



Kath's Guide to Christmas Shopping In Mt Pleasant

Why drive and brave the crazy crowds and try and get it all done in one day? Staying home and checking out the shops here is a much easier, and a more leisurely alternative.

Let Kath tell you about her town...



Meet artist Robyn, from **Lunaria** (situated across from the Butcher). Robyn stocks eclectic ranges of homewares and teas, candles and handcrafted items – including gorgeous French, and other linen tableware. She also has a great range of handcrafted shopping baskets, hand blended teas, and china teapots and cups. As she is also an accomplished artist, you will find many of the items she has made – from glassware to embroidery, to millinery to paper flowers. If the shop isn't open you can find Robyn on Instagram, or contact her via: 0427 258 894 or romio65@bigpond.com

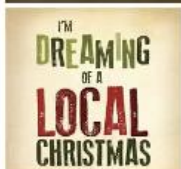


Jan and John from **Bohemian Garden** and **Star Books** stock a huge range of eclectic gifts for most tastes. Scented candles, hand creams, cushions, mirrors, flowers – and a range of good quality seedlings. Jan can get anything you want in. She is also a Florist and will make gorgeous arrangements to your specifications. John has a fantastic range of good, used books on hand – something for everybody! If he hasn't got it – he'll try and find it for you. Worth stopping in for a chat!



Another friendly and welcoming person is Dot from **Just About Anything**, and her shop is exactly that. There is a huge range of toys, craft items, bric-a-brac, cards, glassware, and even a selection of vintage pottery vases.

A great place for kids to find a little something for a special friend or teacher. There is literally – something for everybody.



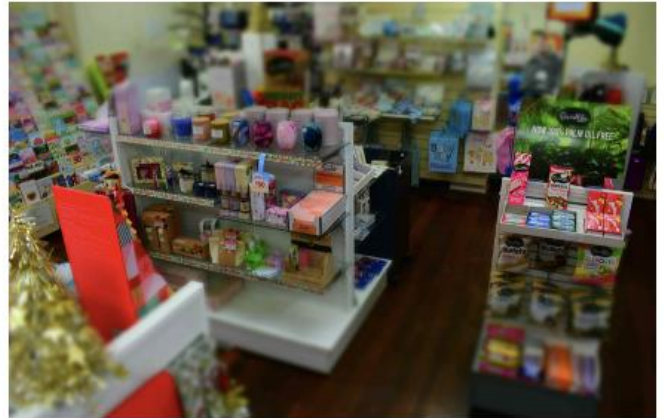
Some of the shops aren't open all the time – please check their times. You may also be able to contact them via social media, or phone them. Please be patient – and remember to love where you live!





Post Offices are not just the place you go to pick up your mail. Anne and Rose have a huge range of not only gift ideas – including books, toys, confectionary, etc – they also stock most office lines and things like paper, toners, SD cards, phones and other office equipment. With access to the Australia Post catalogue, they can also get things in for you – but be quick!

A new business in town is **Rustic Edge Western Wear** (opposite the MP Hotel). Stocking a large range of western wear – including jeans – plus homewares. The shop also has a Hairdresser, and florist.



The **Mt Pleasant Hotel/Motel** provides great pub meals with friendly service. A fab place to meet with friends over the holidays, and they also have accommodation if you have family or friends visiting.



Small batch and hand crafted, the **Robber's Dog Distillery** is situated in the distinctive old **BankSA** building. Rob and Cath have a great range of Gins, Vodkas, Moonshine, **Lemoncello** and **Orangecello** (a take on the traditional Italian drops) to tempt you. Great Christmas presents!



The **Mt Pleasant Pharmacy** has a large range of giftware, jewellery, perfume, beauty products, and personal products., as well as all the usual pharmacy products. Their friendly staff are there to help!



Kath says "I always try to buy local where I can!"



Elysian Wines (situated past the Golf Course on the Springton Road) has a great range of wines to suit any palate, including the award-winning Goat Rosé – perfect for summer. Nick also puts on pizzas during the month – check the Facebook page. Elysian Wines (and Nick) also available at the Mt Pleasant Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings.





Jimmy the Butcher has quite the reputation, which is why it's hard to get a park sometimes! We are pretty lucky to have such a dedicated and entrepreneurial bloke as Jamie – and of course the family! Harrison's taking orders, so get in quickly for all your Christmas needs.



