

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



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Eco is not a fad. Green is not a trend. Recycling is not a craze.

Conservationism is not extremism. On behalf of the villa & hut tribe, welcome to our autumn 08 news. This issue we look at our green ideas. Villa & hut have been using recycled timbers since 1999, and have worked with hundreds of overseas communities, villages and individuals to spread the word about recycling, waste reduction, forest rejuvenation, coral renewal and water saving measures. As a matter of fact, this very newsletter is printed on recycled paper! On the back page are our very own top 20 suggestions that may help make a difference... we are compiling a comprehensive list on our website for the world to read, and would love your suggestions. Email me at greenideas@villaandhut.com and let me know your top green idea and I'll put it on our weblist.

Regards, franz madlener, managing director, villa & hut group



By printing this newsleeter 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.

world coffee aid

villa & hut kafes

Proudly support world coffee aid. With every coffee sold in our kafes, between 5-8% of the price goes to WCA which is directed to registered charities around the globe.



franchising opportunities

The villa & hut kafe concept is a proven success story, and has become one of the fastest growing independent cafe brands in australia. a villa & hut kafe is the most exciting franchise opportunity in the coffee & food concept industry with new sites now available.

Think you've got what it takes to run your own franchise? ready to start working for a boss you really want to work for - yourself - **then freecall 1300 792 532 admin@villaandhut.com**

A Respectable 6th Place...

villa & hut Kafes have been recognised by BRW magazine as one of Australia's Star Performing franchises – coming in at 6th place on the prestigious list. January saw our newest franchise store come online, villa & hut Torquay (Victoria), run by Scotty, Liz & Dave (pictured). Scotty says he makes the best Lime Spiders in the country, but won't share his secret recipe with us, so unfortunately we can't even share it with you (we think it has something to do with the temperature of the glass – but we're not sure). Congratulations to all our Franchisees and the Tribe for making the cut.



villa & hut stores: Casey Lifestyle Centre • Centro The Glen • Fountain Gate • Highpoint • Jam Factory • Torquay Central • DFO Cheltenham • DFO Essendon • DFO Spencer St Melbourne • DFO Brisbane • Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart Airport Kafes (Domestic and International) • and stores throughout the United Kingdom, Europe & USA

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holiday...
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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!



Narmada Water

pure Lombok mountain water Australia's only
100% certified Halal and organic spring water!

Now available at villa & hut, narmada water is a gift from nature, sourced near the age old temple high in the mountains called Narmada. Rated as one of the earth's most pure streams, Narmada water flows from the crater lake of volcanic mount rinjani into the tropical springs below. Narmada water has almost 50% less sodium content, and 30% more calcium content than most other waters, as well as significantly more magnesium and potassium - making it the number one choice for people looking for a natural and macrobiotic water - that re-hydrates, and refreshes like no other water on earth!

visit www.narmadawater.com.au

free internet connection at our villa & hut kafe's*

Relax, stop & unwind in a villa & hut kafe today. Try one of our famous organic coffees or vanilla chais. Fuel up from our exotic menu & while you're at it, fire up your laptop and utilise our free internet connection.

villa & hut kafes are located at DFO Spencer Street, Fountain Gate, DFO Cheltenham, DFO Essendon, Highpoint, The Glen, DFO Brisbane Jam Factory South Yarra & Torquay Central! *excludes Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart airport kafe's

villa & hut airport kafe's expand

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 Adelaide and Hobart Airport Kafes opening in April.



Exclusive hand woven rattan place mats and coasters: Great for hot or cold plates & pots to protect any surface. They are stain resistant, and rinse clean under the tap. Best of all though, they are 100% natural and prices start from \$3.

autumn recipe

Marrakech Salad

Autumn is foods' favourite season, with rich colors, textures & spices reappearing on the menu. Look for this Autumn favorite on our menu... and even though it's a secret; here's the recipe (but don't tell anyone). Serves 4.

500g roasted organic butternut pumpkin, chopped into 2cm cubed

8 whole roma tomatoes, chopped

200g green beans top and tail, cooked

½ red onion, finely sliced

200g fresh baby spinach leaves

200g Greek fetta cheese

2 teaspoons of dried Thyme.

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil,

*** extra oil for roasting pumpkin**

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2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parley.

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar & olive oil.

