Design with attitude: The K5 Furniture story



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Humanistic thinking

K5 Furniture is a family owned, hands-on furniture business with a passion for excellence for all things to do with furniture design and production.

Incorporated in Melbourne in 2001, we provide furniture, systems furniture and space solutions to a range of clients including interior designers, architects and medium and large corporations across Australia and New Zealand. We manufacture, under licence, exclusive lines of Australian and Scandinavian furniture. Our resolve is to make lasting contributions to design culture by sourcing highest quality Australian and internationally designed furniture made from natural materials, like wood sourced from environmentally grown and selectively harvested new growth forests and quality natural fibres.

What drives us is a desire to make work, public and living spaces better for individuals and the planet; never forgetting our core values of directness in dealings, environmental responsibility and a determination to bring projects to fruition in an efficient and timely manner. We call it humanistic thinking. We think differently:

Our design sensibility is for calm functional environments of spatial clarity, enriched by thoughtfully designed furniture that celebrates the human spirit.

The products we select come with their own personality, satisfying individual human needs while enhancing the landscape of cohesive and inspired office, public and domestic environments. Our extensive and beautiful portfolios of contemporary furniture encapsulate the desire for natural warmth and wellbeing.

We also understand that ergonomics is more than about standing and sitting correctly. For us, ergonomics means feeling well, making life better. Our starting point with every project is each individual's capacity for being and staying healthy.

It is the reason why we do more than just make and sell furniture. We work hard to create spatial experiences that generate good health and productivity. More than supplying furniture and workplace solutions, we like to think we imbue spaces with wellbeing.

We want our furniture and workplace systems to adapt, shape and encourage the dynamic processes that take place in the modern world.

Sustainability, bio-diversity, ecologically sound, natural oils and waxes are words and phrases that are like music to our ears. We like wood, too. Sustainably grown and tended. Carefully selected to produce distinctive furniture—seating, desks, sideboards, storage units, acoustic clusters and more—that ages and grows more beautiful every year.

We insist on Forest Stewardship Councilcertified (FSC) timbers from sources we trust. This provides a climate for biological diversity and a better environment. We work with factories and manufacturers in Australia and internationally, particularly in Europe, who believe in the freedom of experimenting with ideas.

We create tailored working environments that give you a better opportunity to do a good job while giving the community, the natural world and the environment opportunities to grow and flourish.

And we take care of the entire chain: from how we source materials, build relationships and design and manufacture products, to how we work together to find solutions to achieve best possible outcomes.

We understand that each customer has different requirements and needs and perspectives. So, we work closely with them and our designers and makers to produce solutions that are tailored to their specific needs.

Where others see a chair or desk, we see hundreds of ways to work towards a more sustainable future. We are continually working on improved ergonomics and inclusive design, and have stringent requirements in respect of materials choices and methods of construction. We avoid substances that are hazardous to both our health and the environment. We apply alternative solutions wherever possible. We collaborate with ergonomists to create furniture that adapts to people.

Sustainably grown wood, natural fibres, recycled metal and plastics, are the raw materials we like to use most in our furnishings. They affect the three environmental areas we prioritize: climate, biological diversity and chemicals.

The wood we use is either FSC-certified or comes from carefully monitored sources. We use recycled materials in our frames and under frames wherever possible.

When applying surface treatments to metals we primarily use powder coating, because it has low environmental impact. Our covering fabrics are durable and natural and sustainable, like hemp, recycled jute and wool. Our leathers are tanned using vegetable-based methods.

Our interest and focus rests with natural, beautifully detailed furniture with provenance, imbued with a sense of authenticity. Humanistic design that touches our senses; pleasant to look at, sensuous to touch, fresh and clean.

Furniture contributes significantly to the way we inhabit and experience spaces and places and what it means to be human.

At K5 Furniture, our purpose is to support commercial strategies, accommodate innovative work processes, and to adhere to our very particular set of values.

It's our way of thinking differently.

The way we think, feel and work:



At K5 we do more than just sell furniture; we care about people and the planet.

Collaboration with our work-place team. Collaboration with our clients. Collaboration with our local and international manufacturers and suppliers. We ensure that those individuals and companies we partner with share the same values as ours. We want to do the right thing, make a positive difference in the world.

We are dedicated to contributing to experiential spatial environments that consider wellbeing as well as efficiency. Honest design. Dedication to quality in everything we do. These things are integral to our mindset. It's in our DNA.

