



ACTIVE SPACES IN DAREBIN

ACTIVE SPACES - BUSINESSES

Creative businesses who took on short term lease agreements within vacant commercial spaces since 2012.

1. Offshoot

A retail and workshop space for boutique clothing designers Starashan and Troika Design.

217 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: December 2012 – March 2013

The designers are currently operating independently throughout Victoria.

www.facebook.com/offshootpopupshop

2. The Wilderness Society presents ‘The Power and the Passion’

An exhibition presented by the Wilderness Society featuring photographs of the Kimberley.

339 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: May 2013 – June 2013

www.wilderness.org.au

3. Thornbury Women’s Neighbourhood House present ‘Open Door’

TWNH showcased work by local handmade makers and crafters.

825 High St, Thornbury

Program Participation Dates: May 2013 – June 2013

TWNH went on to hold regular Makers Markets throughout the year at The Bridge.

<http://www.bridge.org.au/makers-market-thornbury>

4. ElandTino present ‘POP IT’

A Pop Up Shop initiated by local designers.

825 High Street, Thornbury

Program Participation Dates: June 2013 – July 2013

Products currently for sale at various locations around Melbourne.

www.facebook.com/ELandTINO

5. Sunday Morning Designs and Klei Designs

A pop up shop for Melbourne designers.

269 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: June 2013 – December 2013

Klei designs went on to sign a long term lease with the landlord.

www.klei.com.au

www.facebook.com/Sunday-Morning-Designs





6. Somewhere Studio's

A studio space incorporating creative workshops.
25 Eastment Street, Northcote
Program Participation Dates: July 2013 – July 2014
The owner is currently based in Western Australia.
www.somewherestudios.com.au
www.facebook.com/SomewhereStudios

7. The Littlest Costume Shop

The Littlest Costume Shop was run by an industry costume specialist who sold and hired out costumes.
Shop 4, 93 High Street, Preston.
Program Participation Dates: October 2013 - January 2014
www.thelittlestcostumeshop.com
www.facebook.com/thelittlestcostumeshop

8. Greenhorse

This retail business sold sustainable clothing and other sustainable wares.
234 High Street, Northcote.
Program Participation Dates: November 2013 – April 2014
Greenhorse moved to an adjacent property and signed a long term lease.
www.greenhorse.com.au
www.facebook.com/greenhorseaus/

9. Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House present 'Open Door 2'

TWNH showcased work by local handmade makers and crafters.
825 High St, Thornbury
Program Participation Dates: November 2013 – December 2013
This was the second offering from TWNH through Active Spaces who then went on to hold their regular Makers Markets at The Bridge.
www.bridge.org.au/makers-markets-thornbury

10. The Little Village

The Little Village was a community minded Christmas pop-up shop and market held at Little Tengu.
93 Plenty Road, Preston.
Program Participation Dates: December 4 – December 24, 2013.
Little Tengu is a business which is still operating in Preston.
www.facebook.com/pg/LittleTENGUpage

11. Kiozwi Handmade

Kiozwi showcased local handmade artworks and handicrafts.
Shop 3, 93 High Street, Preston
Program Participation Dates: December 2013 – Ongoing.
Kiozwi is currently operating from the same location in Preston.
www.kiozwi.com.au
www.facebook.com/KiozwHandmade





12. Inside the Brick

Inside the Brick was a Lego inspired workshop primarily for children at risk of social isolation, particularly those impacted by autism spectrum disorders.

70 Station Street, Fairfield.

Program Participation Dates: November 2013 – Ongoing.

Inside the Brick currently operates from the same location in Fairfield.

www.insidethebrick.com

13. BE FREE presents 'Split in Two'

Split in Two was an exhibition by anonymous street artist, BE FREE.

447 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: February 2014 – March 2014

14. The Goodness Bureau

The Goodness Bureau was an ethically minded designer gift shop and gallery.

684 High St, Thornbury

Program Participation Dates: May 2014 - July 2014

This business went on to secure a long term lease in Thornbury .

www.facebook.com/thegoodnessbureau

15. The Trophy Shop Project Space

Artist run exhibition and studio space.

131 High Street, Preston

Program Participation Dates: June 2014 - November 2014

16. The Littlest Costume Shop

The Littlest Costume Shop supplied costumes for hire or sale and was run by an industry costume specialist.

794 High Street Thornbury

Program Participation Dates: October 2014 – January 2015

This was their second short term lease taken on through the Active Spaces Program.

www.thelittlestcostumeshop.com

www.facebook.com/thelittlestcostumeshop

17. Ike and Fly Collective

This collective ran a retail store selling quality hand made products. Each designer rented a space and took 100% of their profits.

