

# KATHMANDU STORE

## A BENCHMARK FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

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When adventure clothing retail giant, Kathmandu rolled out their newest flagship store in Melbourne's CBD recently, they firmly set their sights on achieving the first-ever green star rating for a retail store in Australia.

The Kathmandu logo adorns a Clay Plaster Décor wall in light concrete colour in the company's new Melbourne flagship store.

It's a name that is synonymous with adventure and capturing the spirit of the outdoors in everyday life, so when Kathmandu opened their newest flagship retail store in the heart of Melbourne's CBD, they set about doing so in an environmentally sensitive way.

Kathmandu Galleria is located on one of the city's most sought after retail real estate spaces, on the corner of Bourke Street and Elizabeth Street in Melbourne's CBD – not the kind of place you'd expect a green building to sprout.

It is the first retail space in Australasia to achieve the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) five-star green rating and the outdoor clothing retailer is extremely proud of its credentials.

Kathmandu sustainability spokesperson, Tim Loftus, says that the Galleria store brings the company's commitment to sustainability to life.

"Kathmandu is creating a benchmark for sustainable design and building in retail," Tim said.

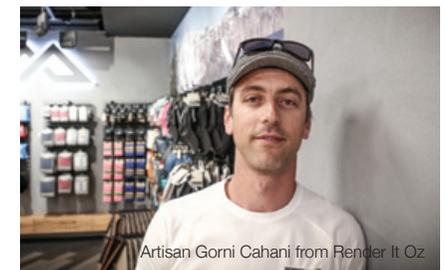
"The Galleria store speaks to our brand belief of respecting the environment. We're incredibly proud to invite Melburnians to visit Galleria and experience the store."

The Galleria store was purpose built to target the five-star green accreditation. Using sustainable design techniques, building practices and materials, the store includes features and technologies that reduce its carbon emissions and the amount of waste sent to landfill.

Melbourne Artisan, Gorni Cahani from Render It Oz was excited to take part in the innovative project installing more than 250m<sup>2</sup> of ROCKCOTE Clay Plaster Décor across the walls of the two-storey building.

"When the shop fitting team first approached me, we spoke in depth about the importance of the eco-friendly principles Kathmandu was trying to create with this store and what products I thought would work best," Gorni said.

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