

PRESS RELEASE

Reverse Garbage Queensland sewing the threads to a Future without Waste

Reverse Garbage Queensland will be returning to the Princess Theatre in November to celebrate Brisbane's growing upcycle community of refashion, wearable art and cosplay designers in their annual WornOUT Exhibition.

What is the future of waste in the textile industry? This is the question that will be explored by Brisbane's community of slow fashion designers when their creations hit the runway at **Reverse Garbage Queensland's (RGQ) WornOUT? 2019 Exhibition** on Saturday the 23rd of November at the Princess Theatre, Woolloongabba.

According to **Jane Milburn** from [Textile Beat](#), slow fashion advocate and Exhibition ambassador, 2017 data indicated that Australians were globally the second-largest consumers of new textiles, buying around 27kg of clothing and sending 23kg to landfill per person every year.

However, this trend could be set to turn with [ThredUp](#), world's largest fashion resale marketplace, reporting that the second hand market is expected to make up one third of global consumers' wardrobes by 2033.

"We'll be showcasing double the number of garments from last year, which is our largest contingency of refashion, wearable art and cosplay designers in our three-year history", said Bill Ennals, Exhibition Coordinator.

"We think this jump in participation and community interest is a reflection of the changing tide on a growing consciousness amongst Brisbane's fashion consumers," he added.

As a part of *WornOUT? 2019* **Jane Milburn** and **Elizabeth Kingston**, Exhibition Curator, will be collaborating to create a Community Participation garment solely made from upcycled denim. The 'dress-in-progress' debuted at the Brisbane City Council's [Green Heart Fair](#) on Sunday the 8th of September at the Carindale Recreation Reserve and is now currently on display at the warehouse for community members and customers to contribute to.

The final garment will be revealed as a part of the *WornOUT refashion* art category in a finale statement to the *Future of Waste*.

WornOUT 2019 is a free event open to all ages and will take place on Saturday the 23rd of November from 7pm to 10pm at the Princess Theatre, Woolloongabba.

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ABOUT US

Reverse Garbage Queensland is a not-for-profit worker-run co-operative that promotes environmental sustainability and resource reuse. Reverse Garbage Queensland collects high quality industrial discards, diverting them away from landfill and sells them at a low cost to the general public. Established in 1998 to support Friends of the Earth – Brisbane, Reverse Garbage Queensland was also set up to provide meaningful and ecologically sustainable employment and to be an example of a truly sustainable enterprise. Reverse Garbage Queensland runs a variety of environment and waste focused art workshops and educational talks and tours to suit every age and group. Their mail order service provides regional areas with access to salvaged materials and Reverse Emporium gallery and gift shop provides local artists, craft workers and designers who salvage, reuse and up-cycle materials an outlet to sell their works and wares.

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