

## Australia

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Please find details for our next strawbale building workshop below.

**Ryde College of TAFE and Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow, Strawbale Construction** are pleased to present the next strawbale building workshop at the Permaculture Display Garden, Blaxland Road, Ryde – Sydney.

**“Building with Straw” Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2005**

This 4-day course covers many theoretical and practical aspects of the building process including:  
Why strawbales

Appropriate house designs for natural building and materials

- Pros and contras of loadbearing and post & beam construction
- Characteristics of building bales
- Footings and foundations
- Frames
- Bottom and top plate systems
- Different methods for door and window openings
- Making custom sized bales
- Wall raising, persuading and trimming bale walls
- Compression and stitching of strawbale walls
- Preparing strawbale walls for rendering
- Preparing other structural materials such as timber and metal for rendering
- Plumbing and wiring
- Roof construction
- Internal walls and ceilings
- Wet rooms

Our workshops offer expert theory sessions and discussions covering strawbale construction, rendering, energy efficiency and sustainable building methods and materials in general. Theory sessions are supported by slides, videos, photos, books & magazines, product samples and much more.

**Attending guest speakers offer their expertise on energy efficiency, engineering issues, termite protection, natural surface treatments, natural paint products and more. Comprehensive hand-outs are provided.**

**The practical work sessions provide hands-on experience for many aspects of the building and rendering process.**

**A TAFE certificate is issued upon completion. Cost: \$635.00 (incl. GST) includes notes, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.**

For more information or bookings please ring Ryde College of TAFE Business Centre on: 02 944 86301 or Penny on 02 9888 2575. Places are strictly limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.