Situated in the historic Totness Mill, **Lovell's Bakery** is part of the family chain that stretches throughout the hills. Friendly staff are there to serve you the pastries and sandwiches beloved by

tradies and tourists alike. Enjoy the atmosphere of the old mill and eat outside!



To say the Bakery mob are colourful may be a gross understatement. If you like your pastries with a touch of good humour, pop along to the **Mt Pleasant Bakery** for your fix. Not only a great range of freshly baked pies and pasties, cakes and slices, but also sandwiches and focaccia – and great coffee! They are taking orders for Christmas - so pop in and see what they have.



Kath says "Support our Locals!"

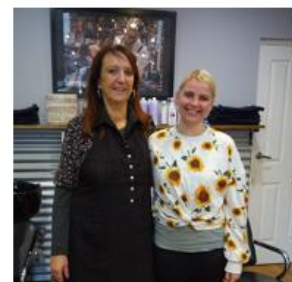


The **Mt Pleasant Farmer's Christmas Twilight Market** is not to be missed. Going for over ten years, this has become a hills tradition, with people from all over coming to enjoy the food, live music, and to buy the best and freshest. Held on the 22nd this year. Don't forget the **Makers on Melrose Market** on the 17th



Christmas is not in danger. The work of local artists and makers is not stuck on a dock in a shipping container. This is the perfect opportunity to shop local. Help local artists live their dream.

Jane from **Pleasant Hair** has been hairdressing for more years than she cares to remember, and has a dedicated following. If you need to look your best for the season, or need to stock up on hair products, make sure you get in quick.



Situated in the historic Totness Mill, **Loveacut** offers women's and men's hairdressing. If you're a bloke and never had a close shave – now may be the time! Also offering spa treatments and a range of hair and beauty products.



How do you categorise **Recreate**? As an integral part of the circular economy, Recreate encourages us to recycle and re-use. They stock a wide range of goods produced by local artisans and regularly hold workshops. You can find craft supplies, craft kits, children's toys and crafts, pet beds, antiques and bric-a-brac, cards, paintings, plants, clothing, jewellery, personal products, homewares – this list is endless. As Molly would say "Do yourselves a favour!" It is unique – and unique is always valuable. Pop in and see Bec and the amazing volunteers who make up the Recreate mob – you'll be glad you did!

Kath says "Merry Christmas, everyone!"





Cooper's - not just for farmers! Never been there? Prefer to drive to Bunning's? It might be worth your while to drop by and check out what Cooper's have to offer first. Undergoing extensive expansion in the last year or so, they have added to the huge range of items they stock – gardening supplies, soils, tools, paints, irrigation equipment, building materials, the list goes on. Need to get the old place spruced up for the masses of visitors you're expecting? They've probably got what you need. The photo above is a small section of their inventory – why not go and have a browse – you'll be really surprised.



Probably not the first place to go when you think of buying Christmas presents, but if you live on acreage and have a few animals, or you need a shed to store the beer fridge, Magnus may have what you want. Recently expanded – did you know they employ more than 25 locals? Think of the people you support when you buy from them! They have a range of shedding, fencing and yards, but also things like feeders for sheep, goats, alpacas, cattle – the list goes on. They even supply non-slip surfacing so you won't slip in any spilled beer on the patio! Something to think about.



Pretty much an institution, Lee's Spot On Motorcycles has been serving the motor cycling public of the hills for over twenty years. Not only servicing, but also stocking all sorts of new and used bikes, protective gear and accessories – plus ATV's. What's not to love?



Want to look after yourself? Why not visit the Library? Our wonderful and helpful Librarians are only too happy to assist you to find what you need – they can get you just about any book to tide you over the summer.



Need petrol to run the new toy? Mark from Wilksch's Garage has that – and a stack of other stuff as well. None of us really know what is stored in that garage – thank goodness Mark does!

Still looking? Why not try the History Room? Paula is open on Thursdays from 1 to 4, and has several Mt Pleasant books for sale.



Remember our Soldiers, History of our Show, 175 Recipes

And when you break the new toy, Mt Pleasant Crash is the place to go. Tom and the blokes will get you back on the road in no time. Their state-of-the-art equipment and spray booth are second to none. How many locals do you think Tom and Lucia employ?

