CLUB FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2026

ALL YOUR FAVOURITES ARE BACK THIS YEAR!

- WEEKLY RECAP** Winners and grinders each week and a recap of the round and leaderboard updates.
- SPONSORED ROUND PRIZES** We've got some of the biggest rounds sponsored by JBS suppliers, and your chance to win great prizes in each of those rounds!
- GRAND PRIZE GLORY OF \$7,500 CASH!** Take home the glory/bragging rights and the major cash prize by finishing 1st with most tips and margin at the end of the regular season. Prizes for second and third awarded also.

HOW TO JOIN THE COMP

Join the Johns Club Footy Tipping Competition by the quick 5 steps below -

- 1) Go to <https://www.iTipFooty.com.au>
- 2) Click the '**REGISTER**' button if you don't already have an account with iTipFooty.com.au
- 3) Once you have successfully registered, login and click the **JOIN COMP** button.
- 4) Enter Comp #: **110347** and Comp Password: **JBS2026#**
- 5) Click join comp.....DONE!

Once you are registered you can start tipping! You can tip in advance or before each round. Full Terms and condition for the competition can be found [HERE](#).

Feel free to join in the fun and banter on the iTipFooty app and the JBS social channels.

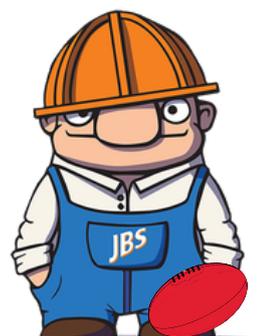
LET THE TIPPING BEGIN!

ITIPFOOTY APP DOWNLOAD

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NEW PRODUCTS AT JBS

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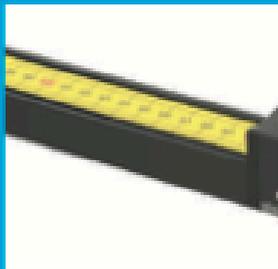
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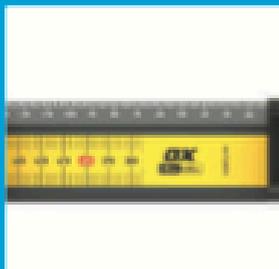


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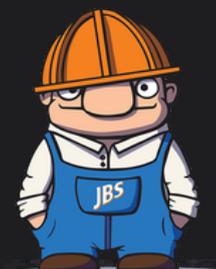


90% MORE ACCURATE THAN A TAPE MEASURE



FAST AND VERSATILE MEASUREMENT TOOL

For further details on the new OX Tools SpeedFrame Range, please speak to your friendly JBS sales team.



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'UNPRECEDENTED' EXPANSION NEEDED IF HOUSING TARGET TO BE MET, MBA

Australia's stubbornly high inflation and the threat of further interest rate increases are throwing up major barriers for the construction industry and holding back housing supply, the nation's peak builders' body has warned in a pre-budget submission demanding Labor invest another \$5bn in critical housing infrastructure.

Warning that the government's goal of delivering 1.2 million new homes across Australia under the Housing Accord target would need "unprecedented expansion in new home building", Master Builders Australia urged Labor to free up the industry's capacity to meet the target by cutting red tape by 25 per cent.

The Instant Asset Write-Off of \$20,000, in effect until at least June 2026 for small businesses, should also be drastically increased to \$150,000, the peak body's pre-budget submission argues.

"A decade ago, it took 8.6 months to complete the typical detached house. The build time is now 11.5 months," the submission, seen by The Australian, says. "The worst delays have affected apartments. In 2024-25, the average apartment build time was 32.9 months. Ten years ago, less than 21 months was the norm. "Whatever way you cut it, productivity in our industry is a shadow of its former self."

The MBA submission, which also points out labour productivity has slumped by more than 16 per cent, comes as the government mulls capital gains tax changes in the May budget.



The peak body also raised alarm with data released this week showed the inflation rate remained high at 3.8 per cent, creating a real threat of further interest rate increases.

MBA chief executive Denita Wawn said these conditions continued to make it much harder for builders to proceed with major construction projects, holding housing supply back.

"Getting the 2026-27 budget right is vital as an unprecedented expansion in new home building will be needed to give us any chance of hitting the Housing Accord targets and improving housing affordability," she told The Australian.

"We've seen how much we've lost in the productivity battle over the past decade, how it has slowed down home building and magnified the final cost of building and construction projects.

