

BAMBOO

BY LOGAN LEIGH



What I like about you bamboo...

David Embury and the Logan Leigh Benchtops team recently

attended the HIA Sydney Home Show displaying their bamboo range. Chrissy Jones chatted with David about the show, the benefits of bamboo and the companies expansion plans.

What was the response like for Bamboo by Logan Leigh at the HIA Sydney Home Show?

Logan Leigh's bamboo mono stringer staircase system was launched at the 2015 Sydney HomeShow 28-31 May, with our display including our bamboo mono stringer staircase, a three metre bamboo bench top with waterfall ends, a bamboo bathtub and promotional stands.

We had four to five Logan Leigh representatives talking continually with people over the four days -an overwhelming response and much interest from both trade and consumers alike. It has resulted in many staircase inquiries and quotes since the event, and there has also been a spike in bamboo bench top orders received.

Can you tell us about the benefits of bamboo?

Bamboo is arguably the most environmentally sustainable fibre the world has seen. Recent developments have seen it being used globally from durable building materials to fabric products. It's classified as a grass, is anti-fungal and resistant to termites and rot so it does not need to be sprayed with pesticides or fungicides. It doesn't even need much water for healthy growth.

A bamboo forest is said to provide twenty times the yield of a comparably sized timber forest while absorbing two thirds more carbon dioxide and producing 35% more oxygen than the same area of trees. As one of the fastest growing plants in the world, bamboo is harvested within 4 or 5 years, while hardwoods take 30-40 years. Replanting is unnecessary as it continually sprouts new growth and shoots after harvesting, preventing soil erosion.

The Australian building market is demanding products from renewable resources such as Bamboo, and Bamboo by Logan Leigh are at the forefront of this market with their growing range of Bamboo laminated building products.

How long has Logan Leigh been working with bamboo?

In 2012 Logan Leigh recognised Bamboo's durability, versatility and sustainability, and added Bamboo bench tops up to 4.2 metres in length to their range of products to the kitchen and joinery industry, with reliable delivery Australia wide.

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Working with Newcastle University Engineering testing facility, Logan Leigh has developed a bamboo structural beam and on the back of this came Australia's first bamboo

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mono-stringer staircase.

They then designed and patented a steel bracket system that allows for variable stair case pitches, as well as bamboo stair treads will all be used as part of the bamboo staircase system. It is a beautiful and very competitively priced eco-friendly alternative that can be fabricated according to your plan for an easy installation by your licensed builder or carpenter.

Logan Leigh supplies all the staircase components including main beam, stair treads, stair tread brackets, beam mounting brackets, bugle screws and bolts. We can also supply custom bamboo parts such as handrails, posts and landings.

We are confident that our bamboo staircases will positively impact the Australian building market.

Will you be expanding your bamboo range in the future?

Our goal is to design new environmentally sustainable bamboo building products, and be at the forefront of this market Australia wide as well as in some international markets.

There are local economic benefits involved with Logan Leigh's new innovative bamboo products. The expansion of our business has resulted in providing additional employment opportunities for the local community,

especially for young people in apprenticeships.

Half of our staff has been employed for over 10 years, with two being employed for 18 years initially as apprentices & now at management level.

With the recent launch of the mono stringer staircase system we are predicting our turnover could double in the next twelve months, which will require continual monitoring of our business requirements including the recruitment of additional staff.

The second benefit for the local community re the expansion of Logan Leigh is that many of our local suppliers and services also benefit from extra work through Logan Leigh. Local out-sourced services include, speciality CAD designer, steel fabricator, electrical, website designer, printers, legal & accounting services and many others all benefit from Logan Leigh's expansion.

Logan Leigh believes it is very positive for local businesses to support one another at every opportunity.

How do people inquire about Logan Leigh's bamboo products?

If you are interested in receiving a quote from Bamboo by Logan Leigh you can go online at www.loganleigh.com.au or phone 6551 5022, or visit our showroom to view the bamboo staircase or bench tops at 67 Whitbread Street, Taree.