

## villa & hut: using recycled timbers since 1999 – because “eco” is not a fad



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By printing this newsletter with a green printer we have saved 401 kgs of damaging greenhouse (CO2) emissions. By comparison the average Australian tree absorbs 430kgs of CO2 over 30 years or 14kg annually.



*Welcome to our 6th edition of V-News. Its no secret that villa & hut have been the leader in environmentally conscious retailing for nearly 10 years. Well, now we've found another way to help the fight against climate change – and this is one that really requires no effort at all!*

villa & hut has agreed to become the official first customer of the soon-to-be-released fixed line plans of GreenMobiles, Australia's first online telecommunications provider to directly assist reversal of the negative impact of climate change. GreenMobiles will be expanding from mobile plans to include home and business plans, and broadband plans.

Although offset of GHGs is not yet mandatory, villa & hut and GreenMobiles recognise what can't be reduced, reused or recycled, should be offset. GreenMobiles contributes 10% of each month's invoice to the purchase of carbon abatement credits through the Australian Climate Exchange (ACX), the only Australian online carbon exchange platform. The ACX provides transparent purchase of credits approved by the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change.

GreenMobiles projects that our yearly contribution to carbon credits will offset approximately 100 tonnes. That's equivalent to the emissions of about 7 average Australian homes, or about 14 return flights to Los Angeles (and all at very competitive rates).

*See [www.greenmobiles.com.au](http://www.greenmobiles.com.au) for more information and to join.*

We love them so much that we've arranged a special offer for all villa & hut customers that join GreenMobiles. All villa & hut customers that join GreenMobiles and quote the code VANDH will receive a \$50 villa & hut voucher, to be spent at any villa & hut store. Hurry, the offer only lasts until 31st December 2008.



## A little story about why wood would be so good...

*Assume for a moment that wood had never existed.*

*Plenty of stone, metal, glass - and everything else – however, no wood.*

Suddenly out of the research laboratories comes an amazing new product. It is available in unimaginable quantities. The supply renews itself... and if not abused, it has a never-ending supply, and it is strongly competitive in cost.

It doesn't shatter, and its resilience allows it to absorb shock that would rupture or break most other materials. It has, natural insulating qualities, and it can be produced in large sizes and/or laminated for sheer strength. It stands up ruggedly almost indefinitely.

It has aesthetic qualities of a range in both nature and character that will not be copied by man made synthetics, because man can only produce the stereotype. It is the ideal surface for painting, staining, oiling, tanning, charring, and sanding. It works into all nature of articles (from usefully rugged to beautifully delicate) with the simplest of tools. It possesses a tremendous strength-to-weight ratio.

It laminates well, with good adhesive qualities, and it engages the thread of a screw or grips a dowel pin or nail forced into it. Left in its natural state, it provides rest and refuge, protection, and even fuel, if need be. The small parts of which it is constituted may be taken apart and put back together again in other forms, such as paper and pulp.

Wouldn't this be the most remarkable discovery? Our most fabulous natural resource is often taken for granted. Without trees (wood), life as we know it would not be possible.



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## our secret recipe!

### Berry Delicious Chai Muffin – extra moist!

OK – so a muffin isn't exactly the healthiest item to eat for a snack – but they are a delicious treat, and one of the simplest things to make... This season, try one of our DELICIOUS Chai Muffins – no melting butter or beating sugar until fluffy!

Easy to cook and even easier to eat!

#### OUR INGREDIENTS (BAKES 12)

220 g organic self-raising flour

½ - ¾ cup of vegetable oil

¾ cup skim milk (or soy milk)

½ - ¾ cup caster sugar

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

150 grams of our Spicy Chai or Vanilla Chai powder

A handful of fresh blueberries or raspberries

#### HOW WE BAKE THEM

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Grease muffin tins or use liners
3. Mix all dry ingredients together and make a 'well'
4. Mix all the wet ingredients together and pour into the 'well'
5. Add our Spicy Chai or Vanilla Chai powder and mix thoroughly
6. Finally, add the berries into mix
7. Place the tin into oven & bake for 20 – 25 minutes or until lightly browned

#### OUR TIPS

Over mixing can toughen the muffins. You can substitute castor sugar with an artificial sweetener, such as equal, or make it even lower in carbohydrates by making it sugar free. Buttermilk is lower in fat than regular milk, but you can also use skim milk or soy milk. Weighing the exact amount of flour required, as well as using an organic flour, gives a much nicer muffin – we are not sure why – and don't use more oil than ¾ cup, otherwise they seem to be a bit too oily. These are the yummiest muffins we have ever made, and you can also use mashed banana or passionfruit pulp instead of berries.

