

# Bamboo, Hemp and Plastic Bags

*Bamboo could rightly be described as the ultimate renewable resource*

**B**amboo is the fastest growing woody plant in the world. In fact when placed in the proper climate, certain types of bamboo can grow up to 2.5 metres per day. The reason that bamboo can grow so fast is because it is a grass and not a tree. When harvested, one third of the harvested material will fully grow back within one year thus making bamboo an excellent alternative to hardwoods.

Apart from being the ultimate renewable resource bamboo is simply the best choice for the kitchen because of it's closed pores. And it's durable, easy to maintain and harder than most other timbers.

Tru Bamboo have created the world's finest bamboo products and range of bamboo chopping boards and they are available from In & Out at Mogo.

**Mogo has become a shining example in Australia**

## Hemp

Hemp was the world's largest agricultural crop for over 2000 years, producing up to 80% of all our textiles & fibres. Hemp cultivation was encouraged by governments worldwide until prohibition in the 1930's.

Recent environmental studies are generating a change of attitude towards hemp by many governments.

Hemp is a valuable source of clothing, textiles, fuel and food, which can be cultivated without the use of chemicals and pesticide. Hemp's low environmental impact makes it both the economical and the green choice.

Hemp, when compared with cotton, is softer, warmer in winter, cooler in summer, more water absorbent and has three times the tensile strength. When woven into a tight construction hemp repels up to 95% of ultra violet rays.

Braintree Hemp have created a range of comfortable, durable & fashionable garments utilising hemp and these are available from In & Out at Mogo.

## Mogo Goes Bag Free First

A few years ago Sue Wisbey, a local Eurobodalla resident, approached the retailers of Mogo through the Mogo Progress Association to become the first town in the Australian mainland to be plastic bag free.

Being a committed environmentalist Sue had been looking for a way in which she could make a personal contribution towards protecting the environment. She had read about the small town of Coles Bay in Tasmania where, with the support of their local council, the retailers of the popular tourist town had made the decision to make their town plastic bag free.

Sue walked the streets and talked to most of the retailers in Mogo before asking to address a meeting of the Mogo Progress Association in May. At that meeting the MPA enthusiastically endorsed Sue's plan to make Mogo the first plastic bag free town on the mainland.

In the following weeks there were numerous discussions and meetings with Sue devoting a lot of time to make her dream a reality.

All Sue's efforts were rewarded on 19 September, 2003, with the official launch day of Mogo as a plastic bag free village. Officials attended the launch day from Planet Ark and Keep Australia Beautiful as well as Council representatives and Councillors.

Mogo and the Nature Coast received national coverage in the press and on radio and TV with people ringing from as far away as Brisbane to congratulate Mogo.

Mogo has become a shining example in Australia and the community should be proud of an individual who has done so much to reinforce the message that they are indeed living on the Nature Coast.



**In & Out** south at Mogo  
for you & your home

**Tru Bamboo**

**World's Finest Cutting Boards**  
Renewable, Durable & Easy to Maintain  
50 Princes Highway, Mogo  
Open 7 Days Ph 4474 4980



**Warning!**

**WEARING HEMP IS HABIT FORMING**

**In & Out** north at Mogo  
for you & your home

**HEMP**  
braintree

44 Princes Highway, Mogo  
Open 7 Days Ph 4474 4979