It's the way we think, feel and work.



A chair should last as long as the tree it was born out of

At K5 Furniture we believe that living in harmony with nature and the environment is essential to who we are and what we do. We adopt systems that focus on zero-waste targets, use of sustainable materials, up-cycle where possible and recycle where not.

We practice a circular economy business model, a regenerative approach designed to eliminate waste, ensuring that materials are retained in productive use, in a high value state, for as long as possible; while minimizing ecological and social costs. Our design ethos, like that of our Australian, European and international manufacturing partners and designers, celebrates innovation, science and sustainability as an integrated whole, without compromising the health of the planet.

We are energy efficient in our operations and our choice of renewable energy sources. We work hard to diminish environmental impacts: plan travel routes carefully and efficiently; and avoid wasteful packaging, like single use wrapping, preferring reusable 'blankets' to protect our furniture products.

Our manufacturing partners have long histories of respect for the environment and the use of natural materials. They, like us, believe that everything in nature has a purpose and a function: fundamental principles that inform their designs and furniture making. They believe that a chair should last at least as long as the tree that provided its material in the first place.

Checks and balances K5 Furniture products are manufactured according to our strict environmental checks and balances. We carefully monitor supply chains and material provenances: wood from verified sources that we risk assess; recycled metals; furnishing fabrics with certified environmental credentials; furniture paddings specially moulded by us to maintain control over quality and sustainability.

Reuse, repurpose, refurbish We also believe that quality furniture should not end up as landfill. By reusing, repurposing, refurbishing and renovating, many pieces of furniture can take on new and different lives.

A new tabletop can give a table an entirely new and different life; re-upholstering a chair or sofa can extend its life for years.

And when products no longer have a use, we offer to responsibly manage their recycling by donating to indigenous and under-privileged communities and youth centres.





Things essential to our being

At K5 Furniture we believe that as citizens of the world we have an obligation to care for people and the health of the planet.

Contributing things of value to the world community. Contributing to eco-conservation. Contributing to the wellbeing of the marginalized and the underprivileged while celebrating cultural diversity.

At work, we provide a safe, healthy environment that encourages and nurtures endeavour and innovation and productivity. We remunerate our staff above award requirements.

Time off for family wellbeing or the development of children and their education are not only socially responsible, but an obligation to committed team members who make what we do possible. These are some of the things essential to our being. Humanistic furniture:













Company: Hida Product: Yanagi Collection Designer: Sori Yanagi

Company: Segis Product Collection: STAMP Designer: Alejandro Valdés

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Company: K5 Furniture Product: Boyd Collection Designer: Robin Boyd



Company: Skandiform Product: Fendo Designer: Stefan Borselius

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Company: Randers & Radius Product: Tono chair Designer: Hans Thyge & Co Product: Grip table Designer: Troels Grum-Schwensen





Company: Randers & Radius Product: Dry chair Designer: Komplot Product: Grip table Designer: Troels Grum-Schwensen

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Company: Kinnarps Product: Fields Designer: Propellor Design, Olle Gyllang



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Company: Materia Product: Point Designer: Fredrik Mattson Best of both worlds Comfortable active clusters with contained personal space and acoustic shelter. New generation furniture. Special pieces to help define focal points and invoke a sense of joy and vitality.



Company: Green Furniture Concept Product: Ascent Series Designer: Green Furniture Concept



Just being ourselvest-only better



Company: Nikari Product: Arkitecture Table and Trestle Legs Designer: Kari Virtanen





Company: Nikari Product: April Tables Designer: Alfredo Häberli



Company: Abstracta Product: Sky Designer: Stefan Borselius 







Company: Lammhults Product: Teius Designer: Andrés Nilson





Company: Materia Product: Alto Designer: Mattias Stenberg

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Company: Lammhults Product: Aperi Designer: Julia Läufer and Marcus Keichel

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Company: Nordic Care Product: Twist Designer: Madeleine Nelson



