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bretts in the community: bretts supports 'national tree day'

Bretts introduces a 'National Tree Day' sponsorship program encompassing both pillars of our sustainability efforts – Community and Environment.

Planet Ark's 'National Tree Day' is Australia's biggest community tree-planting event and this year's event saw more than a million native trees and shrubs planted at over 3,000 sites around the country.

'Schools Tree Day' is the dedicated tree-planting day for young people with 229,000 students from over 2,100 schools participated in 'Schools Tree Day' last year.

To support the program, Bretts provided gardening kits to schools and other community groups on Brisbane's north side participating in 'National Tree Day'. The gardening kits include items such as: a wheel barrow, shovel, trowel, digging fork, digging shovel, gardening gloves, stakes and mulch or bark.

Local groups who took advantage of the offer included: Ascot State School, Bald Hills State School, Ferny Hills State School, Hendra State School, Holy Cross and Holy Rosary Primary Schools, Holy Spirit School, Kedron State School, Sandgate Community Centre, Wilston State School and Woolloowin State School.

We were also pleased to offer a staff participation component to our support for 'National Tree Day'; whereby Bretts employees were offered a day off work to participate in 'Tree Day' activities taking place at their children's school. Lance Webb, from the Bretts sales department, went along to Ferny Hills State School where his grade five daughter, Grace, attends and helped out on the day (as seen above).

you're invited...

Bretts Architectural has just scheduled the first in a series of **"builders and specifiers only"** events. These evenings are designed to provide building professionals with useful industry news and views, including previews of exciting new products.

Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday 16 September**, as Bretts Architectural, in conjunction with Argent Australia, launch the new Argent and Villeroy & Boch bathroom products. To receive your invitation with full details regarding the event, please email aapplefield@bretts.com.au or call Mandy Hughes at Argent Australia on 0407 398 520 to RSVP.



md's message

It's 12 months since the press started telling us that the Australian economy was on the verge of collapse. On more than one occasion I wrote asking everyone to ignore the media and to focus on the positive attributes in the Australian, and in particular Queensland, economy.

There is no doubt the building industry softened over the past year, but a market correction was inevitable. We have seen that and now there appears to be real signs of recovery back in the market. South East Queensland still has a considerable shortage in housing which will underwrite our jobs for many years to come. It's funny how the press doesn't seize on this fact and make it front page headlines. Unfortunately good news doesn't sell newspapers.

I was delighted to be part of the 'National Tree Day' program. Considering how much sustainable timber we sell into the building industry, helping to grow more trees seemed to make a lot of sense. Particularly in explaining to the youth of today how managed forests not only provide us with jobs, but also help keep the environment clean by storing carbon.

We have new products on display in the Architectural and Hardware showrooms at Windsor. In particular, the "Pacific Jarrah" decking is worth having a look at. It is a deep rich red and comes from FSC certified forests in Brazil so we know it is being harvested responsibly and sustainably.

Bill Nutting Jr

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

pryda longreach trusses:

versatile, flexible, install with ease and cost effective, from bretts frame & truss

Bretts Frame & Truss manufactures Pryda Longreach trusses, a premium performance floor and rafter truss system, using all timber webs and chords for maximum stiffness.

With a proven track record over the past 10 years and technical support from both Bretts and Pryda, Longreach floor trusses manufactured by Bretts have assured performance. and offer builders many design and construction benefits.

The design benefits include:

- **Versatility** – long spans of up to 8 metres are achievable, eliminating the need for internal load bearing support walls or beams. Truss depths from 200 mm to 400 mm can be manufactured specifically for your project.
- **Flexibility** – trusses can be designed to accommodate floor set downs for wet areas and voids for ducts and other services as required. A large range of end support options are available to suit your application. Longreach trusses are designed to order. Hence, the truss depths, stiffness, timber grades, timber treatment can be varied to suit your specific job requirements.

- **Cost effective** – Timber sizes are optimised to ensure truss performance at the lowest cost. The span capacity increases significantly as the truss depth increases – for little extra cost.

