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Benefits of second hand clothing

1. Reduce your environmental impact

The fashion industry is responsible for 8% of all carbon emissions and 20% of global wastewater. Did you know 60% of clothing sold globally contains synthetic fabrics such as polyester, nylon and acrylic? These fibres are made from oil and leach microplastics into our waterways with every wash. When blended with organic fibres such as cotton they make the product difficult to recycle and impossible to biodegrade.

The average Australian buys 56 items of clothing each year, most of which are made from unsustainable, non-durable materials that eventually end up in landfill. Clothing waste has become one of the largest contributors to Australia's waste crisis, with more than 200,000 tonnes of clothing ending up in landfill every year.

2. Purchase items that will last

Fast fashion brands artificially shorten trend cycles, encouraging quick consumption and disposal. These items are produced with cheap fabrics, which tend to wear out quickly. Purchasing well-made second hand clothing from quality fabrics will last for much longer.

Donating to op shops

When deciding to donate clothing to your local op shop, first ask yourself, 'Is this good enough to give to a friend?'

- Find out what items your local op shop will accept
- Ensure your donations are in good, clean, saleable condition
- Donate your items during the stores opening hours

Source: Roadmap to clothing circularity: The vision and pathway for a just transition to a circular clothing economy in Australia by 2030, and Net Zero by 2050 Bailey, Basu and Sharma (2022) The Environmental Impacts of Fast Fashion on Water Quality: A Systematic Review

Tips for buying second hand

- Be patient give yourself plenty of time to search through clothing racks and explore bookshelves.
- 2 Be prepared If you're shopping for furniture, bring a measuring tape and know the dimensions of the room you want to place the item.
- Think outside the season

 If you come across a
 great coat, but it's the
 middle of summer, buy it!
- Visit often Chances are you won't find that vintage chair or designer bag on your first visit. Visit often! You're more likely to find the piece you are looking for.
- Always try it on Most op shops do not allow returns, so make sure everything fits.
- Reimagine items It's not likely you'll stumble across exactly what you are looking for, so think about sanding back and painting furniture, altering clothing or adding cushions/accessories.
- Look for quality It's important to look for quality fabrics and wellmade items as they will last for much longer.

Brimbank City Council

Brotherhood of St Laurence

Shop 1, 112-116 Westwood Drive, Deer Park

T 9361 2180

W stores.bsl.org.au/ourlocations/deer-park-/burnside

Clothing, furniture, books, music, bric-a-brac, toys

Goss n' Shop

100 Anderson Road, Sunshine

T 9311 0253

W opshop.org/details/ Gossn-Shop-Sunshine

Clothing, bric-a-brac

Helping Hands Mission

85 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

T 1300 892 010

W helpinghand smission.org.au/op-shops

Clothing, furniture, books, homewares

Salvos - Deer Park

Lot 2 Westwood Drive, Deer Park

T 9360 5266

W salvosstores.com.au/ stores/vic/3023-deerpark-112

Homewares, clothing and electrical goods

Salvos - Derrimut

7/20 Mt Derrimut Road, Derrimut

T 8390 6665

W salvationarmy.org.au/ locations/victoria/ss714/ salvos-stores-derrimut/

Clothing, homewares, electrical goods, furniture, mattresses

Salvos - Sunshine

Shop 6, 147 Harvester Road, Sunshine

T 9311 5607

W salvosstores.com. au/stores/vic/3020sunshine-921

Clothing, homewares, electrical goods, furniture, mattresses

Salvos - Taylors Lakes

2/460 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes

T 8390 8407

W salvationarmy.org.au/ locations/victoria/ss329/ salvos-stores-taylorslakes/

Clothing, homewares, toys, electrical goods, furniture, mattresses

Vinnies - Derrimut

Unit 25, 20 Mt Derrimut Road, Derrimut

T 8199 4238

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-derrimut

Clothing, homewares

Vinnies - St Albans

71 Main Road West, St Albans

T 9366 2590

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-st-albans

Homewares, clothing

Vinnies - Sunshine

56 Station Place, Sunshine

T 9311 3448

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-sunshine

Homewares, clothing, electrical goods and furniture



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Hobsons Bay City Council

Salvos

1&2/308 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown

T 9399 8163

W salvosstores.com. au/stores/vic/3016williamstown-117

Clothes, homewares, books, toys

St Eanswythe's Anglican Church Op Shop

111-121 Queen Street, Altona

W anglicanaltlav.org.au/op-shop/

Homewares, bric-a-brac

Vinnies - Altona

95-99 Dohertys Road, Altona North

T 9267 2804

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-altona-north

Homewares, clothing, furniture

Vinnies - Newport

3/5 Mason Street , Newport

T 93917090

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-newport

Homewares, clothing

Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop

47 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

T 9397 8484

W westernhealth.org.au/ Foundation/LatestNews/ Pages/Williamstown-Hospital-Opportunity-Shop.aspx