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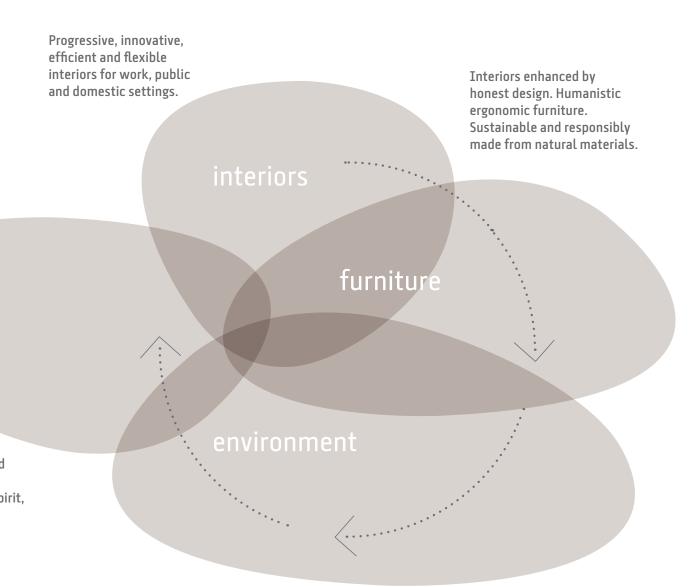
core principles:

- . product knowledge
- 2.....product portfolio
- 3.....biophili<u>c design</u>
- 4.....user wellbeing
- 5.....environmental sustainability

<u>A holistic process</u> From interior planning to user experience

user

Designing and making comfortable furniture created for health and wellbeing. A celebration of the human spirit, science and design.



Creating inspired spatial environments with endless flexibility, acoustic privacy, meeting spaces of varying sizes formal, informal—for passive and active events.

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K5 business values and conduct K5 Furniture is a participating member of the United Nations Global Compact. As such, we acknowledge that corporate sustainability starts with a company's value system and a principlebased approach to business. Our business conduct is defined by 10 principles:

Human rights Principle 1: business should support and respect the protection internationally of proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2: make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

bargaining.

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour.

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment challenges.

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-corruption Principle 10: business should work against corruption in all forms, including extortion and bribery.

Principle 3: business should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective

Principle 7: business should support a precautionary approach to environmental

K5 circular economy

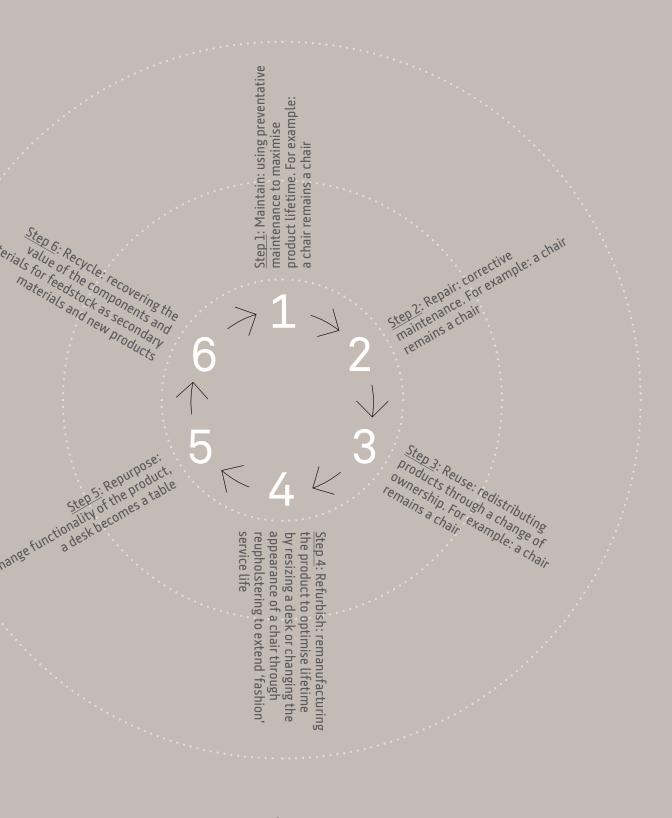
The circular economy offers a way to unite environmental sustainability with profitability.

Principle 1: preserve and enhance natural capital by, for example, selecting required natural resources wisely and choosing, wherever possible, technologies and processes that use renewable or better performing resources.

Principle 2: optimise resource yields, that is to say, design for manufacturing, refurbishing, and recycling to keep components and materials circulating in, and contributing to the economy.

Principle 3: foster system effectiveness by designing out 'negative external impacts' such as reducing damage to human unity, and managing externalities, such as land use, air, water and noise pollution, release of toxic substances, and climate change.

More and more people want to make sustainable choices. As one of Australia's leading suppliers of interior solutions, we achieve these demands by adopting the following steps in the circular economy processes.



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