However, the benefits are not

just limited to design. There are significant construction gains as well:

- **Ease of installation** – Prefabricated trusses are easier to install than other types of joists and rafters, reducing on site costs. End support connections are manufactured, meaning there is no cutting or complicated fitting required, reducing site waste and the possibility of mistakes. The trusses are much lighter than solid timber sections, and are robust, improving site handling.

- **Access** – Open truss webs provide great access for services. This eliminates the potentially damaging practises of cutting out sections or drilling large holes in joists or rafters.

If you are unfamiliar with Longreach floor trusses, we can guide you through the process, attending site to guide you on correct installation methods.

For more information or a quote, contact your Bretts sales representative or Bretts Frame & Truss Technical Manager Andy Forsyth, on (07) 3623 0114 or email aforsyth@bretts.com.au.



product profiles:

what's 'new and on view' now at bretts?...



introducing pacific jarrah (massara) decking

Now available from Bretts is Pacific Jarrah, a dense, high durability hardwood decking product.

Red to dark reddish/brown in colour it has a fine texture and a straight grain. It is ideal for all external decking applications and screening for new homes and renovations.

What's more, unlike Kwila, it will not leach and it costs around 15 percent less than Spotted Gum.

Features and benefits include:

- Premium grade quality
- Will not leach
- Class 1 durability
- High density
- Dressed all Round 90x19mm
- Free of sapwood
- Even colour and fine texture
- Excellent for visually exposed applications
- Available from an ongoing supply source.



new bathroom products from argent and villeroy & boch

Bretts Architectural is pleased to co-hosting the official Brisbane launch of two new products from Argent Australia and Villeroy & Boch...

Opus bathroom furniture

Simplicity and sophistication define the style of Opus. The Opus bathroom furniture range is characterised by a minimalist design and is fitted with Argent's exclusive easy close, soft closing drawers.

The construction features a hard wearing carbon melamine interior and a sophisticated, 30 percent gloss white satin polyurethane exterior.

Other features include a bold designer handle which can be used as a hand towel bar and drawers which include internal compartments for easy organisation of all the bathroom necessities.

Architectura toilet suite

The Architectura toilet suite features smooth clean lines and comes standard with a soft close seat and the quality fittings we have come to expect from Villeroy & Boch, not to mention their five year ceramic warranty.

The Architectura toilet suite is available in a standard 6/3 litre flush or a 4.5 litre water saving option and has a variable set out of 80mm to 250mm.

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designer door handles from olivari

Bretts Architectural is pleased to introduce three new ranges of door handles from Olivari.

Whilst certainly technically superior products thanks to the Olivari 'SuperInox' finish, which will not tarnish, pit, t-stain or change colour (it's guaranteed for 30 years even if exposed to sea air!); here we focus on profiling the designers of each of these new ranges...

Total

Born in Milan in 1954 Rodolfo Dordoni graduated in architecture from Milan's Polytechnic in 1979. He has worked across various disciplines as a consultant and designer and is also active in the field of architecture. He has collaborated with many Italian and international firms including Acerbis, Arteluce, Artemide, Barovier & Toso, BTicino, Cappellini, Cidue, Craspevig, De Sede, Dolce & Gabbana, Driade, Estasis, Ferlea, Fontana Arte, Foscarini, Halifax, Imel, Lema, Minotti, Montini, Moroso, Sidecar, Tisettanta, Vistosi.



Fin

Toyo Ito takes us back to the dream empire of his land through Fin as it represents the essential features of a slow and repetitive movement, just like the one of entering and leaving a room. The rigour comes from the wise art of "removing". Ito proposes a musical sign, which he thought and designed on the stove of simplicity.



Adamant

Patrizia Urquiola's Adamant, expresses the dream – perhaps unrealisable – of functionality. This dream, though, comes true at first touch. After holding Adamant, one can immediately realize how accurate and well-functioning it is. The approach is adamant, wonderful, firm.



noticeboard:
from the 'national tree day'
photo album...



md, bill nutting jnr, presents the kit to wilston state school



a happy groundsman at wilston state school with bill



all hands on deck: grades 5 & 6 at ferny hills state school



the kids at the bald hills state school hoop pine forestry



bald hills state school (don't) get their hands dirty



children at wooloowin state school get in on the act