



Shopgirl

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While there is more and more talk in the media and among local communities about protecting the environment and making ethical shopping choices, I had no idea just how many great eco-friendly shopping options there are in our local area. To be honest, I was expecting it to be a little bit difficult to find a lot of material for this week's Shopgirl. However, I couldn't have been more wrong. There are lots of great ideas on how to benefit the planet as well as your health, so read on and take note next time you're planning a shopping trip, because every item you purchase makes a difference.

<< GIFTBOXOLOGY GIVES BACK >>

Ascot resident Jenny Greg started up Giftboxology after discovering a distinct lack of Australian-made gifts in the market place. Her online store features gift boxes for birth and pregnancy primarily, but recent inclusions to the range have also featured gift boxes for pets and there are plans to expand for all occasions. Gift boxes feature organic, natural and eco Australian-made products. Giftboxology gift boxes can be sent anywhere in Australia for a flat door-to-door cost

of \$10. \$1 from every purchase is also donated to children's charity and carbon offset. For more information visit www.giftboxology.com.au.



<< DRAGON INTRODUCES RENEWABLE SUNGLASSES >>

Following up on the success of their first ever E.C.O. glasses last year, Dragon Alliance has recently introduced their E.C.O. collection of sunglasses, made from 100% renewable materials. E.C.O. (Environmentally Conscious Optics) is an initiative originally inspired by long time Dragon team surfer Rob Machado to help reduce our environmental footprint by exploring different types of sustainable materials and manufacturing methods. Look for the E.C.O. material to be offered in a total of four styles this spring: The Jam, Experience, Calaca, and Calavera. Dragon is also donating \$5 from every sunglass sold in Australia to SurfAid International. Dragon Alliance sunglasses are stocked at City Beach stores.

<< LOOKING GOOD >>

Alternative Apparel's Alternative Earth range is a fully certified organic fashion line of well fitting and 'well-meaning' basics. The brand originally began out in 2007 with a quest to design the perfect tee, and has since then developed into a full selection of 100 per cent eco-friendly apparel.

Low-impact dyes or natural washes are used, and each piece is finished with biodegradable softeners and natural enzymes. With factories dotted over the globe, the company also stresses that each one complies with a wide-ranging set of social responsibilities covering child labor, working conditions, fair pay and environmental considerations.

For local stockist details, call 1800 280 559 or check out the range online at <http://www.alternativeapparel.com/About-Alternative/>.

<< SHOPPING BAGS THAT DON'T COST THE EARTH >>

New to Envirotrends eco-friendly designer shopping bag collection, is the superbly stylish and sustainable bamboo SAKitToME range. Bamboo fabrics are softer and silkier than regular cottons, and the plant is also one of the world's most sustainable resources. Bamboo forests also release on average 30% more oxygen into the air than a comparable stand of trees, therefore cleaning the air with more efficiency. These new bamboo SAKitToMe shopping bag totes come in three pastel prints and roll into a tiny pouch that can clip to your keys or bag, so that you will never be caught out at the shopping counter again. And with more and more stores now not offering plastic bags, these totes are a must have for any savvy shopper. Envirotrend bags are stocked at Give A Little Gift on Lydia St Woolloowin, Mango House Homewares at Newmarket and Nundah Village, and many more locations. For more information about your local stockist or to buy online visit www.envirotrend.com.au.



Temporary change of access for Kedron Park 7 Day Medical Centre

Due to construction of the Northern Busway project, a temporary closure of Brookfield Road is required from late April until mid 2011. During this time, the Kedron Park 7 Day Medical Centre will be accessible via Stafford and Clarence Roads.

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