



# The 2017/18 Good Gift Guide



On these pages you'll find many gifts that give twice, or even thrice! Whether you care about protecting rainforests, disadvantaged children, or homeless puppies, you can buy beautiful gifts **AND** make a positive difference to the world.

All of the retailers listed here actively seek to make a positive impact on a range of social, cultural or environmental issues. Through your purchase, you will be supporting innovative and inspirational projects in Australia and across the world. All this while shopping - amazing!

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## 1. Food – delicious treats that give back



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Give the coffee-lover in your life barista courses from foundations through to latte art, or simply buy them great coffee beans or “community pods” (Nespresso compatible). **Darcy St Project** is a social enterprise providing barista and hospitality training for indigenous, youth at risk, recent migrants and mature aged workers.



**Mildura Chocolate Company** isn't just a purveyor of fine chocolate. It also provides employment for adults with a disability or experiencing disadvantage. All products are handmade using local produce like citrus, nuts, dried fruit and even salt.

FARMHOUSE

**Farmhouse** is an online gateway to Australia's best farmers and artisan producers. Everything you buy is produced, packed and shipped by the producers themselves. Chocolate, alcohol, produce, cheeses, beard care, tastings and workshops, pet care, craft products and much more!

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SOCIAL  
CUP

Share a love of tea and coffee with gifts from **The Social Cup**. You can buy organic tea and coffee products which have been ethically sourced from Fairtrade farmers and women's initiatives around the world. 50% of profits are donated to charities working to empower women and children through sustainable livelihoods and education.



A **Summerland House Farm** hamper is more than delicious nuts and biscuits – it's also an investment in employment opportunities and social inclusion for people with a disability. The company employs over 90 people with a disability and all the products in their hampers are grown by staff or sourced locally in Northern NSW.



**Seasons by Karingal** offers a range of gourmet jams, chutneys, sauces and relishes using fresh, local ingredients – buy a jar or a whole hamper. While enjoying this gourmet treat you will be helping Karingal to offer supported employment opportunities for people in Geelong living with a disability.



**The Organic Grocer** delivers fresh, organically grown fruit and veges. The weekly fruit and vege boxes start at \$40. Save your loved one the trouble of going to the shops for a while.

## 2. Homewares – beautiful things making a difference



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**The Bower** has everything you need for the holiday season, from extra tables and chairs for dinner guests to a refurbished bike for the kids. Or give the gift of knowledge with a workshop on basic carpentry, furniture restoration or introductory upholstery.



**SisterWorks** sells a range of beautiful homewares handcrafted by migrant, asylum seeker or refugee women in Australia. They gain financial independence and integrate happily into Australian society by developing their entrepreneurial skills.



**Blessed Earth** sells clothing, manchester, rugs and carpets made from certified organically-produced cotton, wool and other eco-friendly materials. They even have organic cotton yoga mats and pure wool car mats!



**Woven Trail** collaborates with African artisans to produce contemporary homewares and lifestyle products. The artisans build their business skills to become self-sufficient, growing enterprises and support their communities better.



Buy cushions, lamp shades, curtains and rugs in the most gorgeous eco-fabrics including hemp, design and made in Sydney by **ClothFabric**.



**Silk Lotus** is a social enterprise importing beautiful hand-made jewellery, textiles and accessories that are gorgeous and ethical. The items are from small producer groups with profits donated to aid agencies for greater impact.



**Sampan** specialises in ethical and eco-friendly gifts and homewares from South East Asia and India. All products are handmade from natural, recycled or renewable resources, right down to re-using packaging when shipping customer orders.

## 3. Kids – gifts for children with heart, inspiration and fun



**Pebble** sells a range of gorgeous baby toys and blankets which support families in rural Bangladesh, providing women with flexible working opportunities which are close to their homes, removing the need for economic migration to the cities.



**EcoToys** is an online toy and eco-party store that sells completely sustainable toys – good for the environment, good for the child and ethically made, plus many from Australia.



**Multi-Powered Products** is the shop for gadget-lovers. Solar-powered rechargers, a solar-powered MP3 player, wind-up torches, radios and stuff for kids, too, including remote controlled buggies, a gyroscope robot and a salt water fuel cell engine car.



**Words With Heart** combines environmentally responsible production, funding for women's and girls' education projects, and words that empower.



**The Fair and Just Collective** source fair trade toys and children's products that are eco-friendly, recycled and support marginalised communities. Fair trade for kids.



**100 Story Building** produces books and a quarterly magazine edited by young people for young people. Read some crazy tales and find a whole lot of inspiration to get writing, drawing and creating. Inspire a young reader or writer you know!



An initiative of the Tedd Noffs Foundation, **Child of the Stars** sells quality second-hand babies' and children's clothing and accessories at affordable prices. All proceeds go to help disadvantaged kids, plus pre-loved is eco-friendly.

## 4. Arts and Crafts – art changing the world



**Welcome Studio** sells beautiful illustrative art prints by local Sydney makers, with all profits supporting refugees and people seeking asylum in NSW.



