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Bags and bargains at boutique op shop

When you shop at Collectables you can choose to walk out with more than you pay for.

The boutique op shop in Station Street is the latest retail outlet to provide free reusable bags that have been handmade with fabric offcuts by local volunteers.

Boomerang Bags is a community bag scheme run entirely on a volunteer and donation basis to provide free reusable bags to anyone.

The scheme was founded by Tania Potts and Jordyn De Boer on the Gold Coast but has quickly spread to other towns including Toowoomba.

Sarah Beadle, Melita Chambers, Julie MacDonald and Peter Macqueen are leading the local campaign together with a growing team of enthusiastic volunteers.

Their bags are available at Bunker Records and now at Collectables, which is a social enterprise run by YellowBridge QLD to provide work and training opportunities for people with a disability.

“When we heard about Boomerang Bags we loved what they were doing and the reason behind it,” said Penny Hamilton, chief executive of YellowBridge QLD.

“Our boutique op shop is a perfect place to stock their bags because we share the same philosophy about reuse, recycle, reduce and repurpose. Op shops are the ultimate in eco-conscious shopping!”

“We were already using paper bags in store but the handmade fabric bags are much more beautiful and customers are more likely to reuse them.”

Anyone interested to volunteer, donate fabric or other sewing materials, or stock Boomerang Bags can phone Sarah Beadle on 4632 9555 or visit the group’s Facebook page at Boomerang Bags Toowoomba.

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YellowBridge QLD is a local, independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides housing, disability support and home services across the greater Toowoomba region.