

# Small Business Month Boost Your Business Sales Season Strategies 29 October 2020



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#### **Boost Your Business Sales Season Strategies**

## Facilitator: Helder Guerreiro Economic Development Coordinator, Cumberland City Council





#### **Boost Your Business Sales Season Strategies**

#### **Schedule**

- Carol Bagaric
   Designer & Expert on Visual Merchandising
- Graham Fitzpatrick
   Business Advisor, Advertising & Marketing Guru
- Rami Ykmour
   Founder of Rashays
- Panel Discussion / Q & A

#### Retail Revamp 2020







#### **Todays Workshop**

#### **Overview**

- Importance of visual merchandising
- Key elements on creating an attractive shop front
   & window display
- Tips & Tricks on how to make it happen
- Plus top tips on your Website presentation

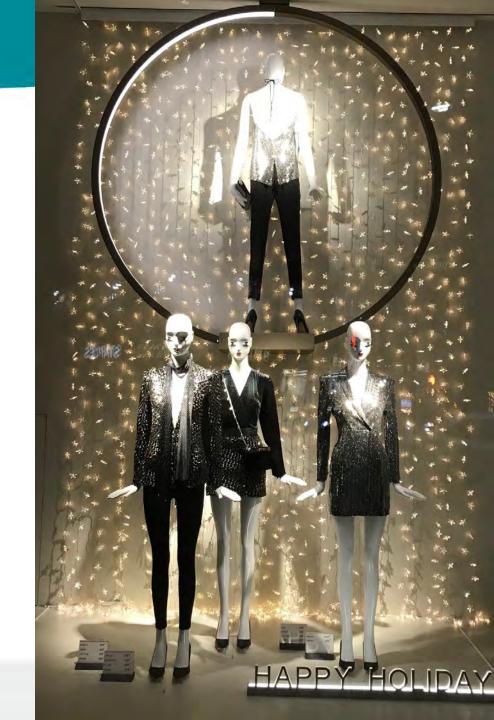


Take the time to reflect on your store...



#### Visual Merchandising

Your shop front, is often the last thing you may be thinking about, but it is the very first thing a customer sees!





#### What is Visual Merchandising?







#### Why is Visual Merchandising important?

Develops, maintains and increases sales

Provides a competitive advantage

 Customers expect and respond to good visual display



#### But most importantly...

### Display = DOLLARS

Be strategic with how you treat your retail space!



#### **VM TIP #1**

'Activate & Exaggerate'



#### External

#### **Key Considerations;**

- Primary & Secondary Signage
- Open or Closed? A Frames, Flags & Bunting
- Greenery / External Product Displays







#### **VM TIP #2**

'Working your Windows'



#### Window Merchandising

- On average you have approximately 4 6
   seconds to capture a customers attention via a
   window display
- Depending on how well a window is merchandised will determine if the customer enters the store
- A window is the first impression for a customer of a store, it gives them a taste of what is to expect once inside









#### Window Merchandising

#### 3 easy steps...

- Merchandise a 'Product Story'
- Merchandise a 'Colour Story'
- Use a 'Visual Merchandising Technique'

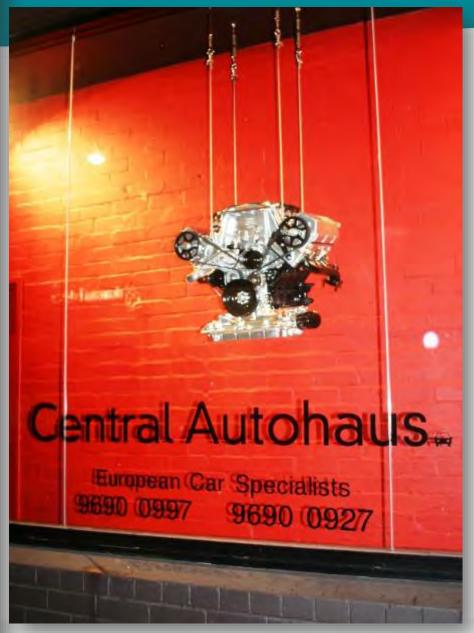




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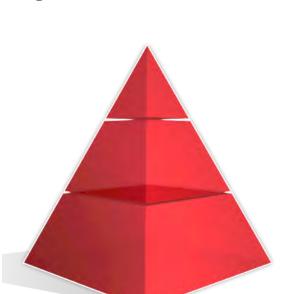
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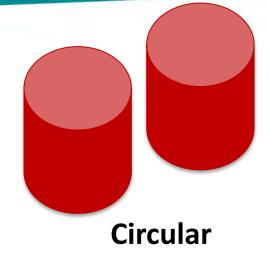


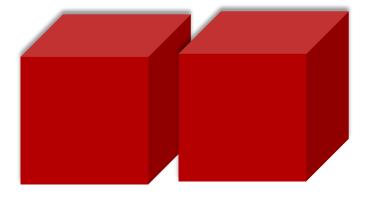
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Step 3: VM Technique



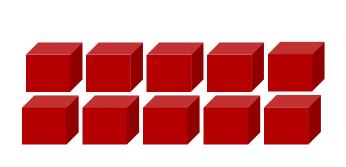
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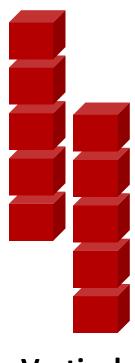