**Parramatta Clay and Arts Inc.** Gallery and Studio sell a range of items handmade ceramic items including bowls, platters, mugs, jugs, ornamental jewellery and Christmas decorations as well as gift vouchers for classes. **Shop 5, 10-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta.**



**Enterprise Learning Projects** supports remote Aboriginal communities to establish and grow micro enterprises. They have a beautiful and bright range of jewellery, posters and cards, as well as delicious tea and Bush Soap.



Find a beautiful, unique or quirky piece of art from **QArt Gallery**. Their gallery is full of work featuring the exceptional talents of artists with intellectual disability.



**Empower International** sells a range of gorgeous hand made products, including felt figurines, jewellery, cards, toys and cloth baby books. Purchasing from **Empower International** provides financial sustainability for women and their children who have been impacted by, or who are at risk of, sexual exploitation.



**The Lost Art** offer a range of beautiful bush leather crafts including belts and wallets, hat bands and even wooden pens. This is an intergenerational program where traditional bush crafts are shared to prevent them being lost. It contributes to rebuilding communities affected by harsh environmental conditions and industry changes.

## 5. Clothes – this year socks and undies are a great present!



Socks that fight poverty? **The Conscious Step** donates a portion from every pair of socks sold to organisations that protect oceans, fight hunger, treat HIV, provide clean water, educate kids, plant trees and work to end poverty and provide disaster relief.



Is your man's bum improving lives? If not, race over to the **Buy Undies, Give Undies** website to get him some comfy black undies and a child in Africa or Vanuatu will also get a pair (which helps stop the spread of disease).



**The Social Outfit** is a fashion label with a difference. It employs and trains people from refugee and new migrant communities in clothing production, retail, design and marketing. They hand-make dresses, shirts and skirts, as well as homewares and stationery.



**Djilpin Arts** sells beautiful silk scarves using hand painted designs by Indigenous women in the Northern Territory. The recipients of these scarves will look fabulous and be helping to maintain and develop arts of the Katherine and Arnhem regions.



**Street University Clothing** specialises in customised t-shirts for hip hop artists and dance crews, made from Etiko fair trade material by young people in Liverpool (Sydney). It provides employment opportunities, and profits go back to the organisation.



**Gideon Shoes** is a social enterprise operated by the Ted Noffs Foundation to provide more resources for the community. The shoes are handmade in Australia in fair working conditions, using sustainable materials like kangaroo leather, rubber and organic cotton.

## 6. Weird and wonderful – for the person who has everything (or is just really hard to buy for!)



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Send your loved ones on a mouth-watering food adventure in Sydney! **Taste Cultural Food Tours** is building strong social connections and cross-cultural understanding through unique food tours. The tours also make memorable parties or office events.



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**Jeenee Mobile** sell mobile phone plans and use the profits to donate free services, develop accessible technology and run technology training programs to help people living with disabilities improve their lives.



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**Addventagous** has gift vouchers for the person in your life who has forgotten how to ride a bike, or who never knew. There are a range of classes to build bike skills, confidence and safety, catering for a range of abilities and cycling interests.



Send someone a gorgeous flower arrangement from **Angkor Flowers** and you'll also be helping them to provide employment and training opportunities and financial independence for women from low-skilled migrant and refugee backgrounds in Sydney.



**RSPCA** offers presents for both animal lovers and the animals themselves. Create a personalised diamante collar for a pet, choose from a massive array of presents for kids (like cute animal shoe caps!) or buy books and DVDs.



With the gift of a lottery ticket from **yourtown** (formerly BoysTown) you will support Kids Helpline and your loved one could be inviting you over for tea in their new luxury home or taking you for a drive in their prestige car.



For a really unusual present, how about a box of toilet paper? The **who gives a crap** rolls are made from 100% recycled paper or bamboo. They're Australian-owned, with half their profits used to build toilets in the developing world. They even have a "naughty and nice" range!



**Engineers Without Borders** is just like Doctors Without Borders, only they're engineers! Sweatshop free clothes, KeepCups and wine that are perfect for all the engineers in your life.



Designed in Bondi Beach and made in Western Sydney, the **2x0** quality bags are made from upcycled billboards, firehoses, banners, sail cloth and rubber. From laptop sleeves to totes and little tiny bags for coins.



All purchases of Gumnut Baby products through the **May Gibbs' Nutcote Shop** go to supporting the Northcott Society and the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Buy Gumnut books, cards, cross stitch, tea towels and beautiful stationery.



Support your favourite charity when you buy a case of your favourite wine from **Goodwill Wine**. Vegan wines are available for your animal-loving friends, too!



**Australian Red Cross** merchandise including solar powered radios, a book about Man Caves, tea towels, herbal dog wash, Christmas puddings, room fresheners and much more.



**Dresden Optics** make lightweight frames for glasses with easily interchanged or replaced parts. Most frames are fully recyclable, some are even made from materials that can't typically be recycled, such as milk bottle lids and beer keg caps.

## 7. One-stop shop – find all your ‘Good Gifts’ in one place



By buying from **Oz Fair Trade**, you are joining a group of compassionate individuals who want to better the lives of many women and their families who live in extreme poverty. Full profits go back to purchasing more fair trade products.

