



bevisco

intelligent by design

Doing more with less

Bevisco designs products to last, and backs them with exceptional warranties.

We pay close attention to the way our furniture is made, and to the ways in which it can be renewed, reused and recycled

We select materials that are as environmentally sensitive as possible whilst still maintaining product integrity and quality.



Remember when -

We put our milk bottles out for reuse

We added to our pocket money by returning those empty lemonade bottles

Mum wrapped the garbage in newspaper before putting it in the bin

Dad insisted that all scraps go onto the compost heap

You had one shopping bag for the vegies and one for the groceries

It wasn't that long ago.

Bevisco's been in business for a long time and we're still in business because those lessons were never forgotten. From the start, Bevisco has done its best to make the most of what it uses. We care because we've always known that we rely on the planet's resources to create our furniture. From concept through to installation, we design, build and plan for the total life cycle of our products.

Our efforts to better understand complex environmental relationships are driven by one very simple philosophy – **always do what's right**

As well as selecting safe & environmentally sensitive materials, we process them as efficiently as possible.

We also strive to ensure that our manufacturing operations have minimal impact on the environment.

Bevisco actively promotes like minded business partners and their products.





SUSTAINABLE THINKING & DESIGN

With our emphasis on high-quality well made furniture, Bevisco continues a heritage of sustainable thinking that began well before the disposable age.

We have always believed that one of the most environmentally responsible ways to do business is to develop and build products with long life cycles. The longer our products are used, the less often they need replacing.



Aesthetic and technical durability equates directly to better use of resources. Supported by the entire organisation, our environmental team spends a lot of time researching new materials and processes to improve the performance, quality and longevity of our products so they can be used for as many years as possible.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND



To help lengthen the lifespan of our furniture, we design systems that use common components across the various lines. We make sure that our systems will be around for a very long time by maintaining an active inventory of all dies, moulds, templates and documentation used in the manufacture of our products. This allows us to continue supplying parts for our original systems and allows you to grow and change in the knowledge that your furniture is always serviceable.

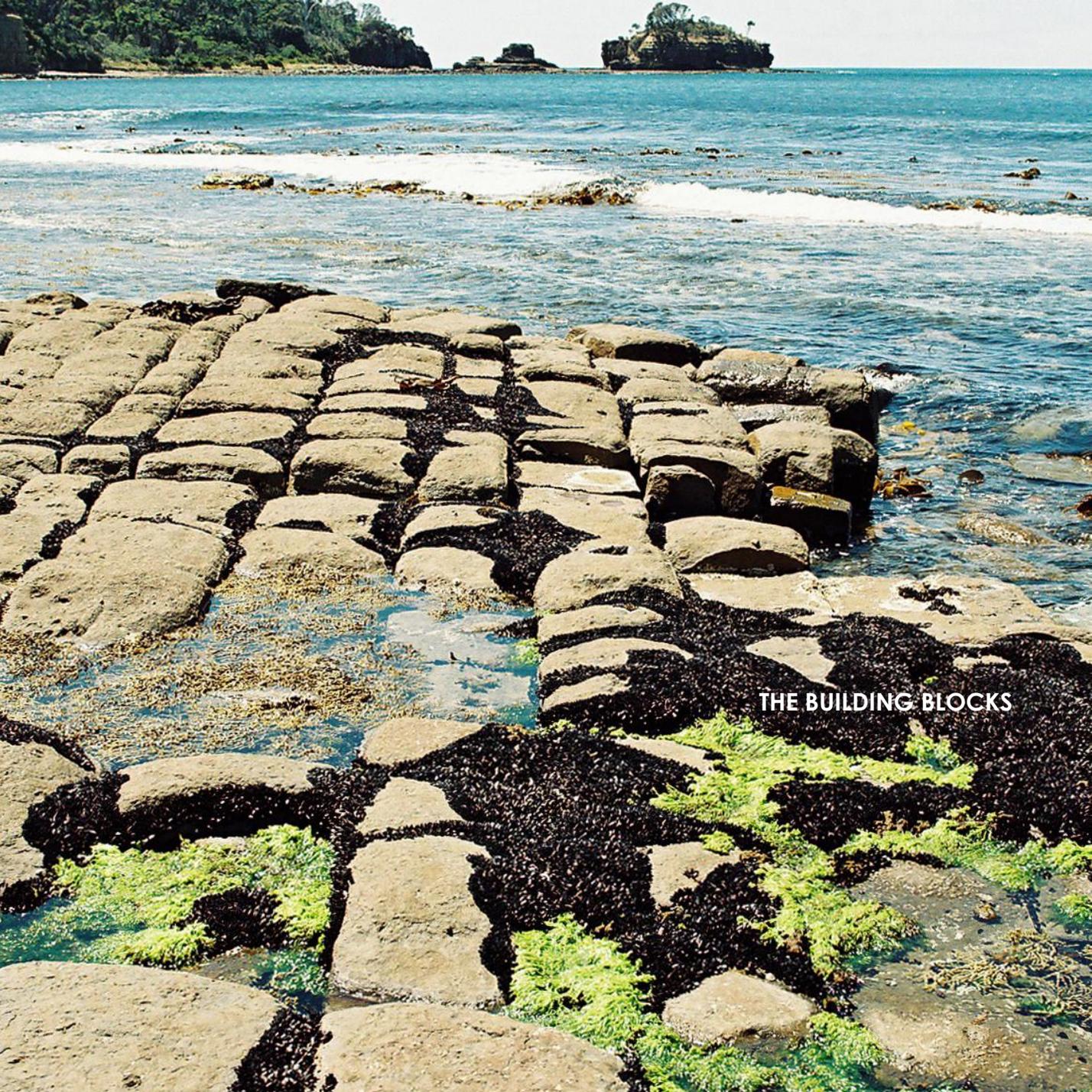
We also design our new products with a view to future work styles and practices.

