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Amcor saves water

● Amcor has launched a national water giving project at its manufacturing site in Moorabbin. The project will see water collected from the roof at Amcor's manufacturing sites. Employees at Amcor sites are responsible for developing a partnership with local community organisations and agreeing how the collected water will be effectively used in the local area. The 5,730m² of catchment roof space at the Moorabbin manufacturing site has the potential to collect 4 million litres of water each year. Twenty-one Bluescope Water tanks, with a capacity of 272,000 litres, have been installed at two Moorabbin sites.

Recycled plastic

● Cosset Industries has launched EverTuff, an extruded plastic product which is longer and stronger than moulded products at half the cost. The co-mingled composite consists of 99 per cent recycled material, mostly recycled plastic. It is available in any length, without the setup cost of moulds. The Australian-made product has a low rate of moisture absorption. Applications include commercial building – for bollards, car park stops and fascia boards, bearers, joists decking with EverDeck, a grooved commercial decking/jetty plank profile made from the Evertuff material; and mining – for joists, bearers or dunnage. Evertuff looks like normal recycled plastic except smoother and more consistent in appearance.

Sizzler Toowoomba conserves water

● Sizzler Toowoomba has introduced a range of new initiatives to help combat Queensland's drought conditions. Flow and time restricted taps and water tanks have been introduced to the restaurant, as well as waterless urinals and dual-flush toilets. "A standard urinal uses around 2.2 litres of water per flush, so by introducing the waterless option, we save between 600 litres and 1,000 litres per day," says David Bailey, Toowoomba store manager. A 3,000 litre rainwater tank which collects rainwater and condensation from the air-conditioning units has also been installed. The collected water is currently being used to water gardens, but may extend to use for cleaning purposes and in the toilets, saving around 10,000 litres of water per week.