

Rainbow Region Property Guide

The right screw for every job

by Felix Mack, Nimbin Building Materials

At Nimbin Building Materials, we see this every day. People come in with a list that starts with paint and ends with "I also need to fix that", the decking board that lifts, the gate that sags, the handrail that wobbles, the loose weatherboard, the creaking stair tread.

And almost always, the real hero of the job is something small: the right screw, used in the right place, driven with confidence.

That's why we back SPAX.

SPAX isn't a newcomer riding a trend. It's a brand born out of two centuries of German screw-making heritage.

Its parent company, ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO (ABC), traces its origins to 1823 and is widely recognised as the first German company to begin industrial screw production, essentially laying the groundwork for modern fastening as we know it.

The SPAX name itself arrived later, and it mattered. In 1967, ABC launched SPAX as a new generation of premium construction fasteners an innovation widely credited with changing timber construction by reducing the need for pre-drilling and making fastening faster, more reliable, and more consistent on site.

SPAX describes its home base in Ennepetal, Germany, where their team produces up to 50 million screws per day for markets around the world.



For renovators and tradies, the difference shows up in the design details. SPAX's T-STAR plus drive is engineered for stronger, more accurate force transfer than older-style drives, reducing bit slip and making repetitive fastening quicker and less frustrating.

Many SPAX screws also use features designed to make real-world timber work cleaner, such as points and serrations intended to help reduce splitting and reduce the effort required when driving.

Add exterior-focused coatings like WIROX and options like washer heads and wafer heads for better load distribution, and you've got a range that's built for the jobs locals actually do.

Using this brand can mean the difference between a good impression and a great one! People might not point to a screw and compliment it, but they absolutely notice when the deck doesn't bounce, the fence doesn't rattle, the pergola doesn't creak, and the gate doesn't drag.

Quality shows up as confidence. We're proud to stock and supply SPAX because we see the results on real jobs around the Northern Rivers and we want to support quality made products.

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Anyone who lives around Nimbin knows that when it rains, the water doesn't hang around – it moves.

Getting drainage right, and building retaining walls that actually suit the land, can make all the difference to how a property feels and functions.

At Nimbin Lanescaping, drainage and retaining walls are about more than just holding soil in place.

It starts with taking the time to understand your block – where the water flows, how the ground behaves, and what you want from the space long term.

From there, practical, well-considered solutions take shape.

Choosing the right materials is a big part of the process. Timber, stone, concrete sleepers or rock – each has its place.

Nimbin Lanescaping works with you to select materials that fit your property, your budget and the look you're going for, whether that's something clean and simple or a more natural, terraced garden style.

Good drainage often goes unnoticed when it's done properly, quietly



protecting your home, gardens and access ways from erosion and water damage.

Retaining walls, when thoughtfully designed, create usable space and help the land settle naturally.

If you're dealing with

drainage issues or planning improvements, Nimbin Lanescaping offers honest advice, solid workmanship and solutions designed for Northern Rivers conditions – helping your property feel secure, practical and well cared for.

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My experience of going off-grid in Mount Burrell

by Lizzie Buscaino

When we moved to the Northern Rivers we began our off-grid life with a very basic set-up.

The house had a handful of old solar panels and batteries that were no longer working, so upgrading was essential.

We installed a new solar system to support both our daily life and my freeze-dried edible flower farming business.

For us it has always been a practical choice rather than a dramatic shift.

Off-grid living simply requires an understanding of how your household uses power and a willingness to be more intentional with energy.

As a mother, I love that our system comfortably supports the everyday routines our family relies on.



Running the dishwasher, using air conditioning on hot and humid days and keeping work equipment powered all fit easily into our daily rhythm.

Reliable power is just as important for our flower farming as it is for our home.

From running the freeze-dryer to managing

production during busy growing seasons, our solar system allows us to work efficiently without constantly worrying about energy limits.

Working at Rainbow Power has given me an even deeper appreciation for well designed systems.

I see our team helping households and small businesses avoid the challenges we faced early on when we had system issues.

Our system designers Max, Matt, John, Lewis, Steve and Gavin take great care to match each system to how people live and work, considering usage patterns, property conditions, future plans and resilience.

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