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## Goodbye 2010

The past year has flown by and we are now facing a new year with new challenges. In the last 9 or 10 months of WERS there has been several projects underway including the finalization of the Sustainable Window Alliance Project Report, the setting of the AccuRate defaults, WERS for film, WERS for skylights, an increase to 6 star ratings and the ongoing addition of energy ratings for new window systems to our custom library.

WERS now consists of 269 members and 14,000 custom rated windows, which represents 130,000 window systems being offered by our members.

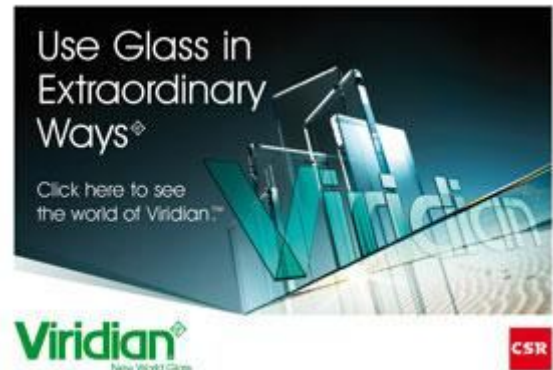
## News For The New Year

Moving into the future WERS will continue to work to get the best outcomes for our members by working on several projects.

Especially of note is the ongoing work on the findings of the SWA project that will be developed into web based tools for members. This will allow the benefits of custom rated windows to be marketed to consumers in terms of both dollars and also carbon emissions.

Further the new year will herald the long awaited launch of the new AccuRate software. Included in this will be the ability for manufacturers to update their listing and keep it updated without waiting for a new release of the program.

Other major projects in the new year are the launches of WERS for film, WERS for skylights and new AFRC accredited simulation



techniques of Sash less windows.

## AccuRate Progress

WERS is happy to report that this week, the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) agreed in principle to the new AccuRate Default list for windows. This is a new listing of statistically derived windows that will supersede the Generic Windows of past software versions. These windows will allow House Energy Simulators to select a range of window values in their software which can then be complied to with WERS accredited results for WERS members. The aim of the defaults is to allow house energy ratings to take place without the need for specific windows early in the process. The great news is that DCCEE has included a stipulation that any Default windows used in an energy rating must be selected against real windows and be validated or verified by the supplying window company. This will supply proof of compliance to the Building Code of Australia requirements. Windows must be custom rated to AFRC protocols to be compliant by an AFRC accredited rater.

## HappyHolidays

Finally the team at the WERS would like to wish all of our Members and Enews Subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a safe Holiday and I look forward to the New Year and continuing our work together.

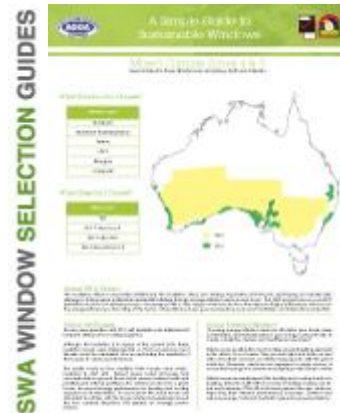
Regards Richard Hamber

## frequentlyaskedquestions

***When will the new version of AccuRate be released? Will my products be included?***

We are expecting a release of AccuRate in March or April 2011. We understand that this has been a long drawn out process and will continue to push for the release but the release relies solely on the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

All WERS rated member products will be available for the new release of AccuRate and the program will include an update feature that will allow WERS to periodically release new ratings



## Welcome To Our New Members

- Perfect Glaze (VIC) Pty Ltd
- Precision Glass & Aluminium
- G2 Double Glazed Windows & Doors Pty Ltd
- Q Flow International Pty Ltd
- Southside Windows & Doors Pty Ltd
  - Hitec Glazing Pty Ltd
- Bonds, Windows & Doors Pty Ltd
- Yokor Windows Riverland Glass
  - Ai Architectural Systems
  - ADGR Enterprises Pty Ltd
- Sugg's Timber Machining & Joinery
  - Project Windows & Doors

## Downloads, Links and More

[WERS Noticeboard](#)

[WERS Member Area](#)

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[Australian Fenestration Training Institute](#)

to the market to ensure that the listings are up to date.

[Australian Window Association](#)

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