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## Market Mecca Has Your Christmas Shopping Sorted

Brisbane shoppers can shop local and vintage this Christmas just by visiting the Brisbane Showgrounds this weekend where two markets will be selling everything from handmade goods to second-hand treasures.

The city's biggest indoor maker and designer market, the Made Local Market will be held this Saturday and Sunday in the Exhibition Building, while Fashion Thrift Society will take place on Sunday in Marquee 2 and Sideshow Alley.

The Made Local Market will bring together more than 120 artisan stalls selling handmade clothing, jewellery, ceramics, homewares, body products, plants and more – the handiwork of southeast Queensland's best makers and designers.

The pre-Christmas market will also feature creative workshops, food trucks, locally made gin sampling and live music.

Meanwhile, Australia's biggest preloved market, Fashion Thrift Society, will showcase more than 200 vendors, each offering an extensive array of vintage clothing items including contemporary fashion, designer garments, plus-size attire, handmade clothing, footwear and accessories, home décor and artworks.

The event will also include food trucks, live entertainment and a beauty booth offering tooth gems, body piercings, henna tattoos and free barber cuts.

Brisbane Showgrounds General Manager of Venue Sales and Marketing Jago Coyle said this weekend's markets were a great opportunity to get Christmas shopping done early.

"It's never been easier to shop local and handmade this Christmas with something for everyone on offer at the Brisbane Showgrounds this weekend," Mr Coyle said.

"With cost-of-living pressures top of mind, these markets give Brisbane shoppers the chance to find some pre-loved bargains and the opportunity to support Queensland businesses," he said.

Made Local Market will take place on Saturday from 9am-4pm and Sunday 9am – 3pm with entry just \$2.

Fashion Thrift Society will be held on Sunday from 10am to 3pm, with tickets available online.

The Brisbane Showgrounds precinct is located 1.5km from Brisbane's CBD and is Queensland's largest indoor/outdoor events site. Visit [www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au](http://www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au)

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