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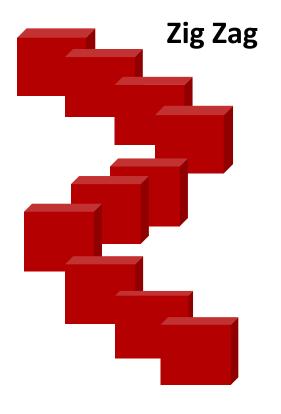
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**Horizontal** 











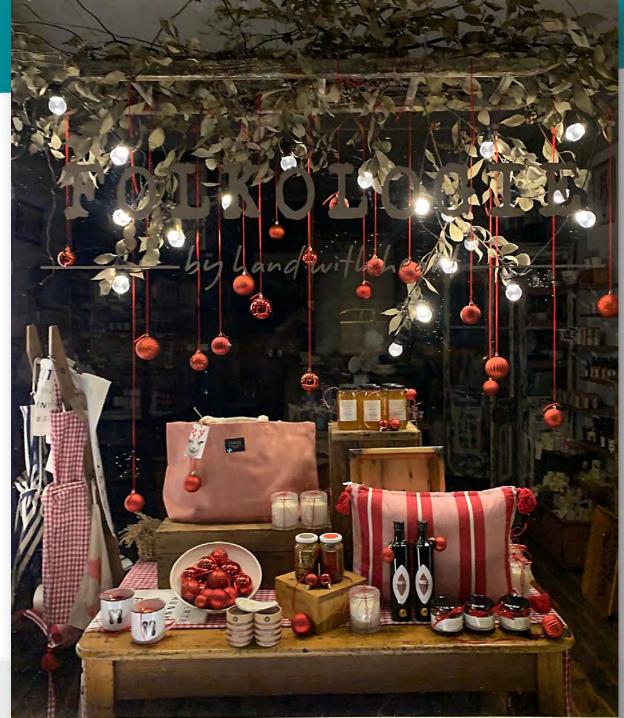
#### Step 3 – VM Techniqu

Horizontal & Repetition & Pyramid





#### Before & After





#### **VM TIP #3**

'From bricks to clicks...'



#### Website tips & tricks

- Ensure your business name & logo is present
- Use good quality images
- Keep content short and sweet, remember to spell check
- Keep your website free of clutter less is more
- Invite customer to engage with your website, sign up to offers, subscribe, click on social media links etc.



#### Consider...

 Shopify, WIX and other ecommerce online platforms for access to professional website templates



#### Thank you!





#### Boost your Business Sales Season Strategies

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Sales Season Strategies: Introduction Maximising the Sales Season
Using the Four P's of the
Marketing Mix

#### Sales Season Strategies: Introduction

#### The Sales Season is.....

- The best opportunity to make up lost ground
- The best time to reach out and build rapport with past and present customers
- Increases the opportunity to find new customers

As a Marketer and Sales Manager
"I love Sales Season".

# Sales Season Strategies: This year's Sales Season Preview

#### 2020 has been crazy

- Yes, it has been a tough year
- Yes, unemployment is sitting at 6.8%
- Yes, retail took a large hit due to the Pandemic
- Yes, there is a lack of confidence in the marketplace

# Sales Season Strategies: This year's Sales Season Preview

#### But, there are a lot positives for this year's Sales Season:

- Traditional Christmas Holiday Plans have changed
- Households are spending less on Eating Out and other Leisure activities

#### And for those that love statistics:

- Australian retail turnover rose 7.1% in August 2020 compared with August 2019
- Online sales rose 7.0% in seasonally adjusted month-on-month terms in August 2020

- ABS, August 2020

Sales Season
Strategies:
The Marketing
Mix



Number 1 - PRODUCT

Normally the focus is on things like Brand – Services – Packaging

- Current Trends
- Making things easy
- Helping shoppers make decisions
- Quality Products that mean something
- Bundles
- Secure Supply Chains

#### Number 2 - PRICE

- Discounts But don't use percentages "they mean nothing"
- Add Ons and Bonus Offers
- Price Increases
- Payment Terms
- Delivery Costs

Number 3 – PLACE

Normally the focus is on things like Market – Channels – Distribution

- Where you will place Sale Items in store, online?
- Notifying staff of Sales Promotions
- Delivery Methods Postage? Courier? Parcel Service?

Number 4 - PROMOTION

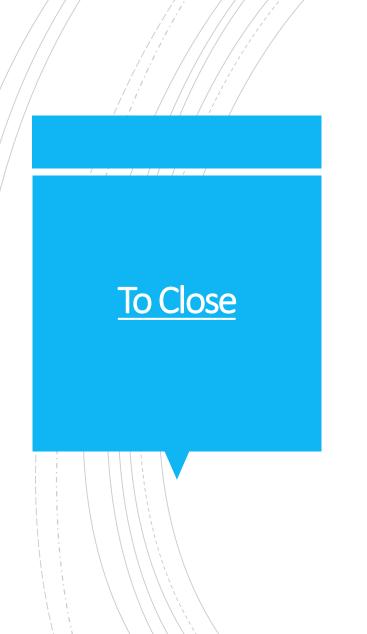
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- Where your clients shop?
- What problems that may be facing this Sales Season?
- What solutions your products solve?
- Demonstrate the Product or Service
- Be exciting and engaging

Sales Season Strategies: Final Advice

### Sell, Sell, Sell!





- Your Feedback is valuable. You will be sent a quick post event survey to be returned to Cumberland City Council
- You can request a free one-on-one Business Connect advisory session with me by sending the request to Natalie at Cumberland City Council





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### Rami Ykmour

### Founder of Rashays















# Panel Discussion Q & A



### **Cumberland Business Support Program**

Visit <a href="https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/business">www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/business</a> for more details

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