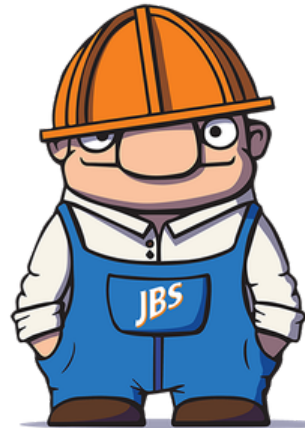


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Welcome to 2026 and another year of Johns Club.

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

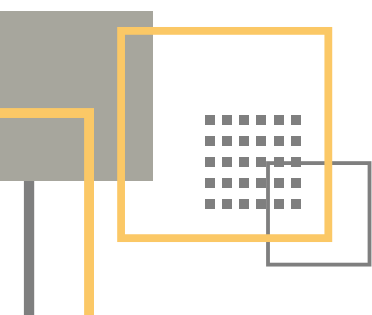


Saturday 25th April (ANZAC Day): CLOSED

Sunday 26th April: CLOSED

Monday 27th April (Additional Holiday): CLOSED

Normal Trading Hours resume Tuesday 28th April.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

FUEL LEVYS

We have received a multitude of notices in the past week from manufacturers advising of increases to cost of product & the implementation of fuel levies (these are varying from 1-2% to fixed amounts).

Any increase to actual product we are bound to pass this on as per usual practice.

In terms of applying our own fuel levy, rather than rush in we will take a little more time to assess what impact these are having on our business.

COCKBURN CEMENT

PRODUCTION AND FUEL LEVY

Please note late Tuesday afternoon we were advised by Cockburn Cement they would be implementing a Production Cost Levy \$9.40 per tonne + GST and a Fuel Levy \$1.50 per tonne + GST.

Unfortunately due to the very low margins involved with cement products, we have no alternative other than to pass this on to our customers.

This will be shown on your invoice as a separate line item of \$10.90 per tonne + GST.

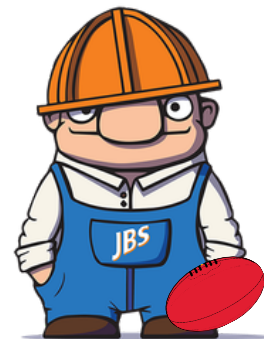
Cockburn will be reviewing these levies constantly to ensure they are closely aligned with operating conditions, and provide updates as required.

If you have any questions/queries in relation to the levy charges, please contact the JBS team to discuss further.



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JOHNS CLUB FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2026



2026 SEASON HAS BEGUN!

A few rounds in and the 2025 season is already all over the shop. The Gold Coast SUNS are sitting pretty on top, but with the Bulldogs and Freo right behind them, it's about as steady as a wheelbarrow with a flat tyre.

Sydney and Hawthorn are right in the mix and looking dangerous, while North Melbourne has popped up inside the six and thrown a proper curveball. Didn't have that one pencilled in, but they're making it count. Collingwood and Melbourne are clinging onto the last spots in the eight, but only just. One bad week and you're out the back door quicker than knock-off on a Friday. There's no room to get comfortable anywhere on this ladder.

If you reckon you've got this season worked out... think again. Every round is flipping things on its head.

JOHNS CLUB FOOTY TIPPING: ALL OVER THE PLACE

The tipping comp? Following the exact same pattern... completely unpredictable.










The leaders are doing their best to hang on, but the pack behind them is closing in fast. No one's getting a clean break, and every round feels like it could reshuffle the whole leaderboard.

The middle of the ladder is a proper scrap. You can jump a stack of spots with one good round, or slide straight back after a couple of rough calls. It's tight and it's moving every week.

Even down the bottom, there's still plenty of life. With results going every which way, a perfect round isn't just handy, it's your ticket straight back into the mix. If you're playing it safe... it's probably not the year for it. Back yourself, trust your gut and hope it lands your way.

JamesHardie™ FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION LEADERBOARD



1	 dazzanator	46	102
2	 Chabnadom	44	56
3	 KC26	44	88
4	 Dockette1975	42	54
5	 Tschoie	42	67
6	 Nathan1201	42	68
7	 Eagle-eyed	40	63
8	 Jethro68	40	68
9	 Flynn.1	40	81
10	 Whitey Queen	40	82

Design for life.

