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Funky junk – rags to riches and a happy planet

Turning junk into funk is all the rage - trash to 'fash' - looking a million dollars for next to nothing, while reducing waste! Ecopreneur Megan Bayliss of The Junk Wave has successfully taken the art of recycling to the catwalk and beyond.

Bayliss, an innovative bombshell from North Queensland takes creativity, innovation and resourcefulness into projects turning household trash into highly attractive, trendy and unique fashion and accessories.

Demonstrating her amazing craft all over the country, from city slickers to Far Northern Indigenous communities, Bayliss has stunned audiences with her amazing ability to convert trash to flash 'fash' in entertaining and productive workshops geared towards having fun, whilst achieving sustainability and creating something from nothing. And it's always fun, given Bayliss' bubbly personality and quirky humour.

"My friends would say I keep talking garbage," jokes Bayliss.

"We teach people how to use their household waste. We make waste valuable. Why pay for craft material when it's sitting in your kitchen for free.

"Everywhere I go I receive compliments about my bags. I proudly tell them I made them myself out of kitchen waste. My colourful beads draw plenty of curiosity. When I tell people they are made from junk mail, they cannot believe it.

"People immediately want to sign up to a workshop to learn how to do it."

Due to increasing demand, Bayliss's household waste management team is on the campaign trail.

"We've workshopped from the tip of Australia, down the Queensland coast, and have enquiries from Adelaide and Darwin. The response and referral rate is just incredible."

Brookvale in Sydney (March 3) and Brunswick in Melbourne (March 11) are lucky enough to welcome Bayliss and her *Bags, Bowls and Beads* workshop, geared towards stirring up the creative juices of serious fashion aficionados with an interest in sustainability.

Bookings are essential and registration is available on the website:

www.thejunkwave.com or by emailing Bayliss direct at megan@thejunkwave.com

The workshops cater to all ages, from 10 to 100.

"Sustainable living is fun, and when people realise it can save them a lot of money and save the environment at the same time, they are more interested in learning about it," said Bayliss.

"And you know your end product, besides being attractive and trendy, is totally unique!"

Workshop participation earns a competency compliant certificate of attendance and is suitable as evidence for Recognition of Prior Learning for many vocational courses.

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