

# Recycled Plastic News



*Pictured below are some examples of recycled plastic products recently installed around Australia.*

Industrial & Domestic Plastic Waste Used As A Resource

## Ma:Mu's 400 metre canopy decking is made from recycled plastic

Replas is proud to have supplied materials for a new walkway through a rainforest canopy in far north Queensland that Premier Anna Bligh has described "must-see" tourist attraction. Environmentally-sustainable, durable materials were selected for the project so as to minimise its impact on the delicate rainforest eco-system.

The \$10 million Ma:mu Rainforest Canopy Walkway in Wooroonooran National Park, near Innisfail, features a 2.2 kilometre forest board walk, a 340m-long elevated walkway and a 37 metre high observation tower. Replas 100-percent recycled-plastic products were used not only as the decking for the walkway itself, but for the wall cladding of the building and bench seating as well.



The plastic planks are ideal for the humid conditions at Ma:Mu as they will outlast timber by many years. Recycled-plastic decking and other products are already being used in other Far North Queensland locations, including national park boardwalks at Mossman Gorge and

Josephine Falls, Babinda Boulders and at Coastwatchers Park in Trinity Beach.

The choice of recycled-plastic products for this project is very practical in that it also reduces maintenance (handy when you consider that some of the decking is situated 37 metres above the ground). Plastic, unlike timber, won't attract slippery fungal growth, so there is no need to clean it with chemicals and high pressure hoses.

"People from all over the world now will get the chance to learn more about the Ma:mu, their country and culture," Ms Bligh said. "This is a tremendous shot in the arm for the tourism industry in north Queensland and a stunning way to celebrate 100 years of national parks in this state."

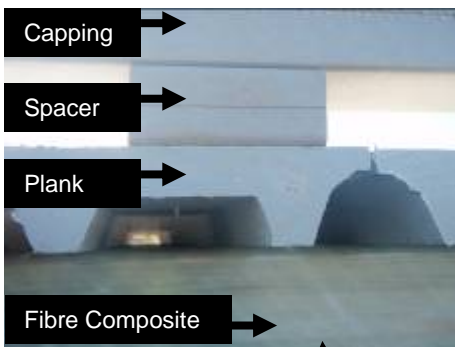
## Plastic Bumpers

John Holland recently installed recycled-plastic profiles in a new section of the baggage handling area at Tullamarine Airport. Over the years, the organisation has been progressively replacing their old wooden profiles, but this time around took the opportunity to install plastic from the start.



## Bowling Club Updates To The Future In Seating!

The Karingal Bowling Club in Frankston has embarked on a major refurbishment of its seating facilities. The first stage was the replacement of bench seating between the two greens. The existing narrow benches were replaced with wider 600mm benches, designed to seat bowlers on both sides. And because available space was predetermined by the length of the shelters, the Kookaburra-style benches had to be custom made (four in a 4200 mm length and two in a 3000mm length). The club was so impressed with the new benches that it is now replacing all the greenside seating over the next few weeks. As many bowling clubs are discovering, Replas can supply functional, great-looking seating which requires no maintenance and which will vastly enhance the facilities for their bowlers.



## Swale bridges – setting new innovative standards

The new standard for swale bridges is now available. The key benefits of these neat bridges are that they very sustainable, need no maintenance and are designed to interlock like LEGO® pieces – that means fast installation. All components have an exceptional life span and need no lacquers or after-market preparation. The structure is light weight and the installation requires minimal equipment.



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