



QUIRKY BEER GLASSES

Ritzenhoff's latest collection of quirky beer glasses promises to be good party conversation starters.

The beer, pilsner and seidel stein glasses come with sleek packaging and matching coasters and are produced from patterns submitted by world renowned designers. The range includes six new pilsner glasses, four curved beer glasses and four seidel steins. Stockists www.ritzenhoff.com.au.



WATCHING TOAST BROWN

It may well be the most exciting development in toast since the invention of sliced bread. After 15 years in research and development the Magimix Vision toaster lets you see when your toast is ready through clear, double-insulated glass windows.

The toaster was voted by GQ magazine One of the 50 Best Things on the World Right Now and won the grand innovation prize at the Foire De Paris trade show.

WELCOME ADDITIONS: Above clockwise, Magimix Vision toaster, Ritzenhoff's beer glass, SunnyLIFE deck chair and wine cooler bag, Lost Dog figurine, Breville automatic tea maker, Beaumont Tiles's Cavallino range, LG's front-load washer, Alpaca collection and the Ben O'Donoghue with Wiltshire barbecue tools.

Extra-wide slots cater to a variety of breads including bagels, crumpets, muffins and baguettes, there's a defrost function that allows toasting of frozen bread and a slide-out crumb tray.

The toaster sells for \$499. Stockists 03 8787 4200.



BBQ TOOLS MAKE LIFE EASIER

The Ben O'Donoghue with Wiltshire barbecue tools are sleekly styled in brushed stainless steel and O'Donoghue reckons they are the best featured BBQ tools on the market.

The spatula has special grooves to make flipping food easier, a sausage splitter, prongs for piecing and tenderising, a curved laser edge for knife-like cutting and slicing and a handle hook that doubles as a bottle opener. It sells for \$12.99.

The tong is a lightweight, modern-looking take on the traditional tong with a locking device that ensures it doesn't close when in use. It also sells for \$12.99. The tools also come in a duo box for \$22.99. Stockists 1800 651146.

ALPACA COLLECTION HITS THE SHELVES

St Albans Textiles, the biggest manufacturer of Alpaca and Mohair products in Australia, has launched its new Alpaca collection including throw rugs, blankets and scarves.

The soft Alpaca fibre signature throw rugs come in three colour lines and a varying collection of stripes, checks and plains to suit any interior space or style.

The rugs sell for \$225. Stockists 03 95447533.

LOST DOG NEEDS A HOME

Lost Dog is a new collection of figurines featuring a lost dog, a white puppy with a



brown patch on his left eye, who needs a new home.

By sculptor and illustrator Craig Davison, each Lost Dog resin figure is available in different sizes and styles.

The figurines sell for \$19.95 to \$59.95. Stockists 1300 881940.

INSPIRATION FROM THE SERENGETI

People are moving away from neutral tones in home interiors and Beaumont Tiles has come up with an answer to the trend - animal print tiles.

Beaumont Tiles believes its Cavallino range, imported from Italy, will be the next big trend in Australian home interiors.

The range is available in zebra (pictured), tiger, leopard and giraffe prints, with sales around the world making zebra the most popular followed by tiger and giraffe.

The tiles sell for \$98 per square metre. Stockists Beaumont Tiles stores.



TEA MAKING MEETS TECHNOLOGY

Breville's Automatic Tea Maker and Kettle knows the right temperature and brewing time to get the best flavour and full aroma from the most popular tea varieties.

The kettle had five preset brew temperatures according to tea type - green, black,



white, herbal and oolong, plus an LCD screen to guide users through selections, including three preset brew times to control tea strength. There are also custom options for those who love to experiment.

The tea maker automatically lowers the tea basket when the water is at the right brewing temperature and lifts it when the tea is ready to pour. Users can also pre-select a start time and keep the pot warm at a selected temperature for up to an hour.

The tea maker costs \$299.95. Stockists 1300 139798.



STATE OF THE ART WASHING

LG's eight kilogram direct-drive front-load washer in candy apple red features an innovative inverter motor, which integrates the motor to the centre of the drum, eliminating the belt and pulley. This means less vibration and noise and increased durability.

The new washer features LG's laundry technologies including the intelligent wash system, where sensors detect the load and selected water temperature to optimise water level and cycle time according to the size and type of load. The system also detects and adjusts imbalances and excessive suds.

The washer sells for \$1999 and is available from major retailers.

