

a shopping trip

...with my Stylist

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I was lucky enough to go on a shopping trip with Antoinette from All About Style in January. It was a lesson in style, bargain shopping and everything in between.

We set out on a Thursday morning and caught the train to Bondi Junction. Our first stop was a café to fuel for our adventures, organic coffee and a friend.

On a shopping trip with clients, Antoinette meets for a coffee first to get to know them as well as get a feel for their personal style or the event they need an outfit for (she is getting a lot of bookings for Mother of the Bride/Groom outfits). In most cases Antoinette has already done some leg work selecting and holding items so all they have to do is go into the shop and try it on.

This amazing lady has an eye for shapes, materials and sales. Clothes that I would not have even considered trying on turn out to be the most flattering clothes I have ever tried (and she said she hears that a lot).

After spending a few hours popping in and out of shops I had an incredible collection of purchases most of them designer brands at great prices with added bargains from shops I didn't expect or even think of.

Happy is an understatement! I will definitely go on another shopping trip with Antoinette.



I learnt so much that I will be confident to shop by myself more often too. We kept in mind clothes I already had and Antoinette would give me quick tips on all the different combinations I could put together to make one purchase three or four different outfits.

I had plenty of 'Pretty Woman' moments as Antoinette was greeted in most shops with hugs and kisses as the sales staff hurried around assisting us. That never happens when I am on my own!

Antoinette's *All About Style* is definitely making a name in our local area, as she is getting more and more bookings to shop right here in Macarthur.

Antoinette is out there making friends of shop assistants and keeping up to date with all their new season lines. Some of her favourite local shops are Veronika Maine in David Jones, Portmans, Noni B, Queenspark, Cue and Rockmans in Macarthur Square.