



Eco faves

The hottest products on display at the Gardening Expo all do their bit for environmentally friendly outdoor living. These are our top five choices.



Fytowall, the vertical garden If space is a problem, this vertical wall garden offers greenery even when there isn't a traditional garden bed. Perfect for courtyards where dividing fences or walls need to be softened by a leafy outlook. Prices are similar to a medium to high-end water feature and vary depending on individual requirements. For more information, visit verticalgarden.com.au or tel: 5977 9648.



Heaven In Earth: The Recycled Tyre Rubber Bucket

It's a bucket and it's recycled — how much more eco can you get? The stitching on this recycled tyre rubber makes a big statement about the value of holding onto things — and looks good, too. Perfect for (grey) hand-watering or catching whatever rain might one day fall. Price: \$52. Stockists at heaveninearth.com.au, or email: info@heaveninearth.com.au



The Aussie Bladda Tank This reinforced polypropylene tank can be easily connected to existing garden systems and, being fully transportable, puts water conservation in the hands of renters, as well as home-owners. Prices range from \$1130 for a 1275-litre tank to \$2090 for a 3500-litre tank. Available from a wide range of stockists, including Reece Plumbing, Tradelink Plumbing, Mitre10, Home Hardware, Bunnings, The Environment Shop and Green & Simple. aussiebladda.com.au



Harry's Gardenia Food Nothing says grandma better than gardenias. And, it seems, nothing says grandpa much better either. The creator of this fertiliser extraordinaire has had 80-plus years in which to learn a thing or two about gardening and now, at last, one of his secrets is out. Perfect for our increasingly disconnected world, where the art of passing things down a generation or two has been, largely, lost in favour of the quest for the next big thing. Maybe everything old really is new again. Price: \$14.95. Available from most independent nurseries, including Gills, Lintons, Town and Country, Going Going Green, Beasleys, Essendon Garden Centre and more. E-mail: HarrysGP@bigpond.net.au





Aussie Heatwave As summertime entertaining moves back out to the garden, it's nice to know that, in this changeable Melbourne weather, we can put the heat on whenever we want. Aussie Heatwave Fireplaces has a stainless-steel design that promise lots of heat — and more. It's stylish and sleek and, with barbecue and pizza oven attachments now available, it's also practical. Aussie Heatwave, 119 Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East, www.aussieheatwave.com.au, email: aussieheatwave@bigpond.com