

# OXFORD STREET BULIMBA



Hello again and welcome to the first of many location specials. For this week's instalment I wandered around Bulimba (more specifically Oxford Street) and found some hidden treasures and fabulous boutiques.

There is something so exciting about having your own little shopping strip, a pocket of places where you can go and be assured of originality, good service and that something extra. The best thing is that there are so many of these scattered across Brisbane and the coasts. I have taken it upon myself to seek them all out and spread the good news (I imagine it will be a thankless, depressing task but someone has to do it). Along the way, I came across some quirky local labels and will try to feature them over the coming weeks. It always feels great to be able to promote and support local talent.

So read on and enjoy and please feel free to email me and spill the beans on your fav shopping spot. It will mean one less on the ever growing list of 'places to research' and I may be able to find some time to shop instead (maybe even at the places you suggest).

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## THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

A wonderfully inviting store that is full to the brim with beautiful little trinkets, amazing jewellery and cool canvases. There are pockets of bold colours with lamps casting kaleidoscopic pools of light. Then there are shelves upon shelves of earrings, necklaces, rings, bangles and bags - as far as the eye can see. When you go in, don't be surprised if you find yourself holding your breath as everything is almost overwhelmingly pretty.

[www.thousandislanddressing.com](http://www.thousandislanddressing.com)  
or phone 3399 8133



## FUEL

This is a cool little shop for the urbanite - full of street wear, skateboards and lots and lots of sneakers. Add to that the racks of clothes and stacks of hats and you have a place packed with outfit options. The staff are friendly and helpful and the whole place has a laid back vibe. Check out the industrial-style change rooms which featured doors of corrugated iron.

[www.fuelclothing.com.au](http://www.fuelclothing.com.au)  
or phone 3899 9084



## ISSADA

Boasting white walls and with a stunning glass chandelier, Issada doesn't look like a typical make-up store. With echoes of chic European styling and tables of gleaming products, this store is a treasure trove of goodies. Renowned for their make-up brushes, the label has fans including Kate Moss, Angelina Jolie, Beyonce and Naomi Watts. Pop in and take advantage of the current special offer: a one-hour professional make-up session for \$85, fully redeemable on any Issada product/s.

[www.issadacosmetics.com](http://www.issadacosmetics.com)  
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## GREEN GRASS HOME & BODY

Any place that has a huge wooden tree sitting in the centre of a table has ensured my attention. Aside from the impressive flora there are oodles of fabulous items to tickle your fancy. The home wares are innovative and unusual, the racks of clothing cater to many styles and there is something quirky and cool whichever way you look. Go just to see the tree but I guarantee you will leave with something fabulous in your hot little hands.

[www.homeandbody.com.au](http://www.homeandbody.com.au)  
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## DESIGNED BY DREAMS

# HARPOON DESIGNS

Harpoon Designs was born when founder Katrina Harper followed her dreams - literally.

The talented designer had a series of dreams in which she felt compelled to create beautiful, feminine and unique pieces for women with a desire to be a little different from the crowd. So she did it in her waking life and now her jewellery label is designing fabulous pieces for local lovers of sophisticated bling - and other accessories like her amazing headbands. Harper says, "My inspirations are the extreme contrasts that occur in nature such as the eerie stillness which falls after a fierce thunderstorm, to the sweltering heat we experience each year during summer that makes us feel alive with sweat."

Created from an eclectic mix of feathers, crystals, bone, leather and antique findings, the effect is beautiful yet strong, unusual but oh so wearable. Her constantly expanding range includes earrings, brooches and headbands.

Each piece is hand crafted and to ensure that no two pieces are ever the same Katrina changes at least one minor detail.

"So you feel special and proud that you have invested in a unique Australian designed accessory."

Want something even more individual? Katrina welcomes one-off and custom orders and will whip up a beautiful creation for a special event or wedding. Hop onto her brand new website to see the entire range and even better, you can buy it all online. This could mean trouble for the old credit card. You have been warned.



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