Try baking them on a Sunday night, and taking them to work on Monday morning. A great way to make new friends!



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## even more villa & hut airport kafe's

villa & hut kafes are now open in terminal 4 (tiger airways) Melbourne airport – as well as qantas cityflyer concourse and international arrivals terminal. Look for our new kafe's in Adelaide and Hobart Airport next time you're travelling.

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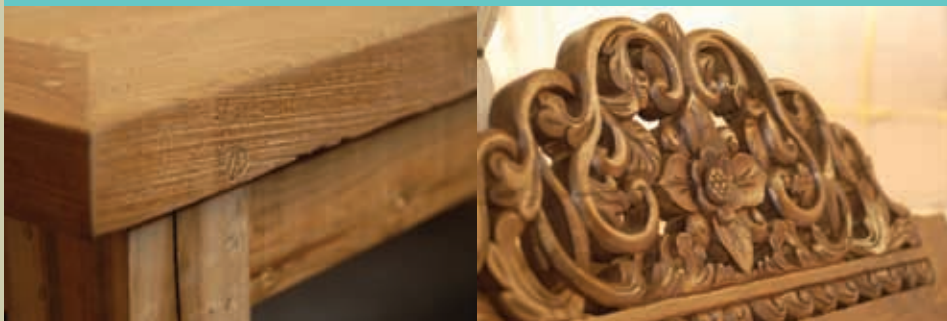
# green idea

## **Plant a tree.**

If every Australian family planted just one tree, more than 1 million tonnes of "greenhouse gas" could be removed from the atmosphere every year.

**email your green idea to [greenideas@villaandhut.com](mailto:greenideas@villaandhut.com) & help create the worlds biggest list. for more green ideas visit [www.villaandhut.com](http://www.villaandhut.com) today!**

# our philosophy



*As Villa & Hut nears its 10th birthday, the foundation of our success remains unchanged – delivering to our customers the best that can be sourced for their budget – meaning real value for money – not just a perceived 'cheap price'. Our ethos remains unchanged and our customers still want to know that:*

- 1:** Our timbers are R.E.A.L timbers. R.E.A.L meaning Recycled, Eco- friendly Affordable & Legal – which means that they are assisting the environment in the best way possible.
- 2:** That all our pieces are individually handmade, with individual character and individual style (not factory produced) – which means that no matter what they are purchasing, a craftsman has made their selected piece.
- 3:** That selected pieces of our furniture come with a 10 year warranty. Which means that we stand behind what we sell and we can back it up with a written guarantee.
- 4:** That the money that Villa & Hut spend on stock is money that is going directly to the villages that make our selected pieces – which means that monies aren't going to wholesalers and middlemen, but the people who need it the most.
- 5:** That Villa & Hut take the time to kiln dry the timbers used in our furniture – which means that we adapt the timber to suit local conditions and increase quality control.
- 6:** That we have the best staff – which means that we employ and train people who believe in the brand, the philosophy, and the beauty in the pieces that we sell.
- 7:** That we source pieces which are of genuine value - which means that we only sell real, authentic, genuine, original pieces - not inferior copies - for the best price possible, without short changing anyone.
- 8:** That we are one of the biggest independent companies in Australia selling this type of product – Which means that we do the right things & we do things right. Much of our original competition has disappeared whilst we have continued to grow, because we have always stuck to our original values and beliefs.



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### villa & hut homewares from the tropics

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Why should your holiday finish when you get off the plane? It doesn't have to. Come into a villa & hut store and select from a range of exotic and contemporary styles of furniture and handicrafts to remind you of wonderful holiday and fantastic memories! From a drum to beat away the time, an old teak daybed to laze away the days or cd to remind you of the island rhythms!

## bridal registry

*villa & hut are pleased to offer the services of a bridal registry for a unique gift choice.*

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