Books, homewares, bric-a-brac





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Tips

Don't be put off by small defects

- especially if they are easy to fix

Eg – replacing the sole or heel of a shoe.



Invest in a sewing machine.

A simple hem adjustment or taking in a garment is quick and easy with a sewing machine..



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Maribyrnong City Council

Gathering Threads

582A Barkly Street, West Footscray

T 0450 179 737

W gatheringthreads.com.au/

Clothing

Green Collect - Braybrook

1/75A Ashley Street, Braybrook

T 9663 8843 (extension 1)

W greencollect.org/yarravillebraybrook-qvm

Furniture, electronics, stationary

Green Collect - Yarraville

71 Anderson Street, Yarraville

T 9314 4987

W greencollect.org/yarravillebraybrook-qvm

Clothing

Missionpoint

154 Somerville Road, Yarraville

T 9314 1787

W pilgrimchurchyarraville. org.au/op-shop/

Clothing, homewares, music, vintage goods, bric-a-brac

Salvos

296 Ballarat Road, Braybrook

T 9311 0124

W salvosstores.com. au/stores/vic/3019braybrook-118

Homewares, furniture, clothing

Savers

33 Albert Street, Footscray

T 9689 6811

W join savers.com.au/

Sign up to Super Savers Club

Savers Sundays –
 20% discount (students)

Mondays –
 20% discount for seniors

T&Cs apply

Clothing, furniture, homewares, books, music, bric-a-brac

The Op Shop

592 Barkly Street, West Footscray

W opshop.org/details/5186

Clothing, homewares

Uniting Yarraville

9 Anderson Street, Yarraville

T 9687 6307

W unitingvictas.org.au/ locations/yarraville-9anderson-street/

Clothing, homewares, books

Vinnies - Braybrook

5/296 Ballarat Road, Braybrook

T 8199 4235

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-braybrook

Furniture, clothing

Vinnies - Footscray

160 Barkly Street, Footscray

T 8199 4240

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-footscray

Homewares, clothes



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Residents/Our-environment/Reducing-waste/
Maribyrnong-Op-Shop-Guide



City of Melton

A1 Stuff

Shop 6 Wallace Square Melton

M 0425 710 715 (Gary)

E enquiries@a1stuff.com.au

W a1stuff.com.au/

Secondhand furniture, electrical & jewellery

CCCM Op Shop

98 Coburns Road, Melton South

T 9747 6811

W facebook.com/ CCCMSHOP

Clothing, homewares, electronics, furniture, accessories, toys

Christ Church Anglican Church Opportunity Shop

2-4 Unitt Street, Melton

T 9743 5363

W anglicanchurch melton.com.au/shop

Clothing, homewares, electronics, furniture, toys, books

Earth Village Op Shop

43 Unitt Street, Melton

T 1300 525 332

E evopshop@earthvillage. org.au

W earthvillage.org.au/ evopshop

Clothing, shoes, accessories

Melton Recycling Facility - Resale Shop

33 Ferris Road, Cobblebank

W melton.vic.gov.au/ Services/Waste-andrecycling/Melton-Recycling-Facility-MRF/ Resale-shop

Furniture, electronics, bicycles, building products, toys, furniture, books, music, clothing, shoes, accessories, homewares, gardening, leisure goods