77 High Street, Westgarth.

Program Participation Dates: October 2014 – October 2016

The Ike and Fly Collective currently operate from the same location in Northcote.

www.ikeandflycollective.com.au

www.facebook.com/IkeAndFlyCollective





18. Rubble Designs

Rubble Designs was a shop selling recycled and up cycled furniture and décor.
63 High St, Westgarth
Program Participation Dates: March 2014 – September 2015
Rubble designs now operates in Thomastown.
www.rubbledesigns.com.au

19. Melbourne Arts Club and Good Day Rentals

This business was a collaboration between Melbourne Arts Club and Good Day Rentals whereby the space included vintage and retro furniture hire, art galleries, project spaces and a shared office.
1/176 High St, Preston
Program Participation Dates: March 2015 – September 2015
The Melbourne Arts Club is currently located in Fitzroy.
Good Day Rentals are currently located in Sunshine.
www.melbourneartsclub.com
www.facebook.com/MelbourneArtsClub
www.gooddayrentals.com.au
www.facebook.com/pg/gooddayrentals

20. Juanita's Kitchen

Juanita's Kitchen café was run by a boutique food maker who has been making and selling products at markets for years and felt that they were ready to trial a retail and café space.
219 High Street, Preston
Program Participation Dates: July 2015 – Ongoing
www.juanitaskitchen.com.au
www.facebook.com/juanitaskitchen

21. Mister Morris

Mister Morris is an artist studios, workshop and exhibition space.
112-114 High Street, Preston
Active Spaces: July 2015 - Ongoing
www.mistermorris.com.au
www.facebook.com/mistermorrisstudios

22. Northern Thread

Northern Thread worked with designers who design and manufacture locally, and who uphold the ideals of environmental and social sustainability within their labels.
684 High Street, Thornbury
Program Participation Dates: July 2015 – January 2016
www.northernthread.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/northernthread

23. The Littlest Costume Shop

The Littlest Costume Shop supplied costumes for hire or sale and was run by an industry costume specialist.
328 High Street, Preston
Program Participation Dates: October 2015 – January 2016
This is their third short term lease entered into through Active Spaces.
www.thelittlestcostumeshop.com
www.facebook.com/thelittlestcostumeshop





24. Ryan Williams and Any Kind of Creature presents 'Life as it Should Be'

'Life as it Should Be' was an experimental theatre performance presented at the 2015 Melbourne International Fringe Festival.

Suite 1b, 176-180 High Street, Preston.

Program Participation Dates: September 11- 29, 2015

[2015 Facebook Event page](#)

25. Multisonics

Multisonics sold and repaired a wide range of vintage hi-fi products including stereograms, radiograms, portable record players and component hi-fi like turntables, amplifiers, speakers and reel-to-reel tape recorders.

2/176 High Street, Preston

Program Participation Dates: November 2015 – October 2016

Multisonics went on to secure a long term lease in Thornbury.

www.multisonics.blogspot.com.au

www.facebook.com/multisonics

26. Pop Up Playground presents 'Small Time Criminals'

Combining live performers, digital puzzles and environmental challenges, 'Small Time Criminals' was a 2 hour long immersive game and workshop experience.

641 Plenty Road

Program Participation Dates: March 2016 – March 2017

Pop Up Playground continues to operate live games at various locations around the Melbourne.

www.popupplayground.com.au

www.facebook.com/PopUpPlayground

27. The Make It Collective

This collective of artisans wanted an alternative space to their usual market stalls spaces. Their stock ranges from handmade candles, to illustration, jewellery, clothing etc.

334 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: May 2016 – August 2016

The make it Collective currently operates in Northcote.

www.themakeitcollective.com.au

www.facebook.com/themakeitcollective

28. IdTee&IdPet

This was a retail space which showcased personalised products for kids and pets.

264 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: December 2016

www.idpet.com.au

www.facebook.com/idpetaustralia

www.idtee.com.au

www.facebook.com/idtee





29. The Make It Collective Retail & Makers Spaces

The Make it Collective expanded from retail into retail & makers spaces.

264 High Street, Northcote

Program Participation Dates: June 2017 – Ongoing

This is their second short term lease entered into through Active Spaces.

www.themakeitcollective.com.au

www.facebook.com/themakeitcollective

30. The Motley Collective

A collective work and gallery space for various creative tradespeople.

279 High Street, Reservoir

Program Participation Dates: June 2017 - Ongoing

www.facebook.com/collectivemotley