Laminex® has been part of Australian life for 90 years. Our commitment to design, innovation, quality and sustainability endures, that's why we continue to produce a beautifully curated collection of decorative surfaces. They're perfect for a wide range of styles and applications, and are designed to stand up to the rigours of everyday life.

COVER: Laminex Architectural Wall Panels Classic Flat in Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™ AbsoluteGrain® with Black Shadowline, Pencil Line Joint.
THIS PAGE: Laminex Architectural Wall Panels Batten 40 in Sublime Teak with Natural Shadowline, Laminex Architectural Ceiling Panels Batten 40 in Blackened Legno with Black Shadowline. Joinery in Laminex Sublime Teak.

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NEW PRODUCTS AT JBS

Laminex®

The InvisiLock™ System.

The InvisiLock™ joining system is exclusive to the Laminex Architectural Wall Panel range. This system allows each panel to be connected quickly and seamlessly, providing a bow and gap-free finish and minimising installation time.



Smarter, faster installation

Our unique Batten and VGroove wall panels can be installed 3x faster than individual battens.

Shown here in VGroove 100 Sublime Teak with Black Shadowline.



Reversible panel

The refined Classic Flat Profile offers a modern reversible panel for added flexibility, allowing you to choose between a Pencil Line Joint (VGroove 1mm gap) or an Express Joint (trapezoid 7mm gap).

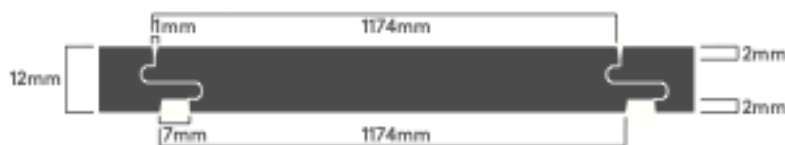
Shown here in Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™ with a Pencil Line Joint 1mm (top) and Express Joint 7mm (bottom) with Black Shadowline.

Wall Profiles.

Available in four profile options, Laminex Architectural Wall Panels are designed to suit a variety of styles and applications by seamlessly integrating with joinery and ceilings using the same décor.

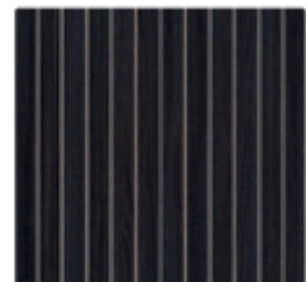
Classic Flat

A flat profile panel with textured AbsoluteGrain® finish, that is reversible to allow the creation of two looks with one panel.



Batten 40

Timeless vertical lines separated by straight-edged grooves in a smaller 40mm dimension.



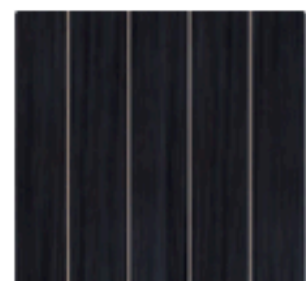
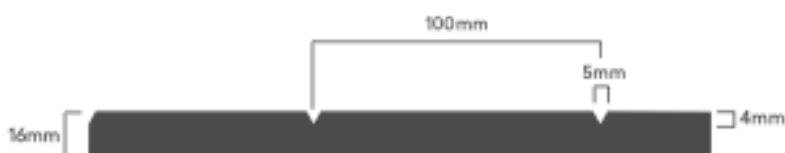
Batten 60

Timeless vertical lines separated by straight-edged grooves in a wider 60mm width option.



VGroove 100

A popular and subtle profile suited to both classic and contemporary spaces.



Wall Décors.

Laminex Architectural Wall Panels feature a selection of popular Laminex Woodgrain décors, designed to suit a wide range of design styles and projects. All décors are available with a Black Shadowline. Laminex Sublime Teak and Laminex Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™ are also available with a Natural Shadowline.

