



New way to help - buy Nepalese goods

One of the best ways of helping the Nepalese people to help themselves – part of what Dharmik aims to achieve – is by buying some of the beautiful goods they produce, mostly hand-made.

“After Mark and I brought some goods brought back our first visits to Nepal in 2007 they were snapped up by Milton residents when we showed them in a supporter’s home”, said co-founder of Dharmik, Mary-Louise. “We soon realised we could open a shop. Now we have it, right next to the Post Office in Milton.

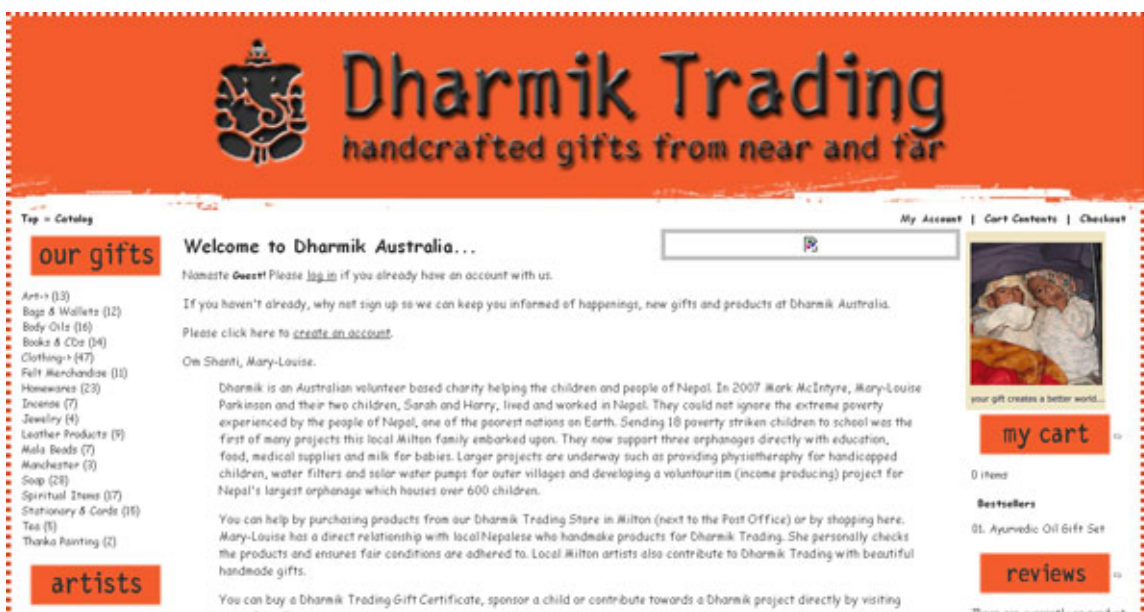
Dharmik Trading opened its doors in September, fronting the Princes Highway in the NSW south coast town. It is staffed entirely by volunteers: Mary-Louise’s partners Lisa Lander and Stacy Harrison and local artists. The shop also sells items made by artists and artisans from Milton and its harbour-town neighbour Ulladulla.

The shop will be joined by an E-Commerce site (to be announced soon) for those who want to shop on line.

Mary-Louise meets all the producers of goods to ensure they are of acceptable quality and that any employed workers are treated fairly.

“We have exquisite clothes, leather bags, hand-made paper and felt products, carved stone, pashmina shawls and spiritual items from Nepal and now also from Tibet”, Mary-Louise said.

“Many Nepalese struggle to survive in their poor country. Providing an outlet for hand-crafts gives their makers pride as well as income. And buyers in Australia have a rather exclusive shopping experience while spreading the word about Dharmik the charity.”



Visit the web site at <http://www.dharmiktrading.com>