1. Pre-Heat your oven to 180°C.
2. Line a baking dish with baking paper. Cut pumpkin into 2cm cubes and place in prepared baking dish. Toss through fresh thyme, olive oil and season with rock salt. Roast at 180°C for 20 mins. Set aside to cool
3. Place green beans in a pot of salted boiling water & cook for 6 mins. Remove and drain, place immediately into cold iced water to cool.
4. Finely slice red onion and chop tomatoes into 1cm cubes
5. Combine all ingredients - baby spinach, pumpkin, tomatoes, green beans, onions, and chopped parsley
6. Place in a bowl & crumble fetta cheese over the salad
7. In a jar combine oil & balsamic vinegar, shake to combine. Drizzle over salad just before serving and enjoy.

look for this salad on our specials board



**yes we cater, please contact
admin@villaandhut.com**

what makes villa & hut product unique...

Lets take a snapshot view of a teak dining table made by villa & hut:

- We use only 100% natural, recycled, legal, eco-friendly timber.
- We use the best possible grade of timber to build for an affordable price.
- One person has hand-made the item from start to finish.
- The item is then hand finished using a natural, long-life process.
- Villa & Hut deal direct with the craftspeople to ensure "fair trade".
- The natural beauty of the timber is easily seen & felt; touch wood, looks good!
- Selected items come with our ten year warranty guarantee.
- Each piece is unique in some way – and not mass produced.

v store now open

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welcome to villa & hut's newest store – open 24/7/365 – v store online.

Browse through our unique selection of furniture, homewares, music, instruments, coffee, gift vouchers and more. Simply select the category you wish to browse, then click on the product for more information and a larger image. To purchase simply 'add to basket' and follow the prompts... this season we are offering 'free delivery' within australia. Payments can be made via secure online credit card payment, funds transfer, paypal or over the phone.

happy shopping - c u @ v store!

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if you really want to enhance your home and get the best return; hiring furniture, lamps, mirrors, outdoor pieces, sculptures and artwork is a great option.

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top 20 green ideas

1. Buy products made of recycled content materials. Toilet paper, dining tables, glassware, bin liners, coffins... the list is endless.
2. Watch what, where and how you eat & drink. Look for places that provide reusable crockery, cutlery & glasses. If you don't need a lid, napkin, sugar satchel, bag, sauce, or other condiments, then let staff know at the time of purchase. More than 20% of items disposed of by cafes have been unused by customers!
3. Have a garage sale. Other people may be able to re-use your old stuff, so it doesn't have to be thrown away. Then give the money to www.rainforestrescue.org.au
4. Start a compost pile to recycle leftover food, bread scraps and fruit and vegetables. Throw away fatty foods like meat and cheese, which creates smells and attract pests.
5. Recycle glass. The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle could light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.
6. Recycle old newspapers. If we all recycled our weekend newspapers, we could save more than 5,000 trees a week.
7. Instead of plastic bags, use reusable containers to store food in the fridge or when packing lunches. If 50 percent of Australian homes used 10 fewer plastic food bags a month, we'd save more than 250 million bags a year.
8. Take a reusable cloth or mesh bag to go shopping. Villa & hut have them available for just \$1.00 and donate the profits to world vision! go to www.worldvision.com.au
9. 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.
10. Drive less. This is a challenge in a society that loves its cars, but consider walking or riding a bicycle whenever possible, even if it's just once or twice a week.
11. A household can save up to 50,000 litres of water a year by not leaving the tap running when doing things like brushing teeth, shaving, washing dishes in the sink, flushing number ones or taking more than 2 minute showers.
12. Ever been to the beach and seen it strewn with garbage? Next time you go, take a bag and take out not only what you brought in, but a few things left by someone else as well. Visit www.surfrider.org.au
13. Put a plastic bottle in your toilet cistern to act as a displacement device. You will use less water, about 15 to 40 percent for most households.
14. When you buy things, ask yourself, "is it recyclable?" "does it have too much packaging?" "is it the most eco sensible option?" - this will also start educating the kids to think this way. Visit www.eco-shout.org for a real green view.
15. Australians collectively receive almost 40,000 tons of "junk mail" every year; if 100,000 households stopped their junk mail, this could save up to 150,000 trees. Get a sign on your letter box saying "no junk mail please". Report irresponsible junk mail to www.cleanup.org.au
16. Look for "recycle bins" wherever you are. If your local club, sports-ground, school, shopping centre, park or playground doesn't have one - then lobby them to get one.
17. Bring a coffee cup to work or your favorite café instead of using a styrofoam or disposable cup.
18. Be a smart shopper and buy things that are the best option for the environment. Ok - it may sometimes cost a bit more - but it is the least you can do! Visit www.greenpagesaustralia.com.au
19. Avoid styrofoam at all costs. It is completely non-biodegradable and simply won't go away.
20. Finally: lead by example. Educate your kids. spread the word. Recycle. Reduce, and reuse whenever possible. Visit www.greenhouse.gov.au

email your green idea to greenideas@villaandhut.com & help create the worlds biggest list. for more green ideas visit www.villaandhut.com today!

bridal registry

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

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