Substrate Colour



Black



Natural
(Sublime Teak & Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™ only)

Available in Batten 40, Batten 60 and VGroove 100 Decor Range



Raw Birchply



Classic Oak



Sublime Teak
(Black Shadowline)



Sublime Teak
(Natural Shadowline)



Danish Walnut



Planked Urban Oak

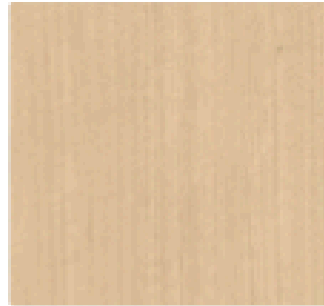


Blackened Legno

Classic Flat Decor Range



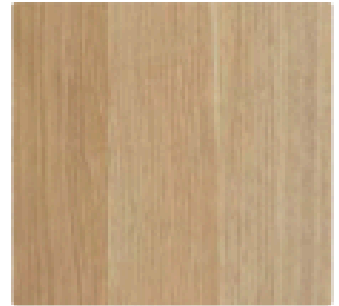
Raw Birchply
AGR



Victorian Ash TrueScale™
AGR



Calm Oak
AGR



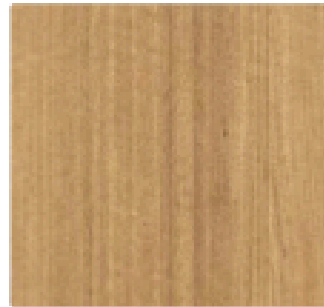
Classic Oak
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Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™
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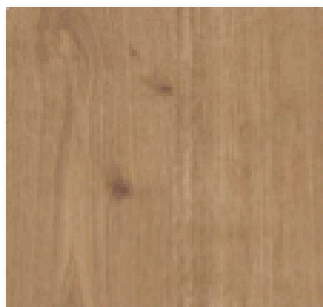
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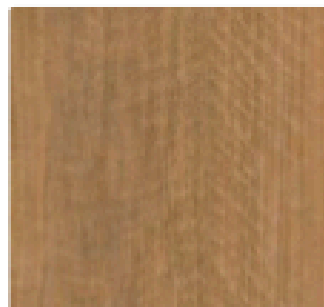
Sublime Teak
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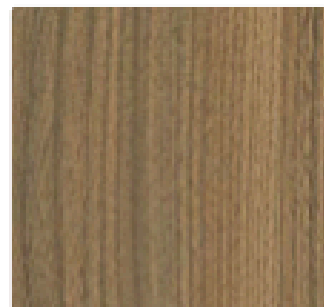
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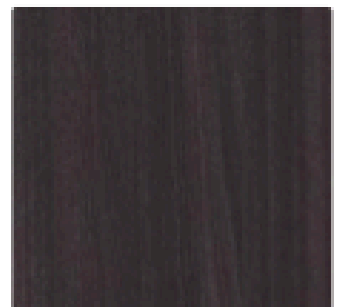
Planked Urban Oak
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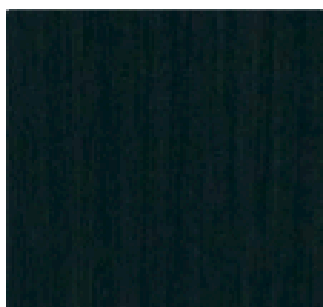
Spotted Gum TrueScale™
AGR



Danish Walnut
AGR



Blackened Legno
AGR



Black
AGR

Wall Technical Information.

Laminex Architectural Wall Panels are MDF MR, Fire Group 3 rated and available in a select range of Laminex Woodgrain Décor and four stylish profiles. VGroove and Batten profiles available as a 2-panel pack.

Laminex®

Profile	Décor	Substrate Colour	Substrate	Joint	Panel Size	Effective Width	Effective coverage (m ²)	Thickness
Classic Flat	Raw Birchply	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF	InvisiLock™ 12mm Express or Pencil Line Joint	3000 x 1200mm 1 panel per pack	1174mm	3.52	12mm
	Sublime Teak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
		Natural Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Planked Urban Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Danish Walnut	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Classic Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Blackened Legno	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Victorian Ash TrueScale™	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Spotted Gum TrueScale™	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Tasmanian Oak TrueScale™	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
		Natural Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Black	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Calm Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
Blackened Legno	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF						
Batten 40	Raw Birchply	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF	InvisiLock™ 16mm	3000 x 578mm 2 panels per pack	560mm	1.68	16mm
	Sublime Teak	Natural Shadowline	MREO MDF					
		Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Planked Urban Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Danish Walnut	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Classic Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Blackened Legno	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
Batten 60	Raw Birchply	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF	InvisiLock™ 16mm	3000 x 558mm 2 panels per pack	540mm	1.62	16mm
	Sublime Teak	Natural Shadowline	MREO MDF					
		Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Planked Urban Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Danish Walnut	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Classic Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Blackened Legno	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
VGroove 100	Raw Birchply	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF	InvisiLock™ 16mm	3000 x 518mm 2 panels per pack	500mm	1.5	16mm
	Sublime Teak	Natural Shadowline	MREO MDF					
		Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Planked Urban Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Danish Walnut	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Classic Oak	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					
	Blackened Legno	Black Shadowline	MREO MDF					

