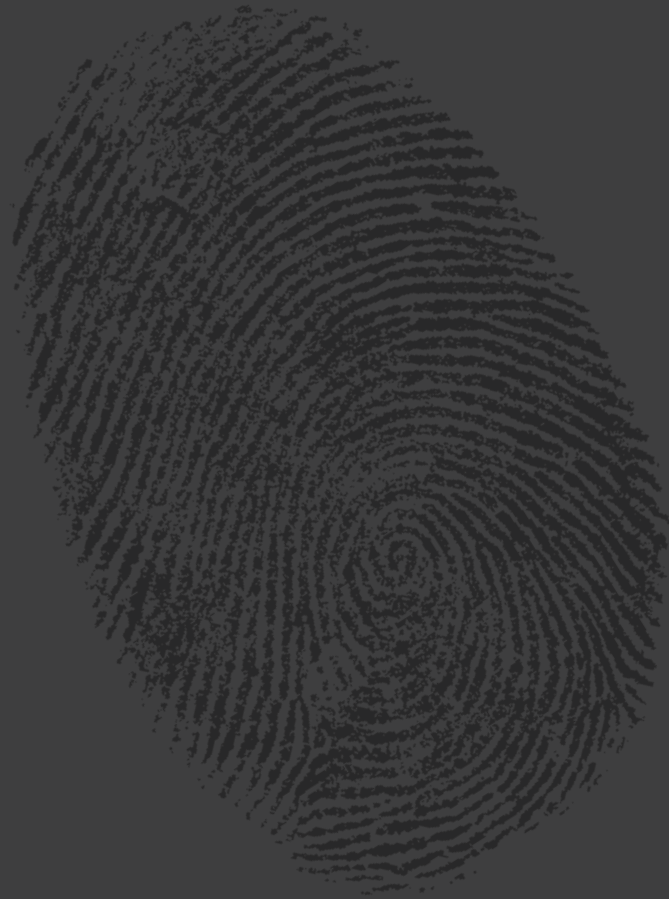




over 100 years talking timber & hardware

 **bretts**

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Bretts was founded in 1912 with roots in sawmilling that continue into today's diverse business mix of retail and manufacturing.

Throughout Bretts 100 year history, there has been a wide variety of activities taking place including sawmilling, manufacturing of plywood and other timber based products, importing and exporting, retailing and even running a wharf at Hamilton, which has since been transformed into one of Brisbane's finest residential addresses, Bretts Wharf. Some of these businesses have come and gone and even re-emerged again to suit the time and conditions.

The two common traits that have remained throughout that time have been a core within the building industry and a Queensland family ethic dedicated to servicing Brisbane's builders and home renovators with quality building materials, in a timely manner and on terms that enable builders to manage their cash flow.

In fact managing director, Bill Nutting Junior, is a third generation family member who has worked hands on in the business since 1985. This family commitment ensures Bretts is uniquely placed to **"talk timber and hardware"**.



## Bretts today, let's talk about tradition!

Bretts has been part of the Queensland building landscape for over a century. Founded in 1912 as one of Brisbane largest sawmills on the present site of the Bretts Timber & Hardware store at Newmarket Road in Windsor, our trade and retail business specialises in unique products within the building industry.

In addition to providing a superb timber and hardware offering which includes Queensland's largest range of door furniture, specialist paint and timber products plus our bathware and appliance showroom featuring leading appliance and bathroom brands; Bretts also manufacture a complete range of aluminium doors and windows and timber frame and truss products.

Bretts draws on the experience and knowledge built up over the past 100 years, to offer customers comprehensive advice and a different hardware experience. More than just a store, Bretts is a Brisbane institution. And to position Bretts for the next 100 years...

Four divisions all talking the same language. These days, Bretts is structured around four major divisions, each one stemming from our timber and hardware origins.

Bretts timber & hardware; Bretts commercial; Bretts frame & truss ; Bretts architectural window solutions.

Bretts are on an expansion phase once again, recently opening a new trade store store at Rocklea on Brisbane's Southside and Caboolture in the north, with more trade stores planned to be opened to help satisfy the growing demand for Bretts trade.

Bretts remains a staunch independent in the local market. And while we're flexible enough to diversify where necessary, our company sticks rigidly to values that reflect the importance of tradition, quality and family.



# trade supply



Many of Brisbane's original Queenslander homes have been built using timber and other building materials supplied or manufactured by Bretts.

Bretts have been in the forefront of timber and building material supply and manufacture for over 100 years, still owned by one of the original families who started the company back at the beginning of last century. Over the years tradies have come to love shopping at the iconic Bretts Windsor. Others have come and gone, but Bretts remains committed to servicing builders from the Gold to Sunshine Coasts, west to Toowoomba and even interstate.

