



2. Decide on whether or not a project manager is actually needed.

Whilst engaging a project manager might seem like a good idea – especially if nobody on the committee has a trade background – going down this path can often end up costing you a lot more than you bargained for...

If your building is in severe disrepair, and the project will consist of a wide variety of complex repair works, in addition to the painting itself, then it may be wise to have the oversight of an independent professional to ensure the works are done correctly and will last.

On the other hand, if repairs are only minor then the smarter way to go is to get your specification written by a professional paint supplier such as DULUX – FOR FREE. They will do an onsite assessment of the areas to be painted and issue you with a full specification of products and methods of application.

Once you have the scope of works, you can ask them to refer you to one of their accredited contractors for quotes – these companies have already been pre-vetted by the suppliers as quality operators and will be able to issue you with a warranty that is backed by them.

3. Get educated!

Knowledge is power. Putting in a little bit of effort to understand the basics of painting and repairs can do wonders for your confidence when speaking with contractors... and keep you in the driver's seat!

3 Quick knowledge bites

Paint Types

Membrane type paints, such as Dulux AcraTex, have double the film build of regular paints and offer a superior barrier of protection for exterior concrete and rendered walls.



Acrylic paints such as Weathershield provide excellent long-lasting protection of exterior surfaces and are

generally used on substrates such as eaves, cladding, soffits, fences and pergolas.

Concrete cancer



A problem that occurs when moisture gets into the slab, the steel rebar starts to rust and expand, causing concrete to break away – rapidly becomes worse if left untreated.

It's generally repaired by using hammer drills to dig in and remove the concrete completely from around the rusted rebar, before sanding it back to clean steel, applying rust guard, patching over the hole and repainting.

Leeching



Have you noticed white stains dripping down the side of your walls? Moisture is getting into the substrate and forcing its way out through the nearest expansion joint or crack, carrying minerals with it and leaving white calcified build-up. To remedy it, the build-up is chemically or physically removed with a scraper before repairing the crack and identifying and fixing the cause of the leaching – usually unsealed tiles, broken down silicon joints or failing waterproofing in garden beds.

Summary

For a comprehensive checklist that will enable you to "self-diagnose" the condition of your paint and figure out what solutions are needed, scan the code below with your camera phone and enter your email for an instant download! ▲

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3 steps to a successful repaint project (without the unnecessary cost of a project manager)

If you're thinking about handling the repaint of your building in-house to avoid the excess cost and hassle of engaging a project manager, there's a few things you need to know to avoid getting caught out by fine print or corner-cutting contractors.

This 3 step guide will help you cut through the jargon and empower you to figure out exactly how to avoid most common mistakes made when choosing a painting contractor... and if you scan your camera over the QR code at the end, we even have a downloadable checklist and scope generator for you!

1. Use the downloadable checklist to assess if it's time to paint.

Paint too late and it may end up costing you a fortune in excess repairs and extra coats of paint... Paint too early and you may be spending money unnecessarily that might best be used elsewhere.

If you notice defects such as hairline cracks, bubbling of the paint, rusty protrusions or faded/chalky looking paint, it might be time to consider a repaint before further issues occur

PRO TIP: You can use our downloadable tool to do this assessment!

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