Melton Uniting Op Shop

Factory 4/86 High Street, Melton

T 9051 5060

W unitingvictas.org.au/ locations/melton-opshop/

Books, music, toys, clothing, homewares

MS Community Shop - Melton

53 Bakery Square, Melton

T 9747 8200

W msplus.org.au/how-youcan-help/visit-our-mscommunity-shops

Homewares, clothes, books, toys

Salvos Stores Melton

Unit 2/86-88 High Street, Melton

T 9743 0335

W salvosstores.com. au/stores/vic/3337melton-106

Clothing, bric-a-brac & homewares, books, toys, music, furniture, new mattresses

Vinnies Melton

45 Wallace Square, Melton

T 9743 0942

E melton.centre@svdp-vic. org.au

W vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-melton

Homewares, clothing, toys, electrical goods, mattresses and furniture



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City of Moonee Valley

All Saints Opportunity Shop

215 Union Road, Ascot Vale

- M 0414 001 787
- **W** ascotvaleanglican.com/ opshop/
- Clothing, homewares, toys games, jewellery, books

Australian Red Cross

64 Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds

- T 9966 3651
- **W** redcross.org.au/places/ retail-stores/mooneeponds/
- Clothing & accessories

Brotherhood of St Laurence

24 Margaret Street, Moonee Ponds

- **T** 9375 3551
- **W** stores.bsl.org.au/our-locations/moonee-ponds
- Clothing, electrical, furniture, books, homewares, bric-a-brac

Helping Hands Mission & Gaye's Vintage Shop

14 McIntosh Street, Airport West

- T 1300 892 010
- **W** helpinghands mission.org.au/op-shops
- Clothing, furniture, books, homewares, bric-a-brac, toys, vintage gowns, shoes, homewares

Moonee Ponds Lifeline Shop

40 Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds

- T 9969 2222
- **W** lifelinedirect,org,au/ westernmelbourne/shops/ moonee-ponds
- Clothing, manchester, books, toys

Rotary Club of Flemington Opportunity Shop

444 Racecourse Road, Flemington

- **M** 0402 752 257
- **W** rotaryflemington.org.au/ sitepage/opportunityshops
- Clothing, accessories

Salvos - Niddrie

4/302 Keilor Road, Niddrie

- T 9374 2627
- **W** salvosstores.com. au/stores/vic/3041niddrie-116
- Clothing, electrical, furniture, books, homewares, bric-a-brac

Vinnies - Ascot Vale

155 Maribyrnong Road, Ascot Vale

- T 9370 3443
- **W** vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-ascot-vale
- Homewares, clothing, electrical goods, mattresses, furniture

Vinnies - Niddrie

481A Keilor Road, Niddrie

- T 9379 3454
- **W** vinnies.org.au/vic/shops/ vinnies-niddrie
- Homewares, clothing, electrical goods



For more information about how to recycle, donate or dispose of unwanted household items in Moonee Valley visit mvcc.vic.gov.au/a-z-recycling-guide



Wyndham City Council

Brotherhood of Saint Lawrence

19 Elm Park Drive, Hoppers Crossing

T 9749 2205

W stores.bsl.org.au

Clothing/accessories, Toys, bric-a-brac, books, CDs, furniture, electrical, homewares

Hidden Treasure Op Shop

2 Kilmarnock Court, Hoppers Crossing

T 9973 1560

- **W** hidden-treasure-op-shop. business.site/
- Clothing/accessories, toys, bric-a-brac, books, music, furniture, electrical, homewares

Salvos -Hoppers Crossing

1/174-180 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing

T 9748 5433

W salvosstores.com.au

Clothing/accessories, toys, bric-a-brac, books, music, furniture, electrical, homewares

Salvos - Tarneit

4/640 Leakes Road, Tarneit

T 9748 8796

W salvosstores.com.au

Clothing/accessories, Toys, bric-a-brac, books, music, furniture, electrical, homewares

Salvos - Werribee

84 Synnot Street, Werribee

T 9742 5097

W salvosstores.com.au

Clothing/accessories, toys, bric-a-brac, books, music, furniture, electrical, homewares

Uniting Op Shop

39 Watton Street, Werribee

T 9051 2090

W unitingvictas.org.au/ locations/werribee-39watton-street

Clothing/accessories, bric-a-brac, books, homewares, toys

Vinnies – Hoppers Crossing

12/10 Costas Drive, Hoppers Crossing

T 9748 5010

W vinnies.org.au

Clothing/accessories, Toys, bric-a-brac, books, music, furniture, electrical, homewares, manchester

Werribee Rotary Op Shop

2/135 Railway Ave, Werribee

M 0435 987 083

W werribeerotary.org.au

Clothing/accessories, toys, bric-a-brac, homewares, books, music



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