



## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited for our upcoming exhibition, 'Worn OUT?'. The exhibition will focus on upcycled wearable art and consist of two discrete showcases, Refashion and Cosplay.

The exhibition will be launched with a free opening event featuring a runway show for each of the showcases on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 at The Princess Theatre in Woolloongabba. The exhibition will continue to run with a static display of selected Refashion garments, Cosplay outfits and accessories for two weeks (location TBC).

The Cosplay showcase will also feature an Upcycled Cosplay Challenge competition where selected applicants will create Cosplay outfits made from 100% salvaged materials, 90% of which must come from the RGQ warehouse.

### **General entry requirements and details**

- All garments and accessories featured in the showcase must be made by the maker, presented in a professional manner and finished to a very high standard.
- If the maker wishes to sell exhibited items during the exhibition or through Reverse Emporium after the exhibition they must be suitably tagged for sale. Items will be sold on a consignment basis and RGQ will negotiate the wholesale price with the maker.
- All items must be made using at least 75% salvaged material. This includes pre-loved, recycled, upcycled, and found materials.
- Depending on space restrictions, it may not be possible to display all items from the runway show in the static exhibition. Makers must accept the curator's decisions on this matter.

### **Special details for the Refashion Showcase**

- The Refashion showcase will be curated by Elizabeth Kingston ([@timeless\\_styling on Instagram](#)) and directed by Jane Milburn ([textilebeat.com](#)).
- Successful applicants must be able to deliver the finished garments by midday on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November to allow adequate time for model fitting and rehearsal.
- The maximum number of outfits (an outfit may contain multiple garments worn together) per collection is four. Preference will be given to applicants who intend to show a full collection though applicants with a smaller number will still be considered.

### **Special details for the Cosplay Showcases (Adults and Kids)**

- The Cosplay showcase will be curated by RGQ and a guest curator (TBC).
- Cosplayers whose applications are not successful for inclusion in the exhibition are still encouraged to attend the opening night event in costume and show it with pride!

- Successful applicants must be available to attend an evening pre-production meeting in the week prior to the exhibition (exact date TBC) and the dress rehearsal during the day at The Princess Theatre on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Special details for the Upcycled Cosplay Challenge (the Challenge)**

- A small number of applicants (5-6) will be chosen by the curators to participate in the Challenge.
- Cosplay outfits for the Challenge must consist entirely of salvaged materials, 90% of which must come from the RGQ warehouse.
- Challenge competitors must provide basic step by step instructional content (images and text) for how to make at least one component of their Cosplay outfit. RGQ will provide a template for the format that this content must be delivered in. RGQ will be free to use this content however it wishes to promote the creative reuse of salvaged materials and the Cosplayer will be attributed appropriately.
- Challenge participants will be encouraged to provide content for social media updates on the evolution of their outfit and permit RGQ to share these updates for promotional purposes.
- A \$200 materials voucher will be provided to each Challenge participant to subsidise the creation of their outfit and the winner will be awarded a \$500 gift voucher for raw materials in the RGQ warehouse.
- The Challenge Cosplay outfits will be also be shown during the runway event so must be runway ready.

### **How to apply**

Please read this section carefully and follow all the instructions to apply

1. Email us:
  - a high-resolution image (minimum 1MB) of an example of what you make or;
  - a design of what you intend to make for the exhibition. You can send more than one image/design but no more than 5.
2. You must also provide a short description of the item/items that you intend to make. If you are applying for the Upcycled Cosplay Challenge, please indicate this in the email.
3. Please send good quality photos! Plain neutral backgrounds are great as we may use these photos for promotional purposes including media releases and articles relating to the opening night event.
4. You must provide ALL of your contact details including: Your business name or label name if you intend to use one, Facebook page address for your business/label, Instagram name for your business/label and any other web addresses you have.
5. Regular exhibition participants and Reverse Emporium stockists, we are not accepting items that have already been for sale in the Reverse Emporium or items that have been in a previous exhibition and returned to you.
6. Send your application to [wornout@reversegarbageqld.com.au](mailto:wornout@reversegarbageqld.com.au) using "Expression of Interest" in the subject line. Please send your application from the email address you wish to communicate with us through.
7. Applications are due by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Successful applicants will be notified by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 with more information about how to deliver and the opening night event.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Please feel free to contact us if you require any assistance with the application. Applications, Media and General enquiries can be directed to Project Co-ordinator, Bill Ennals at:

Email: [wornout@reversegarbageqld.com.au](mailto:wornout@reversegarbageqld.com.au)

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