RETAIL THERAPY

With approximately 10 weeks to go, the countdown is now on to the busiest time of year on the retail calendar, and with over $11 billion set to be spent on gifts this year, retailers look set to have a bumper festive season.

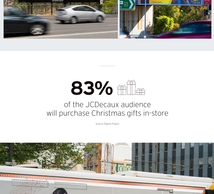
The past few months have been a uniquely challenging time for most retailers, in particular small businesses navigating extended state-imposed lockdowns and restrictions that have limited their ability to trade. Despite this uncertainty, the good news is that **Australian consumer sentiment is upbeat**. Experts say this indicates that retailers can look forward to healthy trading conditions over the festive season. Let's go!

Australians are set to spend over

$11 billion

on Christmas gifts alone this year

Source: www.roymorgan.com (Consumers Are Confident for Christmas)



STEP BACK **INTO THE SHOPS** WITH COMMBANK

Australians are keen to head back to the shops before Christmas, and if the first few days of freedom in NSW is anything to go by, we are in for a major retail surge nationally. **In NSW, $100 million was spent on retail alone on Freedom Day, with consumers limiting up at their favourite stores to browse the aisles once again.**

CommBank customers will have an all-new option for spending on their funds with Australia beginning to open up, with the launch of 'SnapPay', CBA's answer to Buy Now Pay Later. Delivering the campaign across the JCDecaux Large Format network with an exciting and vibrant creative, SnapPay has come out with a bang to set a new precedent in this loaded market segment.

Source: www.commbank.com.au/guidance/buy-now-pay-later-0621.html#How-BNPL-works

83%

of the JCDecaux audience will purchase Christmas gifts in-store

Source: Nielsen Prism+

THE HOLY GRAIL OF BEAUTY

When Charlotte Tilbury landed at Mecca, there was no better place to get glowing than with JCDecaux.

Launching the new line with a combination of Megasides, Digital Large Format and Smartframe placements, the ultra-beautiful world of Charlotte Tilbury was every part as perverse as it was engaging.

'The Transit Factor' our Neuro-Insight study, shows that **Megasides are the most engaging Transit format.** While the scale and size of the format lends itself to providing WOW! moments of brand engagement, perfectly matched to the flexibility of digital, this recent campaign from Mecca had award-winning beauty at the top of our shopping list.

MEGASIDES
0.68 ENGAGEMENT SCORE COMPARED TO **0.57** STATIC AVERAGE

2020 was the biggest Christmas on record with shoppers nationwide splurging over

$55 billion

throughout the Christmas trade period

Source: www.roymorgan.com/findings/8435-christmas-forecast-202012

NOSTALGIA IS IN THE AIR

In the mid-2000's, trucker caps, velour tracksuits and statement belts were in. The OC was on TV and flip phones were the must-have tech. Now, these fashion and pop culture trends are back, **and Samsung is playing on the nostalgia with the launch of Fast Galaxy Z Fold3 and Flip3**. Inspired by the original flip phone, an innovation of the last few years, Samsung's latest release not only has enhanced camera technology – a must in today's social media world – it also has foldable screen, allowing users to fold it into a small, compact device or expand it to full size for a more engaging entertainment experience.

A frequent Out-of-Home advertiser locally and globally, Samsung partnered with JCDecaux for the product launch, running across a selection of iconic Digital Large Format locations to elevate the brand and drive scale and impact, combined with Street Furniture for rapid reach and frequency.

+11%

increase in searches for the term 'Smartphone' in Q4 versus rest of year average.

Source: Google Trends

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

Back in the realm of online shopping, The Iconic recently announced their partnership with Rothbart to further their push to make sustainable fashion more accessible online. The **Rothbart Circular Wardrobe** allows for a new way of extending the life cycle of fashion, creating a system to resell, rent or recycle your iconic clothes.

This exciting new launch comes on the back of their **'Fast Delivery. Free Returns'** campaign currently running across the NSW Street Furniture network. The Iconic's continued push for a more positive, seamless and convenient shopping experience is making life much easier for those of us with last minute Christmas ideas.

56%
of people are more likely to buy gifts online

Source: Pragnet Shopper

Out-of-Home is
4X
more effective in generating online search

Source: Adelphic Out-of-Home and Digital Video Effectiveness Study

TIME FOR A NEW ACCESSORY?

For those with a larger budget who are really wanting to treat themselves or someone they love this Christmas, it might be time to invest in a luxury watch. Since they were invented, **luxury watches have long been a symbol of status and wealth.** Hand-crafted using high quality materials and subject to a range of quality control tests, **luxury watches are not only designed to last a lifetime, but to be an investment** – retaining, and in some cases increasing, their value over time.

To drive brand awareness and desire among an affluent AB audience, Patek Philippe hard-selected three high-impact Classic Large Format locations in Perth, encouraging audiences to visit the Barbagallo watch boutique.

To ensure maximum cut-through, high impact, 'isolated' sites – with little to no competing Rival points – were strategically selected, allowing Patek Philippe communicate the premium nature of the brand and command the full attention of passers by.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING TIMELINE

With Christmas around the corner, consumers are planning for the festive season **from as early as September.** Now is the perfect time for brands to make an impact on holiday purchases.

Holiday or travel plans
On Hospitality Spotlight

Planning decorations
Friendly Spotlight

CHRISTMAS 2021

Planning their gifts
Planning and Shopping

Planning the Christmas menu
Friendly Spotlight

Source: Pragnet Shopper, Christmas Survey, April 2021 (AU, 25K)

CHEERS TO A **MORE CONSCIOUS** FESTIVE SEASON

Christmas Day might be about showcasing loved ones with gifts, but the festive season is all about self-indulgence. It's a time to celebrate the year that was, treat yourself to a few new outfits, splash out on hair and make-up, and wine and dine with family and friends. And to make you feel even better about new-retail purchases, H&M have launched **Conscious points to reward loyalty members each time they purchase a conscious item.**

To launch the **'Let's change'** campaign, H&M have partnered with JCDecaux to run a Street Furniture campaign across the eastern seaboard targeting people 25-34. Resulting three-month creative, each showcasing an on-trend item of clothing, the campaign aims to drive awareness and educate audiences on the 'Conscious points' initiative.

H&M have put their money where their mouth is when it comes to sustainability, planning to only use **"recycled and sustainably produced materials by 2030, and to be climate positive throughout the value chain by 2040."**

Source: www.hmgroup.com/sustainability/circular-and-climate-positive/

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