

Design news



Home improvement online

Homedesignplus.com.au is a new direct-to-public online site that boasts a rich 500+ products covering the most classical to avant garde European trends in bathroom, garden, home furniture, bathtubs, sofas, letterboxes, perfume and accessories.

Headquartered in Sydney, this dynamic and innovative company is the brainchild of entrepreneur, Frenchman Dominique Portier. After recently relocating to Australia, Portier established the site as the Australian division of his successful Paris-based online brand <http://www.bainetspa.fr>, which has been adorning European homes with the Prodigg brand since 2007.

Portier works directly with only the best suppliers that offer the finest-quality manufacturing based on traditional European production techniques and high-quality materials. The products are beautiful, functional and efficient.

For more information visit www.homedesignplus.com.au

Good wood

Award-winning landscape designer and horticulturalist, best-selling author and television presenter Jamie Durie launched the new Greenpeace Good Wood Guide in June this year.

"Like lots of people, I want to be sure that the wood I use is sourced ethically, legally and without destroying the precious forests that many people in neighbouring countries call home," said Durie, in his role as Ambassador of The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

"The Good Wood Guide shows Australians that they don't have to destroy someone's home to create their own.

"This dynamic online guide shows builders, designers, architects and DIY enthusiasts where to find FSC-certified and eco timber and is an essential first stop for everyone looking to build and renovate without damaging fragile ecosystems and the climate."

For more information visit www.goodwoodguide.org.au



Greener kitchens

Kitcheners Kitchens, based in Sydney, is the first kitchen company in Australia to be recognised as a climate-friendly business by Energy Australia. In addition, the company now offsets 100 per cent of its emissions and has commissioned consultant group Climate Friendly to assess the Kitcheners business and develop an Environmental Management System to be implemented.

"It's my hope that by pioneering environmental sustainability in the kitchen industry, other manufacturers and businesses take it upon themselves to start making changes, which ultimately means a better, greener future for our children," says founder and KBDI member Michael Kitchener.

As part of the Environmental Management System now in place, Kitcheners buys 100 per cent GreenPower for all electricity consumed and invests in international quality renewable energy credits for travel, transport and waste footprints.

For more information visit www.kitcheners.com.au/Green_kitchen.asp