Bretts store at Windsor has recently undergone a revamp, it is now easier than ever for tradies to get in and out fast. Clever merchandising has facilitated easy access and fast loading for tradies on the fly, our new trade store at Rocklea on Brisbane's Southside and Caboolture in the north have been purpose built with this in mind.

Depth in range of products and knowledge from our experienced trade service team is what Bretts are renowned for. If you are a trades person or professional contractor, Bretts provides a single supply point. There is no need to deal with multiple companies and people. You can connect today with a Bretts Trade account manager, who will introduce you in detail to the Bretts Trade range and connect you to the Bretts Trade App. A fantastic tool, making ordering and quoting fast and easy.



# frame & truss



Bretts Frame & Truss utilises the latest Pryda pre-nailed system.

With the latest technology, results are proven, providing a total pre-fabrication system package to builders. Our factory is based on fully integrated software and networked production systems. The Bretts factory engages high-performance manufacturing equipment designed and made locally, and from around the world. We offer the highest level of technical support and customer service from our manufacturing facility at Geebung in Brisbane. With a dedicated estimating and detailing team on site, end users are assured that plan take offs are accurately transferred to quotation and then into finished product in a series of seamless processes.

The Frame and Truss operation enables builders to acquire a complete house lot package including truss and frame, aluminium windows and doors, fix out and everything in between all on one quotation.

Our revolutionary new floor cassette system is a good example of how our Frame & Truss factory can adapt to new and innovative technology.



# architectural window solutions



Window and door systems that meet the needs of the residential and commercial markets.

Bretts manufactures a range of high quality, custom made aluminium windows and doors suitable for a wide range of applications from standard residential, designer architectural through to commercial. There is an endless choice of colours, frames and sizes enhancing the quality materials and manufacturing methods used to provide an end product that is specifically designed to meet the necessary wind and water ratings, and other environmental factors.

Our aluminium window and door range comprises a selection of series, each designed with the end use in mind. Under the Vantage brand we manufacture for domestic residential housing; the Residential series, Designer Architectural series, ThermalHEART series and the SoundOUT speciality series. Under the Elevate brand we manufacture for commercial buildings and applications; the Commercial series, Architectural series, Commercial Framing series and ThermalHEART series. However there is no strict rule, there are some crossover products, it will depend upon design parameters and your personal taste.



Energy efficient windows can be supplied to meet energy reports with the ability to single or double glaze frames. Let our experienced consultants guide you through the selection process. In addition to offering one of the largest range of building products and general hardware in Brisbane, Bretts has also developed an extensive showroom, designed especially to assist you in your window and door selection.



# architectural hardware & locksmiths



Bretts Commercial door opening solutions, encompass all aspects of Architectural Hardware supply and installation.

Our commercial hardware team has been in the forefront of Architectural Hardware supply and Locksmithing since 1945, making Bretts one of the most established suppliers to the industry. Our team of Architectural hardware consultants are all specialists in the field. From writing a specification and estimating to scheduling final product delivery, our team manages your supply process seamlessly.

No job is too small or large, we cater to all job types including: schools, universities and TAFE's, hospitals, office blocks, residential apartments, warehouses and shopping centres. Supplying to shopfitters and interior fitout builders, large commercial builders, aluminium fabricators and fire door manufacturers. We even supply to residential builders for single dwelling houses.

The process is easy and designed to help your site run smoothly and efficiently, taking the headache out of door hardware supply.

We will help build your product specification or work with the Architects schedule. When necessary we will include the manufacturer to help ensure that your specification is always correct and will get the job done. Our estimating programme is broken down door by door and level by level. We will supply your project in door packs, clearly labelled, to your delivery schedule. As we are also qualified Locksmiths and manufacture our own keying system, we always offer the most appropriate keying solution for your project.





# bathware, appliance window & door showroom



For the latest in bathware, appliance,  
window & door design trends and technical  
innovations.

Bretts showroom must be experienced. Conceived as a centre for inspiration, an extensive range of leading bathware and appliance brands as well as our aluminium joinery are displayed, including;

**Bathrooms,** Villeroy and Boch; Grohe; Bette; Argent; Pomd'or; Hansa; Caroma; Dorf; Brodware; Astra Walker; Turner Hastings; Pittella and Avenir.

**Appliances,** Gaggenau; Miele; Neff; Falcon; Baumatic; Smeg; Bora; Liebherr and Clark.

**Windows & Doors,** Vantage and Elevate.

With qualified interior designers instore every day, we can ensure you get a solution tailored to your needs.

Our stylish display gives a good sense of how the individual elements come together to complete a design concept. Our professional qualified consultants are available to assist with the selection process and help explore the relationship between form and function in creating each perfect bathroom. You can have total confidence in knowing that when you send your clients to Bretts showroom for their selections they will be looked after.

We can tailor packages to suit your project, whether a multi storey apartment building, school, hospital or a residential single dwelling home we can build a specification and manage supply which will work for you as the builder, developer, architect or owner. With specialist staff dedicated to managing the procurement and supply process we can ensure your project is delivered on time and in full.





