

Solomon Street Backgrounder

Solomon Street makes clothes with Impact. we are a slow fashion label with core aims of giving back to the local and international community through a loan scheme funded by the sale of ethically-made and eco friendly (and fun!) garments. All our garments are currently made in Adelaide, in house and by an ethical clothing Australia accredited manufacturer. We hero natural fibres and circular economy synthetics. All prints are hand drawn and created by Lauren. We are a low waste business, meaning that we limit our use of packaging, and encourage our suppliers and manufacturers to do the same. Any packaging we do use (everyone loves a cute parcel!) has to be completely biodegradable or reusable (is always plastic free) and from responsible sources.

OUR STORY

Solomon Street was started at the end of 2017 by Textile Designer, Lauren Crago. She started by hand making and selling sketchbooks and cards at local markets in Adelaide. The goal was always to grow into a clothing focussed business and with the support of encouraging customers and the Adelaide eco fashion community we have done just that. Inspired by the new wave of social business, Lauren wanted to create a business that was able to support under-privileged people around the globe, and that filled a gap in the market for accessible and fun eco fashion. She wants to show that Eco Fashion is the only way forward, and that it is viable.

In little over a year, Solomon Street has gone from a weekend market stall to a thriving eco focussed for purpose business with a Flagship store and Workshop in Adelaide's premier shopping strip, Rundle Mall. The sky is the limit for Solomon Street, with aspirations to expand interstate and overseas in the not too distant future. The driving factor for growth is that the larger Solomon Street gets, the more people they can support. For the For Purpose business, love comes before everything.

ETHICS

The current Solomon Street range uses a cotton/linen blend fabric, an organic cotton jersey, and recycled nylon ([Econyl](#)), they are all digitally printed in Melbourne by next state, and Ethical Clothing Australia accredited Printer. The clothes are cut and sewn by me in my retail space/workshop, with the exception of the stretch garments which are cut and sewn in an Ethical Clothing Australia accredited factory north of Adelaide.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability as a part of general business activity is a huge priority for our team. We believe that changes that just one person; one business makes, do contribute to the health of our world. All our packaging is plastic free, with the vast majority being biodegradable. All our products are sent in home compostable ComPOST Packs we use biodegradable sticky tape, recycled paper etc. In the workshop, all our offcuts are taken to be recycled and made into new clothes, and any large offcuts we use to make the top knots. Within the retail space, waste is kept to a minimum, but any that does come into the business is separated into the following categories and disposed of accordingly.

Paper and Cardboard Recycling

Soft Plastic 'Redcycle'

Textile offcuts

Fresh Compost

Dry Compost

10c deposit recycling

non paper and cardboard recycling

electrical waste

aluminium

Landfill

FOR PURPOSE

Our profit is currently collecting into a kiva fund which supports people out of poverty through micro loans. I believe that micro-loans are the most sustainable way to help other people as one dollar can impact more than one person once it is in circulation. Learn more about the entrepreneurs we have funded by following [this link](#). As this is a

brand new aspect of Solomon Street, we are constantly updating how this process works, we thank you for bearing with us while we continue to improve our process.