Not suitable for high humidity environments.

AUSTRALIA'S CONSTRUCTION BOOM FACES THREAT FROM MIDEAST CONFLICT AND RISING COSTS

The building sector hovered around record levels last year as total activity hit \$318bn, amid a surge in investment in energy infrastructure, data centres and apartments, according to the Rider Levett Bucknall's latest construction market update. However, the industry's strong performance is under threat from forces ranging from rising costs to uncertainty that has hit since conflict in the Middle East broke out. The troubles have also slowed commercial deal-making across Australia as players reassess risks.

RLB warned that geopolitical risks could further add to emerging cost pressures, with conflict in Iran and the Middle East potentially increasing construction input costs via higher oil and freight prices. Disruptions and delays to shipping routes may also raise prices for materials such as diesel, bitumen, steel and cement. "The Middle East conflict introduces upside risk to construction costs and increases the potential for delays, although it is too early to quantify the magnitude," RLB Oceania director of research and development Oliver Nichols.

He said if the conflict was short-lived and oil prices retreated, the overall impact on construction costs was likely to be limited. The most immediate channel is via higher oil prices as about 20 per cent of global oil supply passes through the shuttered Strait of Hormuz. "If elevated oil prices persist, energy-intensive and freight-heavy inputs are likely to see further increases, including civil movements, asphalt and bitumen, followed by materials such as steel and cement," Mr Nichols said.

Interest rates are the other big swing factor. RLB warned that if the Reserve Bank lifted the cash rate to 4.35 per cent, construction sector work done would be about \$42bn lower – a 3.5 per cent dip – over the 2026-27 to 2029-30 period than on its forecast in late 2025.



RLB said cost pressures already appeared to be returning. Building construction costs increased at an annualised rate of 4.9 per cent in the second half of 2025, while house-building costs rebounded after falling in late 2024 and early 2025. Persistent shortages of skilled labour, affecting trades as well as engineers and construction managers, are biting. Developers also face limited competition among Tier 1 contractors on major projects, with insolvency risks still haunting the sector. However, Mr Nichols said the national project pipeline remained strong, particularly in WA, SA and Queensland, where approvals and project starts are speeding up.

"While construction cost escalation moderated in 2025, renewed pricing pressure is emerging as large public and private projects compete for labour and contractor capacity," he said.

RLB forecasts construction costs to rise between 4 and 6 per cent nationally in 2026, with stronger increases expected in Adelaide (5.1 per cent), Brisbane (5 per cent), Darwin (5.2 per cent), Perth (5.4 per cent) and the Gold Coast and Townsville (6 per cent).

Engineering construction has strengthened on the back of investment in solar, wind and hydro projects, alongside major water infrastructure upgrades.

Residential construction also rebounded in 2025, rising 7.3 per cent, with apartment projects accounting for much of the growth. Non-residential construction remained stable, although investment in data centres, hospitals and aged care facilities jumped.

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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%)
Sika (approx. 7%)
Kingspan (Aircell products 5%, Kooltherm range TBA)
Foilboard (approx. 9.6%)

1st June 2026

Laminex approx. 6% (Particleboard Flooring, MDF & other Panel products)
ITI (Panel products 3-6%, Modwood freight charge 2%)

1st July 2026

Allegion (Gainsborough 3%, Brio 4%, Legge 4%, Schlage 4%, Austral 4%, Briton 4% door hardware)
HB Fuller (approx. 6.8%)
ITI (Modwood 5%, Weathertex up to 3.7%)

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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JOHNS CLUB ENQUIRIES

Builder and Contractor Focus Enquiries

If you would like to be included in our Builder or Contractor Focus we would love to highlight your business!

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