

Outdoor dining »

It would almost be considered a crime to not participate in our national day of celebration, Australia Day, and what could be better than a couple of snags on the barbecue in your own backyard? In great Aussie tradition, no pomp will be required, with coloured melamine or plastic plates and cutlery the order of the day.

Tupperware Australia and New Zealand marketing manager Tracey Pratt agrees that aside from great company, delicious food and good weather, another Australia Day essential is an outdoor-friendly picnic set.

"Tupperware offers many products to help

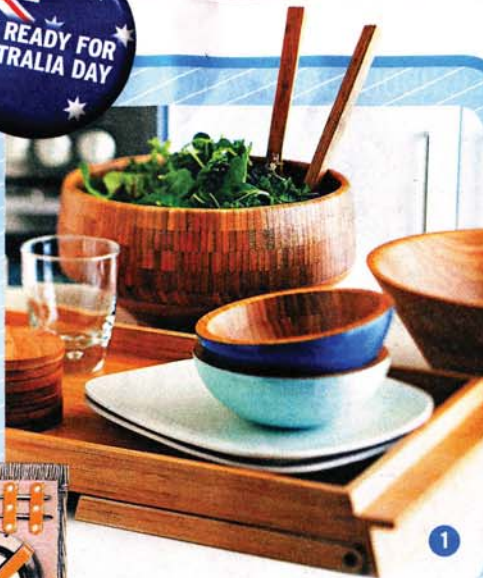
make it less stressful to cater for groups" she says.

In order to make such celebrations easy for everyone, plates and cutlery that are virtually unbreakable are ideal for outdoor entertaining, whether you're poolside or picnicking in the park.

"Seals keep food fresh and ensure transportation from home to party is hassle-free," Tracey says.

The clean-up is made a breeze if you have products that are dishwasher safe. Some of the most popular Tupperware items on offer from spring/summer include the versatile, durable and lightweight Alegra outdoor range.

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1 SunnyLIFE has released a range of bamboo products that lend themselves to the party spirit. **Natural bamboo designer salad bowl** \$69.95, **salad servers** \$19.95, **classic salad bowl** \$49.95, **tray table** \$69.95, **lacquer bamboo small bowls** in coronet and turquoise \$16.95 each, **natural bamboo coasters** \$24.95 (set of 6), from SunnyLIFE, sunnylife.com.au

2 Nothing quite says "I've come prepared" like a picnic basket. This four-person set has loads of old-world charm. **Symphony In The Park four-person picnic set** \$235.95, from Citta, 1800 256 723, cittadesign.com

3 Chips, nuts and dips are the perfect addition to any party. This fun server makes it easy to portion out the goodies. **Alegra divided server** \$33.95, from Tupperware, 1800 805 396, tupperware.com.au

4 Made from stainless steel, this bowl can handle the outdoors – and accidental drops from the kids. Simple in design and stylish this bowl brings a fashionable touch to any barbecue. **Cavo bowl** \$59.95 (25cm), from Ogilvies Design, ogilvies.com.au

5 You may not be lucky enough to be cruising the Harbour on Australia Day but deck chairs are one of the most comfy chairs you can have for the outdoors. They beat the director's chair and stool hands down as the best seat in the house – or make that outside the house. **Avalon deck chair** \$139.95, from SunnyLIFE, sunnylife.com.au



8 It is all about colour in summer, and lime green sure has a sunny feel to it. This tough 1.5 litre bowl with servers virtually screams out for some lettuce love. **Alegra bowl** \$37.85 (with servers), from Tupperware, 1800 805 396, tupperware.com.au



7 We all love Sydney in the summer and want to make the most of the outdoors but what about those rotten flies? This food cover is an easy solution to an old problem. **Cocina food cover** \$35, from Citta, 1800 256 723, cittadesign.com



6 The red, white and blue hues of this range are certainly appropriate for setting the mood at an Australia Day party. **Lacquer bamboo serving tray** \$49.95, **tumblers** \$7.95 each, **melamine side bowls and plates** \$8.95 each, **natural bamboo table caddy** \$44.95, **cork Noosa rectangle placemat** \$29.95 (set of 6), **melamine dinner plates** \$12.95 each, **melamine salad servers** \$14.95, **melamine round platter** \$24.95, from SunnyLIFE, sunnylife.com.au