# 100 + years



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# 1980 - today



**2016**

Bretts open a trade store at 30 Cessna Drive, Caboolture

**2015**

Bretts open a trade store at 711 Beaudesert rd. Rocklea.

**2013**

All manufacturing businesses are relocated to one significant site at Geebung.

**2012**

Bretts celebrates 100 years in operation..

**2007**

Bretts Frame & Truss established. Bretts Architectural showroom established to provide Brisbane with it's only complete Architectural product selection centre.

**2006**

Bretts Design is sold to Maxi Industries, to allow the company to concentrate on the core business of building materials. Bretts Glass and Aluminium established in rented premises at Hamilton.

**2005**

The Nutting family purchase the remaining shares not owned by them in a friendly take-over.

**2000**

Windsor site redeveloped into present multi use facility and freehold sold to ING Property Trust.

**1999**

All hardware stores, excluding Windsor, are sold to Hudsons Building Supplies.

**1998**

Bretts Steel division is sold to Metalcorp.

**1993**

Bretts Wharf closed and construction commences for redevelopment into multi residential facility.

**1989**

Timber processor, Mouldings Pty Ltd at Underwood, is acquired.

**1985**

A decision is made to dispose of small hardware stores and develop two major stores on either side of town to combat the likely arrival of warehouse retailers. The Grey Street Hardware store and head office are demolished and businesses relocated to make way for World Expo '88.

**1980**

Last four blocks on northern side of Newmarket Road at Windsor are sold.



# 1929 - 1976



**1976**

A hardware store is opened in Wharf Street, Ipswich.

**1974**

Flooding inundated large parts of the Windsor property incurring over half a million dollars worth of damage, as well as massive damage to South Brisbane hardware store.

**1970**

A decision was made to take space in both the shopping centres at Indooroopilly and Brookside and hardware stores commenced trading.

**1966**

Bretts installed the largest and most advanced Plywood manufacturing machinery in Australia at a cost of over \$350,000.

**1954**

The Glass department is established at Windsor.

**1950**

More land and buildings are acquired in Merrivale Street, South Brisbane, to house the expanding steel division.

**1949**

Bretts Timber Agencies Pty Ltd established a warehouse in Sydney to wholesale the growing range of Bretts manufactured timber products in the southern states.

**1946**

Inglewood Sawmills Pty Ltd, a Cypress sawmill still operating today, is purchased.

**1942**

Within days of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour; Bretts Wharf is requisitioned by the US Army and not returned to the company until 1946.

**1936**

60 perches of land is purchased on the corner of Ernest and Grey Streets, South Brisbane to house the newly formed steel division.

**1932**

Yarraman Pine Pty Ltd (a Hoop Pine sawmill) is purchased from the Queensland Government in a consortium that included Finlaysons Timber.

**1929**

Bretts Wharf is constructed and the first vessel, the 11,628 oil tanker MV Australia, docks.

**BRETT & CO.**  
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MANUFACTURING PLANT

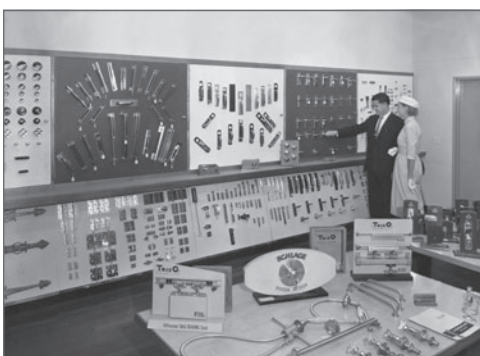
**MIRRORS**

Brett & Co have recently installed Australia's most modern plant for the manufacture of mirrors. The above photograph shows a portion of the dust-free Silvering Room with Laboratory entrance, Water Distillation and Heating equipment in the background.

Brett's copper-backed mirrors have all the beauty, clarity and depth that only the most advanced craftsmanship can give you. Plus a high resistance to the corrosive action of tropical and sea air. Whether you require mirrors for use in bath-room, lounge, store, or on wall or furniture, Brett's can readily supply the size and shape you desire in either decorative or plain styling. For beauty and practical use you will find they are unsurpassed. Private and trade orders will be promptly handled. Prices on application.

Members of the Plate Glass Merchants Association of Queensland

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# 1912 - 1926

## 1926

The first Hardware store opened at Grey Street and further land is purchased at Windsor bringing total area to 35 acres (incorporating what is now Downey Park).

## 1923

Brett & Company incorporated and a head office set up in Eagle Street in Brisbane city.

## 1921

Brisbane Sawmills is purchased by BC Brett & Co and adjoining land is acquired to house the new Hoop Pine mill.

## 1918

BC Brett & Co is formed and a Pine sawmill established at Emu Vale near Warwick.

## 1912

Brisbane Sawmills established at Newmarket Road, Windsor.



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