Another way we extend the life cycle of our products is by designing systems that can be easily reconfigured with minimal waste. This type of thinking has led to design that allows for future growth and cultural change. We take this one step further by giving you the advice you need to make the most of our systems in your space.

We also endeavour to make products that can be reused first rather than recycled. By building flexible systems that make on site refurbishment easy, we greatly reduce the generation of waste.

When our products do reach the end of their useful life, that same thinking allows them to be easily disassembled and recycled.





THE BUILDING BLOCKS

A great deal of thought goes into our choice of materials. When it comes to wood products, we only source from responsible suppliers and use substrates made from softwood by-products. High end veneers are selected from managed regrowth forest timber.

To further reduce pressure on virgin timber, Bevisco is presently investigating the use of alternative products that are light weight, made from recycled materials and fully recyclable.

Our optimisation software ensures that we get the most out of the materials we use. The minimal waste is either on-sold or recycled. We also assist customers in tweaking designs and layouts to achieve the most efficient outcome.



Bevisco is committed to using low emission adhesives & coatings. We work with water-based adhesives and powder coat paints. Our products do not contain components that have been chrome plated.

RECYCLED MATERIALS

Aluminium

Steel

Plastics

Sawdust

Wood waste

Cardboard

* Upholstery

* Recyclable materials



FRAMING THE QUESTION

AFRDI APPROVED SYSTEMS

Exe

Ozone



GECA CERTIFIED SYSTEMS

Exe

Ozone



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

AS/NZS ISO 14001: 2004

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Bevisco's approach to sustainability is supported throughout the organisation. Our endeavours towards better environmental stewardship are backed by rigorous quality assurance and environmental management programs. To ensure the quality and longevity of our products, every system undergoes rigorous internal and third party testing - Bevisco systems are AFRDI approved.

We are committed to building furniture and a future that will last.

Bevisco has achieved certification for its core products under the Good Environmental Choice Label which in turn provides the maximum Green Star rating for its systems as set out by the Green Building Council of Australia. Bevisco also operates an environmental management system that complies with AS/NZS ISO 14001: 2004



As part of these programs, Bevisco now looks to continually increase the use of energy efficient materials in its products. This initiative also extends to the methods used to process and acquire those materials.





MANUFACTURING WITH VISION

Walking the talk - Our designers create with sustainability in mind, our engineers develop with an eye for durability and thrift and our production teams blueprint for efficiency. At every stage, we ask ourselves the question – “can we do it better” and we keep asking that question.

Henry Ford said "You must get the most out of the power, out of the material.....". Like Bevisco, Ford thought that the waste which left his factories was wasted resources & money.

Constantly challenging ourselves to make the most of the materials and energy needed to make our products has resulted in – reductions in the use of natural resources, less waste, cleaner air emissions and power savings.



Putting the lid on waste

Bevisco works to a simple waste management plan

Avoid – Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

We **avoid** the use of non recyclable materials. Air tools and optimisation software are used to **reduce** energy consumption. Systems & components are designed to be reconfigured & **reused** and the various waste products are collected on a regular basis for **recycling**.



To reduce downstream waste and energy consumption, 90% of aluminium extrusions are ordered in pre-cut lengths from the manufacturer. Improvements in equipment & optimisation software have resulted in aluminium waste levels of less than 2%.

Reductions in waste disposal expenses, core materials, plant efficiencies and energy usage have helped us lower our running costs and we pass those savings on to our customers.



BREATHING EASIER

People are Bevisco's greatest asset. Our OH&S strategy involves the early identification of potential health issues.

We are constantly looking for methods of improving the way we work to ensure the wellbeing of our people and the environment.

As required by Good Environmental Choice Australia, we create our furniture using E0 products.

Our endeavours to improve air quality include the use of lower emission products, improved processes and where possible, the complete elimination of materials containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

How we are reducing VOCs

By using:

Water-based contact adhesive on board products

Water-based adhesives for wood lamination

Water-based fabric glues

Water-based metal cleaners

Powdercoatings

Electrostatic coatings

Zero formaldehyde products



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