



## A MESSAGE FROM GEOFF AND LYNICE

It has taken a while in the planning, but finally we can announce:

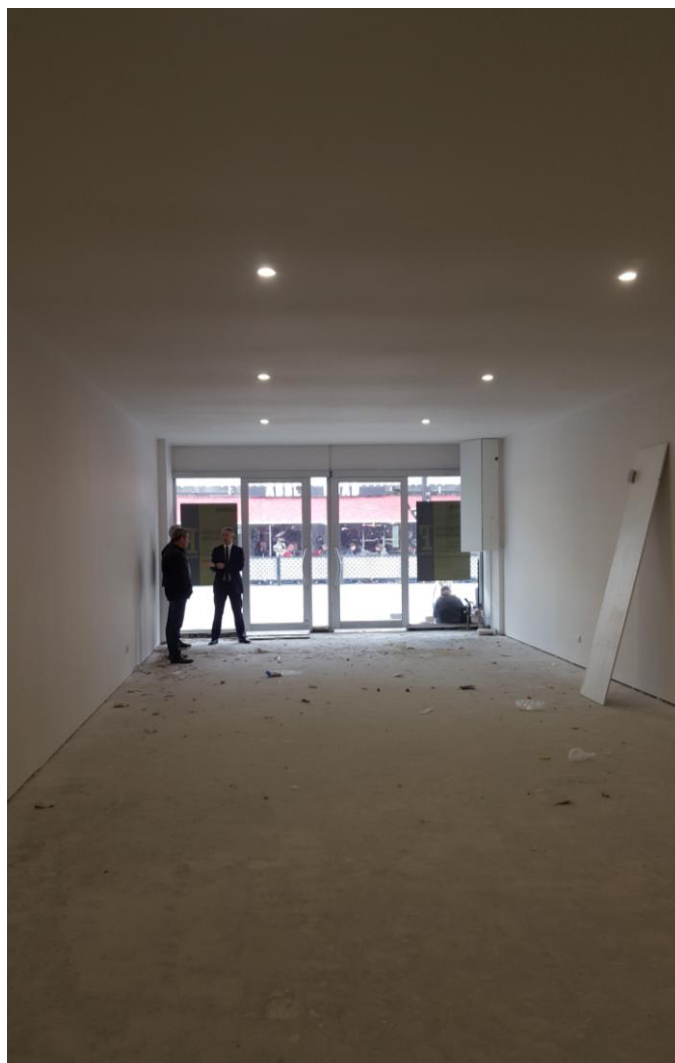
### **NEW EMPOWER STORE OPENING SOON IN ACLAND STREET, ST KILDA!**

For some time it has been on our hearts to put steps in place to enable Empower to grow – not for the sake of growth itself, but in order to be of greater assistance to the producer groups we partner with.

We are keen to greatly increase the volume of sales of Empower products. This will assist the various producer groups to increase their income and help grow their businesses. It will provide opportunities for more women who are vulnerable to exploitation to earn a sustainable income and to work in a healthy and happy environment.

The relocation from Bairnsdale to St Kilda necessarily involves the closure of our current Empower store, after six years of trading in Bairnsdale. We have been so grateful to the people of Bairnsdale and East Gippsland for their generous support and encouragement over the last six years. We hope that these local supporters will maintain a close connection with Empower through our quarterly “Friends of Empower” newsletter, on-line sales via [www.empower.org.au](http://www.empower.org.au) and visits to our Empower shop at Acland Street, St Kilda.

We have had a large team of amazing volunteers who have been faithfully involved in Empower since its inception. Words cannot express our gratitude to each and every one of you for all you have done and for the encouragement and support you have provided.





As you may imagine, the cost to relocate and set up the new shop is substantial. If that is something to which you would be willing to contribute financially, we would be most appreciative. Funds can be paid into the following bank account:

Empower International  
Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 063832  
Account No: 10133769

As yet we do not have an exact date when the Bairnsdale store will close and when the St Kilda store will open. We anticipate the Bairnsdale store will close in mid-June 2017 and the St Kilda store will open in mid-July 2017. Updates will be provided on our Empower Facebook page.

As we enter this new and exciting era for Empower we thank all our friends and supporters and look forward to seeing you soon at Shop 3, 112 Acland Street, St Kilda.



Geoff and Lynice Wigney

Empower's new premises ready to fit out and stock with beautiful products.

