



10 A fairer phone

The majority of mobile phones have one area where they are not so smart and that's in their environmental and ethical credentials. The components in most phones come from a range of suppliers, with little accountability along the way.

The Fairphone is an attempt to address these issues by creating a smartphone with full accountability along the supply chain, from where the minerals that make the components are mined, to how the phone is made and what the workers are paid.

For the technically minded, the Fairphone specs include dual SIM slots, Android 4.2 as its OS, a MTK6589 quad-core 1.2GHz CPU, 1GB RAM, 16GB of system storage and a micro SD slot for storage expansion. It operates on the 2G/GSM 850/900/1800/1900MHz and 3G/WCDMA 900/2100MHz bands. Dimensions are 126 x 63.5 x 10 mm and it weighs 170g.

Other features include a 4.3" 960 x 540 pixel screen with Dragontrail glass, 8MP rear camera with stabilisation, 1.3MP front camera and a 2000mAh replaceable battery. For environmental reasons, headphones and a charger are not included as standard.

The Fairphone is being sold on pre-order, with the first 25,000 almost gone. It is currently only available in Europe, although a freight forwarding company can solve that problem.

RRP: €325. For more information, email info@fairphone.com or go to www.fairphone.com



11 Safer stripping

Paint stripper is caustic stuff: it attacks your skin and the fumes can cause lung irritation. And the alternative—using abrasive paint-removal methods such as sanding—are an absolute no-no when working on older homes that may have toxic materials in their paint.

Livos Australia has recently released TAKETI paint stripper. Although it is still a caustic product, it is based on renewable resources and all ingredients are fully declared. Livos says the stripper is very economical, is ready to use out of the tub and works on saponifiable dispersion paints, oil paints, and natural and synthetic resin varnishes.

Using it is much the same as other paint strippers: apply the stripper liberally, spray with water and leave for a few minutes. Paint is then ready to remove with a scraper or putty knife.

TAKETI comes in a 1kg tub, which will cover up to 8m², depending on application.

RRP: \$34.75 for a 1kg tub. For more information and materials safety datasheets, contact Livos Australia, 6 London Drive, Bayswater VIC 3153, ph: (03) 9762 9181, www.livos.com.au

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY CALENDAR | 2014



12 Wilderness calendar

Most people buy or are given a calendar every year, but many don't stop to consider the environmental aspects of all that paper and printing.

The Wilderness Society's 2014 Wilderness Calendar features 12 stunning full-colour wilderness photographs chosen to represent Australia's beautiful landscapes.

The calendar is printed with soy-based inks on 100% post-consumer recycled paper that is certified carbon-neutral and processed chlorine-free. Binding is with WIRO metal spiral binding.

The calendar measures 255 x 352mm, with a picture size of 217 x 295mm surrounded by a 15mm white border. Weeks start on Monday.

If you don't mind paying more for a much larger calendar, then check out the 2014 Tarkine Extra Large Calendar from Rob Blakers Photography. This 14-page calendar measures 560 x 640mm and features 13 stunning images from Tasmania's magnificent and endangered Tarkine wilderness. Photography is by Rob Blakers with an introduction by Bob Brown. The high print quality makes the images suitable for framing as art prints.

RRP: \$25 for the Wilderness Calendar. From the Wilderness Society, ph: 1800 030 641, info@wilderness.org.au, www.wilderness.org.au. RRP: \$74.95 for the 2014 Tarkine Extra Large Calendar. From Rob Blakers Photography, ph:(03) 6223 2537, www.robblakers.com