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## James Treble turns trash to treasures

**Interior design guru** James Treble has been announced as the latest Planet Ark ambassador – and it's a job he's been qualified for since childhood.

The resident interior designer on Channel 10's *The Living Room* told S that some of his earliest memories are of recycling unwanted objects.

"When I was eight years old, I was at the tip with my parents and I saw someone about to throw away a huge brass plate. It's about 1.2 metres and beautifully engraved, very ornate. I begged them to grab it for me and save it from landfill," he says.

Treble still has his plate on the wall in his inner-west Sydney home and says it's a wonderful way to start conversations about recycling and saving the environment.

"I'm thrilled to be the new Planet Ark Ambassador," he says. "On *The Living Room* I am always trying to help people change objects so they can keep them, not put them out for landfill. These things give your home warmth – they speak of you."

Treble's first major gig in his new role will be at a Planet Ark exhibition for World Wood Day this Saturday, on the Customs House forecourt. There, he'll promote the environmental benefits of wood.

"I'm like a big kid at Christmas," he says. "I get so excited. The other day I was in the Salvos looking at wooden bowls and saying how I could turn them into something amazing and a lady nearby joined in and we had such a wonderful, warm conversation about recycling that we hugged when we said goodbye. People are so interested."

**Wood: Housing, Health, Humanity is at Customs House Forecourt from Thursday to Saturday.**



Passion for recycling: New Planet Ark Ambassador James Treble with his beloved rescued brass plate.