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# Boomerang Bags sewing the seeds of change



# and we have a new logo

We're delighted to announce that the boxes are back on the pavements of Avalon after being removed because of covid restrictions.

While we'd still appreciate it if our bags are used on a "borror and bring back" basis we think our new logo covers things a bit better **Say NO to plastic**...... and the girls have been busy screen printing pockets with it.



Thanks to our box hosts:

### **Dogue**, Old Barrenjoey Rd Avalon **Chambers Cellars** corner of Old Barrenjoey Rd & Avalon Pde **North Avalon Cellars**

and soon to be back at Avalon Village Meats.

Look out for other shops with baskets of recycled enviro bags as well. If you have spare bags, please help us by popping them in a box or basket too.

# **Diary Dates**

Tuesday June 22	<u>Last workshop</u> at the Recreation Centre before the school holidays .
Friday June 25	5 years since Avalon Boomerang Bags was launched. See the original invitation below. Sorry folks, I can't seem to download any photos of the occasion.
Tuesday July 6	<u>Screen printing workshop</u> at Robyn's, hoping for a warm winters day, will cancel if the weather is unkind.
Tuesday July 13	<u>Workshops resume</u> at Recreation Centre . 11am - 3pm All welcome - even if you can only come for a short while.



Did you see the article in June **Pittwater Life**, page 30 ? And the little boomerangs are back on the Avalon Map on page 63.

ures designed to assist local businesses impacted over the Christmas and New Year lockdown. Cash grants of \$3,000 or \$5,000 can now be

marketing - for eligible businesses that met the grants criteria. The grants have two tiers, with \$3,000 available for eligible small businesses that suffered at least a 30 per cent

targeted support package for local businesses - which also includes the Dine & Discover voucher program and the \$1,500 small business fees and charges rebate." Mr Stokes

With COVID-19 restrictions having eased, the Zonta Cha

#### oomerang bags comeback

ocal reusable shopping bags 'Boomerang Bags' were removed from the sidewalks of Avalon during the protracted COVID-19 period

One of the group's dedicated sewers Sue said: "Because of restrictions our team of volunteers continued to make bags at home until Avalon Recreation Centre reopened and we could return to our weekly Tuesday workshops.

She explained Boomerang Bags were not intended to replace people's own enviro bags, rather to be available when an extra shopping bag was needed, or for that impulse purchase The group aims to help stop the use of

plastic bags and plastics pollution, as well as decrease textile waste by being made from donated fabrics destined for landfill. "The new logo says it all - 'Say No To Plastic

Initially, the boxes can be found outside Dogue on Old Barrenjoey Road, Chambers Cellars on the corner of the Avalon intersection; and at North Avalon Cellars on North Avalon Road

reusable bags (just pop them into a box), donating fabrics, or helping make the bags. All enquiries boomerangbagsavalon@ hotmail.com







A successful day at the NBC International Women's Day Market Sunday 6th March at Dee Why. Sold soooooooo many fruit and vegie bags and lots of 'Bought to Support' bags as well.



#### Bag Making workshop with Brookvale Curl Curl Scouts.

Their leader Ann saw us at the Women's Day Market and Diane, Liz and Robyn helped out last Thursday. Pleased with their efforts, all the scouts took their bags home. Ann sent the photos and wrote:

"Jesse taught his aunty to make a bag today and he has almost finished another one himself. Hopefully we will have a few bags that we can give you soon. Thanks again for all your effort helping us on Thursday night.." Ann



#### SEEN IN AVALON THIS WEEK

SA-BIANG Thai Restaurant is accepting cleaned take away containers. The box sits outside the restaurant and is a great initiative.

Please enjoy their yummy food and support them.



#### IDEAS NEEDED - HOW CAN THESE WET WEATHER JACKETS BE REUSED / REPURPOSED / REHOMED ?

These jackets have been offered to us but had the company logos cut off the back and the front above the right pocket. I'm unsure of the quantity, but it would be great to find a better alternative than landfill. They obviously can't go to a charity shop. Some of you volunteer for other charities and help out with homeless people and I'm hoping you might have ideas please. My only thought is perhaps sacrifice one/some of the jackets and patch over the holes, yes the stitches would go through to the lining but still be a good or ok jacket, especially if someone don't have one. Please email your thoughts.

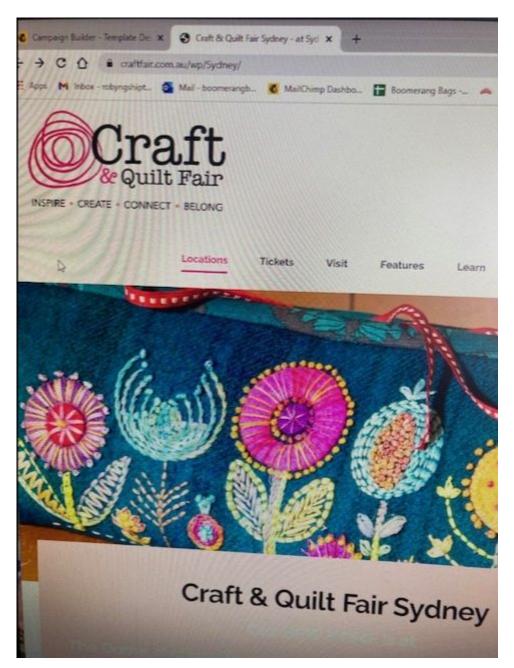
FYI We were also offered navy shirts (again with logos cut off). The buttons have been removed and gone to a crafter, the sleeves cut off the body will be made into bags.

## LIKE OUR BAGS ?

Why not buy one or a few..... Bought to Support bags are only \$10

We also have plastic free goodies too. Stainless steel drink bottles Boomerang Bag Keep Cups Reusable fruit and vegie bags Bamboo toothbrushes Reusable make up remover pads Black string bags only \$5

**For sale** during our workshops or by sending us an email. They make great gifts & help us to continue supporting the Avalon community.



#### Craft & Quilt Fair Sydney

One for all you sewers and crafters - The annual show is on again and incorporates the QuiltNSW Quilt show with over 300 quilts on display. See Robyn for more info or check out the website.

Our NEW HOME is at

The Dome, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

June 30 – July 4, 2021



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