

OUTDOOR MUST-HAVES

Our favourite new products for the garden and garage

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ON THE LEVEL

Any fan of DIY knows that a spirit level can make or break a job, so it's important to choose a good one. The Bahco 466-1200 Box Spirit Level, RRP \$102, has laser-marked increments and a milled surface to ensure maximum precision, plus there are two comfy hand grips to make both carrying and measuring easier. With a V groove along its full length, the spirit level can also be used on pipes and rounded surfaces. The Bahco 466-250 Magnetic Scaffolders Level, RRP \$79, has four heavy-duty magnets for attaching it to scaffolding and other metal objects, as well as horizontal and vertical vials and a 30-degree and 45-degree angle on either side for setting angle:



BRANCHING OUT

Skip the skewers, and thread your meat and vegies on this handy barbecue tool from McPherson's instead. It holds loads of food and lays flat on the grill without rolling around, ensuring even cooking. When one side of your food is cooked, just flip the whole thing over and grill the other. The Branch Skewer has a rubberwood handle and a silicone hanging loop for easy storage, and each branch has a removable protective tip. RRP \$29.95.

RETRO BREEZE

Go back in time with this funky retro fan from Bunnings – its orange and chrome finish and four blades will have you reminiscing about the old days while keeping you nice and cool. It has three speeds, an adjustable tilt head and an oscillating function, and is the ideal way to provide a refreshing breeze on those hot summer days. RRP \$44.



DRYING UP

Laze around in the sand with one of SunnyLIFE's new-range cotton beach towels, patterned in radiant colours including red, blue, aqua, coral and lemon. They're large, luxurious and perfect for sunny days on the beach or beside the pool. RRP from \$59.95.

ALL WHITE

Got a classic white outdoor scheme but can't find a barbecue that complements it? The Matador Retro 4 Burner BBQ from Bunnings may be just what you're looking for. It's finished with a high-gloss white powder coat, and would make a stylish addition to your Sunday afternoon soirees. It has a vitreous enamel hood and firebox and an electronic ignition, plus it's AGA approved for natural gas. Also available in burgundy, RRP \$699.





OUTDOOR ELEGANCE

Stylish outdoor furniture is a must-have when you've put lots of work into creating an idyllic backyard, and these pieces from Robert Plumb are the ideal solution. The Fatso modular sofa contains three separate components that can be configured in numerous arrangements to ensure you get the most out of your space. It's made with New Guinea rosewood and customised sizes are available. The Benny Pool lounge is imperative if you have a pool to lie beside, and the Tube table and chairs are the minimalist's dream for alfresco entertaining. The table is constructed from stainless-steel tube, with a New Guinea rosewood slatted top, and it has adjustable levelling devices on all legs. RRP for the Fatso is: \$1895 for the chair, \$2415 for the corner; \$1375 for the ottoman; and \$1200 for the coffee table. Benny Pool recliner, RRP \$3030; Tube table, RRP \$1395; and Tube chairs RRP \$1120.



WELCOME HOME

Give guests a warm welcome with a door mat from Lark. This charming accessory may carry a sweet message and feature bunches of bright blooms, but it's durable, sturdy and can take lots of wear – perfect for when you have heaps of friends dropping by. RRP \$49.95.



SUMMER WAVES

Hit the coast this summer with SunnyLIFE's range of beach products – ideal for use in the sun and sand. The whole family can have fun together with the Beach Cricket set, which includes a cricket bat, ball, three stumps and balls, all in a handy carry bag. Or grab a Paddle set, comprising two paddles, two balls and a bag, available in three different styles. Stage a mini World Cup with the SunnyLIFE beach ball or create some waves with the Really Big Inflatable Rubber Duck, which is made from durable PVC and almost a metre tall – see if you can ride it! Paddles, RRP \$19.95; cricket set, RRP \$49.95; soccer ball, RRP \$29.95.

LAZE AROUND

Annabel Trends is known for its range of bright, bold household items and giftware, and this piece is no exception. The Hang-out Hammock is ideal for lazing in the backyard with a novel or magazine, or amping up the relaxation factor on holidays and camping trips.

It holds up to 118kg, and is available in hot pink, black, red and green. RRP \$19.95





SAFETY FIRST

Step up your safety standards with the new Biosystems NXP from Sferian Protection. It provides 24-hour monitoring of dangerous atmospheric conditions and features high-intensity strobes, an alarm, an on-board event logger and an LCD readout. This tough little unit is easy to install and can be plugged into a standard wall unit, and there are lots of optional extras that enable you to customise it to suit any working environment. RRP ranges from \$1544.70 plus GST to \$2256.00 plus GST, depending on sensor option and unit housing.



SLEEK FINISH

Make the outside of your house sleek and stylish with CSR Hebel's new PowerClad, an easy-to-install masonry wall system suitable for timber or steel-framed homes, extensions and second-storey additions. Just one 1800mm PowerClad panel is equivalent in area to 53 bricks, making it quick to put up and easy to align. It's made from solid steel-reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, offering the same qualities as standard masonry but with a quarter of the weight, so only two people are needed to position it and standard tools can be used. The fire-resistant, thermal-efficient panels are simply glued and screwed to an adjustable channel system.



FLORAL FEVER

Just because you get a bit dirty in the garden doesn't mean you can't do your planting and weeding in style! Make your garden accessories as bright and floral as the blooms you're tending, by kneeling on a colourful mat from Annabel Trends. These high-density cushioning foam mats are available adorned with either a sunflower, pansy, gerbera or rose, so you can even match yours to your real flowers. RRP \$14.95.



ALL IN ONE

Tackling some DIY projects but want to cut down on tools? Bosch's new PMF 180E set may be just what you're after. It's a 1.2kg handheld appliance that cuts, saws and sands a range of materials including wood and ceramic tiles. Its ergonomic design has a soft grip for easy handling, plus you can choose a range of speeds. Accessories are also available including sanding sheets and saw blades that can be attached at different angles when sanding, sawing or cutting, and a grout-removal accessory with a dust-extraction port.



NATURAL ELEMENTS

Outdoor dining often calls for more natural-looking serving ware than the usual ceramic and china kind, so SunnyLIFE's bamboo range is a great choice for alfresco entertaining. The collection includes a natural bamboo classic salad bowl, RRP \$49.95, and a designer salad bowl, RRP \$69.95, as well as bamboo salad servers, RRP \$19.95, and coasters RRP \$24.95 for a pack of six.



COZY GRIP

Next time you're doing a spot of gardening, skip the blisters and grab a pair of Cool Fit Garden Grippers from Annabel Trends. These vivid gloves are nitrile-dipped and made with stretchy knit for long-wearing comfort. Available in aqua or red, RRP \$9.95.