### Ethical living

**Ethical Living** specialises in ethically made and fair trade goods. There's a huge range of products including jewellery, felt and knitted toys, bags, clothing and shoes for adults and children, home décor.

### New Internationalist

**New Internationalist** is an independent non-profit cooperative that sells a great range of fair trade and eco-friendly gifts such as organic manchester, games, books, clothing, bags, food and more.



**Good Spender** is a marketplace of over 90 Australian social enterprises that exist to generate community benefits. Buy bike accessories or a bike, toys, socks that combat HIV, a red hide whip, and even a mobile phone plan that helps the less fortunate.



**Oxfam** sells fair trade gifts from around the world - chocolate! toys! spices! homewares! as well as books, greeting cards, wine or CDs. Shop online or spend time in their stores.



**Biome** sells all sorts of things: bags, skincare, educational toys, home décor, natural makeup, natural deodorant, crayon rocks made from soy wax, lunch boxes, baby rompers and lots more.



**Eco at Home** sells all sorts of everyday but beautiful essentials including baby olive oil soap, books on eco living, natural house paint (which actually has a pleasant smell), children's gardening tools and gifts. Available online or in their Willoughby (Sydney) store.



**Amnesty International Australia** sells ethically made clothes for adults and babies, books, iPad covers, portable phone chargers, diaries and lots more to fund their work in protecting human rights around the world.



**Upcycle Studio** sells a gorgeous and eclectic range of gifts made from upcycled materials. Blankets made into ukulele cases and bags, reusable produced bags, bunting and accessories made from sail cloth, bags from old billboards and more!



**The Trading Circle** sells gorgeous gifts including silk scarves, hand-stitched cloth books and three-way story dolls (like Snow White who turns upside down to the Witch and then the Prince). Browse in-store in Summer Hill (Sydney) or online.



**Fair Go Trading** is a Perth (Australia) based retailer of fair-trade and organic goodies – hemp bags, musical instruments, puppets, diaries and more.

## 8. Support a Charity - give a gift where it's really needed



**fitted for work**

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Sponsor an Australian woman to go through the fantastic **Fitted for Work** program that helps women experiencing adversity break through barriers to get and keep work.



Choose from The **Australian Red Cross**'s six donation gift cards, including the \$50 Gift of Friendship (a daily phone call for a month to an elderly or isolated person).



**Care Australia** offers a great range, from \$10 drought resistant seeds to \$665 to provide a community watering pond for crops. Care Australia is a non-government and non-religious.



Give the gift of sight with **The Fred Hollows Foundation**, starting at \$25 to restore the sight of a Cambodian mother who had never seen her baby.



Give a gift that celebrates and protects animals with **Humane Society**. You can help protect Africa's elephants, create a better world for farmed animals, stop illegal wildlife trade and more.



**Karma Currency** links you to almost every charity in existence. It's perfect if you're not quite sure what makes a person tick, as you can just buy a gift voucher and your loved one chooses the charity that'll receive the money.



**Medicins Sans Frontieres** (Doctors Without Borders) provides emergency medical relief to victims of natural or human-created disasters and victims of armed conflict. You can create a donation fund with them for your special occasion.



With **Muslim Aid** you can give personal or business Zakah, pay Fedyah or cleanse your income received from interest. You can choose how the money is spent, such as for sustainable development, orphan aid, health and education.



**Oxfam Unwrapped** offers a massive range of cheesy gifts for people who already have everything they need. "You're lovely here, but you're FOWL in Vanuatu" says the card giving a \$40 family of chickens.



Rainforest Rescue's gift cards include a \$10 cassowary care package and help to recover the Richmond birdwing butterfly.



**RSPCA** has five gift cards representing the five freedoms for animals, including freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from fear and distress, and freedom to express normal behaviour. A lovely set of gifts for the animal-lover.



With **Simply Giving**, you choose a Christmas present for a disadvantaged Australian child through Barnardos, Anglicare, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, The Smith Family and more – and you get a certificate, gift card or origami for your tree.



This is where the concept of giving to people who need it most actually started. **Tear Australia** is a Christian group helping the world's poor. Gifts are priced from \$5 (for chickens) to \$5,000 (to help a community transform their village). There are even build-a-village cardboard toys!



**Unicef** allows you to buy a range of gifts helping with education, clean water, nutrition, maternal health and more. For just \$51 you can provide 200 polio vaccines.



Help conserve endangered animals such as tigers, orang-utans and pygmy elephants by "adopting" an animal through **WWF**, and your loved one will receive an adoption certificate, sticker, factbook and other goodies, including optional soft toy.



**GiveNow** is an Australian online donations platform that connects you to the causes you and your loved ones care about. You can donate money on someone's behalf or find other creative ways to give, like donating stamps to help a charity reach a bigger audience.

## 9. Greeting cards – send a message and help others



**Charity Greeting Cards** gives you dozens of charities to support when you buy your cards. The charities on offer include Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, MS, Kids Helpline and Parramatta Mission.



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Customise your gift cards with **Charity Card Market**, a company that donates 20% of the takings to your chosen charity (over seventy to choose from!), prints the cards on eco-friendly paper and uses soy-based inks. You can even upload your own image.