

# TRADE NEWSLETTER

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## UBS Highlight



**UBS continues to operate as an ISO-accredited Builder, maintaining the highest standards for Environmental, Quality, and Safety procedures.**

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## April 2026

### QUEENSLAND

#### Extreme heat and fires

- Over 46 million hectares burnt across northern Australia including the Gulf Country (Oct - Dec)
- Record 4 consecutive days +45°C at Cunnamulla (Jan)
- Extreme heat in southern Queensland (Jan)

#### Tropical cyclones, heavy rainfall and floods

- Three major flood events (Dec - Feb)
- Rainfall +300 mm in Gulf country, flooding and isolation of communities (late Dec)
- Tropical cyclone Koji flooded parts of northwestern Queensland +2 weeks (Jan)
- Large parts of inland Queensland received average annual rainfall in first 5 weeks of 2026
- Mt Isa recorded 399.2 mm for Feb, smashing previous record (282.5 mm) set in 1930
- Tropical Low caused widespread flooding in Queensland, cutting road and rail links to Darwin and Perth

### VICTORIA

#### Heat, fires and drought

- Catastrophic and extreme fire weather conditions, and major fires destroyed around 1,590 structures including 451 homes, 1 life lost, 450,000 ha burnt (Dec-Feb)
- Pyro-cumulonimbus (fire storm) events caused dry lightning that ignited fires (9 Jan)
- Record-breaking heat and flash drought fuelled a major bushfire crisis with more than 200 fires (9 Jan)
- New Victorian max temp record 48.9°C at Walpeup and Hopetoun (27 Jan)
- 1/3 Victoria highest January temp on record (27 Jan)
- Heatwave and fires in Otways, 10 days after flash flooding
- Flash drought Jan-Feb

#### Heavy rainfall and floods

- Flash flooding in Otways (Mount Cowley 180 mm in 6hrs) – days after out of control fires in region
- Mildura flash floods 148.8 mm of rain (1-2 Mar) almost equal to the total rainfall for 2025 (159.7 mm)

**Source:** Climate Council End of Summer 2026 Report, page 9

**... Front Line triage team for every Claim providing 24/7 Service Readiness ranging from Business as Usual to Severe Weather to declared Insurance CAT Events ...**

- **Initial Assessment & Rapid Responsive Claim Triage Problem Solving:** Emergency Make Safes & Specialist Reports.
- **Volume Scheduling:** Contractors / Consultants, Assessors, Loss Adjusters, Estimators.
- **Stakeholder Management** Property Owners, Contractors of every category & Insurance Companies, handling impactful situations with guidance whilst progressing claims.
- **Our Reach:** East Coast of Australia : VIC, NSW, & QLD!



**Source :** Sunraysia Daily - **Flash Flooding Weather Event - Mildura :**  
March 2026 NW Victoria



## A Warm Congratulations to *Jeff White* !

### 18 Years of Dedicated Service – UBS Carpenter Servicing Regions: Melbourne, Geelong & Rural VIC

- **What Jeff values about working for UBS:** UBS have provided me job loyalty, stability & security throughout the course of my career.
- **Key things about my role which I like:** the variety, 'hands on' practical carpentry of ranging size / scale, the joy of helping property owners, with no two days being the same.
- **Greatest Achievement:** Being involved in contributing to the **Community Recovery Efforts** following **Year 2009 Victoria Kinglake Black Saturday Fires Event**.



## Community Sporting Pavilion – Minor Capital Works Project – Stage 2

**UBS were successful in tendering for a Compliance Project on behalf of one of it's Council clients, in relation to a Sporting Club:**

- **Project Delivery – Renovations & Compliance Upgrades overseeing:**
  - Plumbing – Main Kitchen & Bars
  - Roof Works
  - Painting
  - Carpentry & External
  - Pest Inspection
  - Deep Clean
  - Permits & Documentation
- Contact **UBS Clients & Tenders Team** to discuss your next **Government or Commercial project** – [tenderclaims@uniquebuilding.com.au](mailto:tenderclaims@uniquebuilding.com.au)

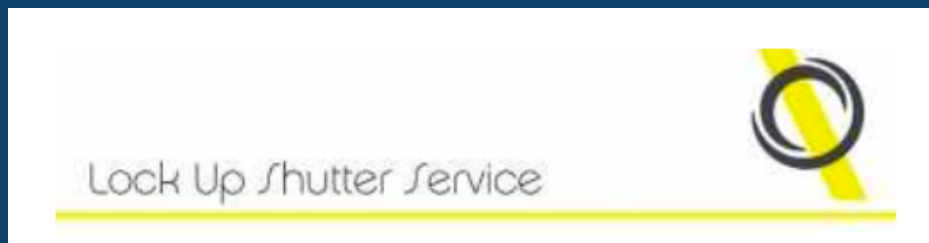


## A SPECIAL Thank-You to the following TRADES :

**Jackel Constructions Pty Ltd** for demonstrating a high level of initiative, understanding of project requirements, deliverables & outcomes.



**Lock Up Shutter Service** for being dependable with excellent customer service



## LINKSAFE – OH&S CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT

### OHS & Risk compliance being the upmost priority – A message for all our Contractor network:

- Please continue to proactively upload : valid insurance certificate of currency, licences / qualifications, risk assessments etc. specific to your Trade Categories & Region(s).
- Ensure Workers in your business are current / active prior to attending UBS sites.
- Monitor Workers who are registered ensuring they remain active & current in accordance with their qualifications & position.
- When changes which arise in your business structure, address, regions, categories, etc.
- For any troubleshooting Issues or queries navigating the LinkSafe Portal login & access.
- Please email **Trade Partners** who will be happy to assist:  
[tradepartners@uniquebuilding.com.au](mailto:tradepartners@uniquebuilding.com.au)

