

## WHAT WE'RE LIKING RIGHT NOW

Here's what's on our in-house inspiration board...



layers

detail

depth

texture

pattern

pastels



## WHAT'S NEW IN FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Just recently we launched a new division of FTD - **Every Seat (At The Table)** in response to demand (from our clients and the broader market) for menu consultancy services, particularly around attracting the growing vegan/plant based and special dietary constraint diner.

1 in 3 Australians are avoiding meat, dairy or gluten for health, ethical or religious purposes, and there has been a 600% increase in veganism in the US in the past 3 years. Coeliac disease now affects approximately 1 in 70 people and 65% of the human population are lactose intolerant. As demand for specialised meals increases, it is a logical conclusion that businesses who cater for these growing trends will benefit and those who don't will be left behind. To learn more about how we can help, [click here to visit www.everyseatatthetable.com](http://www.everyseatatthetable.com)



## WHAT'S NEW IN RETAIL & SERVICES

**Slow to adapt and change** - big brand closures are slated to continue. Most recently, Big W announced they are to close 30 of their regional stores

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**Changes to shopping centre tenant performance reporting may assist new prospective tenants and those looking to renew their leases.**

However, it is still voluntary and still relies upon honesty in reporting. And we all know how Lessors like to 'cook the books'...

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**The rise of the small digital native brand using rich consumer data in meaningful ways,** and the continued (slow and forced by necessity) evolution of malls away from the traditional 'shopping centre'

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## WHAT'S NEW IN WORKPLACE

We recently attended the **Total Facilities Expo**, and noticed a clear trend towards creating 'well workplaces' which aim to take better care of an individual's mental & physical health, social life and productivity. With new standards such as the WELL Building Standard (which measures the performance of features that impact health and well-being), factors such as noise, air quality, light and temperature are becoming increasing concerns in workplace design. A well-designed space should see less sick days and better productivity, creating spaces where people can perform at their best.

Co-design is one way to achieve a well workplace. Collaborating with the staff who spend their time in the space helps designers to better tailor the workplace to their needs.



## WHAT'S NEW IN BUSINESS

The Australian Federal government has just released its budget, but FTD asks - **is it predicated on false assumptions that government hand-outs and tax breaks will meaningfully stimulate consumer spending?**

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Our Managing Director, Vanessa Cullen, recently spoke at the Londsale Institute on ethics in business, and **how to become a success without losing sight of your values**



**Vanessa can be booked to speak at your business, conference or event.** Just drop us a line at [assistant@forwardthinkingdesign.com.au](mailto:assistant@forwardthinkingdesign.com.au) for more info.



## FEEL GOOD STORIES OF THE MONTH

Friend of FTD, Graham Ross (owner of Kusaga Athletic) looks to revolutionise **fashion and textile recycling and reuse...**

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We recently worked with UNSW Masters of Commerce students to assess the impact of having Forward Thinking Design provide our **consultancy services to not-for-profit entities undertaking built asset improvement projects**

[Download the free report here](#)

## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON & WHO WITH

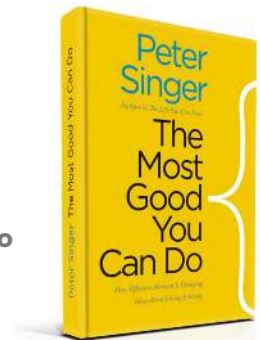
- A Golf Club Building Master Plan in Regional NSW
- A Bowling Club Renovation Concept in Sydney
- A Gym Lease Renewal Tender Pitch in Sydney
- An Office Relocation for a Charity in Melbourne
- Interactive Product Displays for a Medical Service Provider in Sydney
- A New Food Retail Store in Sydney



## WHAT WE'RE READING THIS MONTH

*The Most Good You Can Do*

Peter Singer



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