"A radical red-tape reduction is needed along with improvements to taxation settings and incentives, a faster flow of labour, and the issues with the delivery of enabling infrastructure that prevent new housing developments fixed."

In order to drastically increase housing construction, an extra \$5bn was needed for "enabling infrastructure", such as sewerage and power, with MBA arguing for the funding to be allocated based on the performance of local governments and utility companies.

A specialised construction skills visa pathway would also ensure there was enough labour going forward to keep up with demand, as would a reduction in the cost of bringing a single skilled tradesperson to Australia - currently sitting at between \$18,000 and \$31,000.

“Pathways to permanency for existing skilled workers require significant enhancement. Temporary visa applications should be appropriately resourced to manage current and projected demand, ensuring a steady pipeline of workers into Australia,” the submission states, raising concern with ongoing challenges to the domestic workforce.

Figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics have revealed Australia's average first-home debt is \$53,000 higher than a year ago.

Despite some improvement to long-term trends, the latest figures show half of all construction apprentices in Australia are still exiting their training before it is finished.

“This is an astounding reality. If this continues, it will require 200 new apprentice starters to produce just 100 full qualifiers,” the MBA submission warns.

To incentivise more Australians into the sector, MBA suggested the government expand fee-free VET access to capture an estimated 8000-12,000 additional enrolments in construction trades, at an estimated budget cost of nearly \$100m a year.

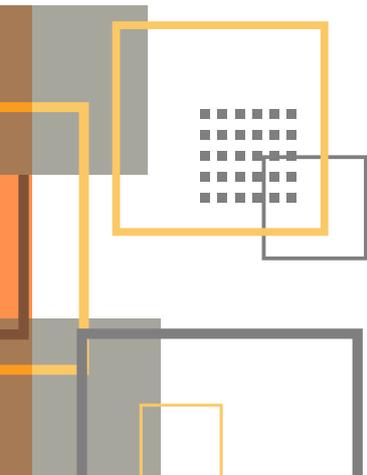
But even with enough workers, the sheer weight of regulation was sapping the industry of its capacity, MBA said, with more than 2000 pages in the National Construction Code and more than 120 standards for businesses to ensure they followed.

“While the 2000-page NCC is freely available to everybody online, the 120+ Australian Standards referenced in it are not – and can only be inspected after first purchasing copies of each,” the pre-budget submission states. And the fact the 537 local governments in Australia also had their own set of regulations, builders were being overloaded with red tape that was strangling productivity.

Source Author: The Australian – Sarah Ison

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MANUFACTURER INCREASES

1st March 2026

James Hardie (2.9 – 4.9%)
Etex Innova Fibre Cement (3.7 – 5.7%)
Assa Abloy (approx. 4%)
Paslode
CSR Gyprock (3 – 5.5%)
Bradford Insulation (2 – 6%)
ITI (Pioneer Decking 2%)
Siniat Plasterboard (approx. 5.3%)
Vespol (Alcor, Vesfelt 3%)
CSR Cemintel (3 – 5.5%)
Crommelin (Dampco Clear & Black, and other
Waterproofing & Sealing products)
Australian Plastic Profiles (PVC Mouldings, approx. 4.8%)

1st April 2026

Corinthian (approx. 2.9%)
Cockburn Cement

1st May 2026

Mitek (timber connectors, approx. 2.9%)

1st July 2026

Allegion (Gainsborough 3%, Brio 4%, Legge 4%, Schlage
4%, Austral 4%, Briton 4% door hardware)

PRODUCT RETURNS

JBS realises that mistakes are part of our industry & when it is ours we rectify in the most timely efficient way we can to minimise any impact on the customer.

Where a customer has made the error we will assist as best we can, but we are bound by some considerations.

- If the product is made to order or a non-stocked item it is up to the discretion of the manufacturer if these goods can be returned. Any costs enforced by the manufacturer will be passed to the customer in full.
- Product being returned must be in a resalable condition (as determined by JBS and/or the manufacturer)
- **Highlighting metal door frames, these must be “clean” (not have any mortar residue) & must also have the spreader bars still attached.**
- There are costs involved in the return of goods & whilst we keep these to a minimum they will be applied at all times.

**Johns Building Supplies thanks you for your continued support and as per normal we endeavour to keep these increases to a minimum. Due to the tight margins that we generally operate under, these increases cannot be absorbed.

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Builder and Contractor Focus Enquiries

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