

# KIRSTEY'S KORNER 2010



Over the next few issues of East End news, I'll be looking at a particular street or laneway in the East End. Rundle Street is the centrepiece of the East

End, renowned for great cafes and the essence of Australia's top fashion labels. But the East End is actually full of side streets and laneways which are hidden treasures too (That's why I love living here – I find something new and exciting every day!)

**Ebenezer Place** is the epitome of unique, quirky, indie and groovy. Even though it is really a 'street', Ebenezer Place is considered a 'laneway' now. The powers-that-be have worked very hard to develop it into a "stand alone" precinct, focussing on one-off individual local operators with a point of difference. With all the traders working together to promote and market the strip it has a great vibe. There are around a dozen shops



Belgian Beer Cafe

selling a wide range of fashion based products. I had a fantastic afternoon searching through all the shops and finding Christmas gift ideas for everyone.

**Zimmerman** and **Felici** are the gateway into Ebenezer from Rundle Street. It continues around the corner to Union Street, (the street with **SABA** on the corner.) As I grabbed a quick coffee at **Nano** I viewed the range of great city homes available or sale and rent on the screens at **City Realty**. Established in 1995 to act for the State Government in its joint venture with the Liberman Group, City Realty was instrumental in the redevelopment of the East End's Adelaide Fruit and Produce Exchange.

I found everything I need for Summer in Ebenezer. **Jade Foxx Empire** has something short and sassy for end of year Christmas parties, but also a range of long skirts and beautiful shirts for Christmas. It didn't stop there, with Sarah showcasing some absolutely stunning swimwear, and cover-up sarongs, at **Blue Glue Bikinis**. Blue Glue has swimwear to suit me, my Mum, my sister, my cousin – everyone! The gorgeous beach bags are ideal Christmas gifts too.

It has been said that **RHD** is probably

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the best denim shop in Adelaide. It sits next to Jade Foxx and has a pair of jeans to suit everyone. Perfect for a casual holiday look. Visit Andy and find the perfect pair to suit your butt this summer!

At **Old Midwest, American Vintage**, which opened in mid October, I found some gorgeous denim pieces perfect for summer picnics in the hills with my nieces. Old Midwest, owned by **Midwest Trader** operator Jarrad Green, stocks vintage check western shirts and denim jackets (Lee, Levis, Wrangler), vintage sports tee's (from little league – major leagues) and vintage American college tee's.

**One Arm Scissor** has the perfect gift for the man in your life and for more sparkly Chrissy cocktail party dresses go and see Dom at **das. hair & fashion**.

The new **Treadly Bike Shop** (where Hero Vintage was) is a retail and repairs store, specialising in urban commuter bicycles and accessories. Treadly stocks a range of single speed, fixed gear and classic style bicycles and parts, bags, apparel, helmets, and a children's range. Along with offering the latest in local and overseas products, Treadly sources and restores preloved bicycles for sale. If you need to begin your treadly adventures or require some extra special additions or repairs for your treadly, pop in and see them.



Blue Glue Bikinis

The girls at both **L'Amour** and **Scent** showed me a bunch of party dresses ideal for the upcoming season. Dory from **Scent** claims: "In our shop, you will find things that you could not find anywhere else in Australia."

And after a hard day of shopping the **Belgian Beer Bar** is the perfect place to relax and ponder over which of the 35 types of beer to enjoy.

The best way to describe Ebenezer Place is something different, something a bit special and something out of the ordinary.

- **Belgian Beer Cafe**, 27 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Blue Glue Bikinis**, 18 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **City Realty**, 15 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **das. hair & fashion**, Shop 3, 4–10 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Jade Foxx Empire**, 20 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **L'Amour Fashion Boutique**, Shop 4, 4–10 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Midwest Trader**, Shops 1 and 2, 4–10 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Nano Ready 2 Go**, 23 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **One Arm Scissor**, 11 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Old Midwest American Vintage**, 7 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **RHD (Right Hand Distribution)**, 22 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **SCENT fashion**, 16 Ebenezer, Adelaide
- **Treadly Bike Shop**, Shop 5, 4–10 Ebenezer, Adelaide

If you know of any hot gossip or exciting new businesses or places to go in the East End, send me an email:

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# EASTENDER PROFILE



**Old Midwest,  
American  
Vintage**

At the age of 38, Jarrad Green (Jad), like his fashion store, Midwest Trader, is already an East End institution.

Jad began his East End retail career back in 1992 opening a franchise of Sydney store, Wheels & Doll Baby. The shop was founded behind the Austral Hotel, prior to the development of the Bent Street Apartment building.

“The East End was the only place to come. We wanted an old building, slightly run down. Originally the Wheels & Doll Baby shop looked like an old jail, which fitted with the clothing’s theme.” Said Jad.

By 1994 Jad wanted to start stocking a variety of labels along with Wheels & Doll Baby, so changed the store name to Midwest Trader.

“I came up with the name Midwest Trader while walking in Sante Fe, New Mexico. All the stores were named Midwest this and Midwest that, it sounded good.”

In 2002 Midwest moved to the burgeoning Ebenezer Place and while they still sell the Wheels & Doll Baby brand the store also stocks American and UK imported labels including Levis, Wrangler, VANS, Converse, and Drop Dead!, and even some accessories from local artists.

Midwest Trader’s customers are typically 15–30 years old and passionate about music. However Midwest Trader covers all markets, they even stock a kids range. Jad and Midwest’s connection with music is no coincidence. As well as running the business and coaching the Stirling under 17 girls soccer club

(he was talked into it by his neighbour) he is also the drummer of popular, local rockabilly band, The Satellites, who have supported such acts as Chris Issak, The Stray Cats and Wanda Jackson.

## **OLD MIDWEST, AMERICAN VINTAGE**

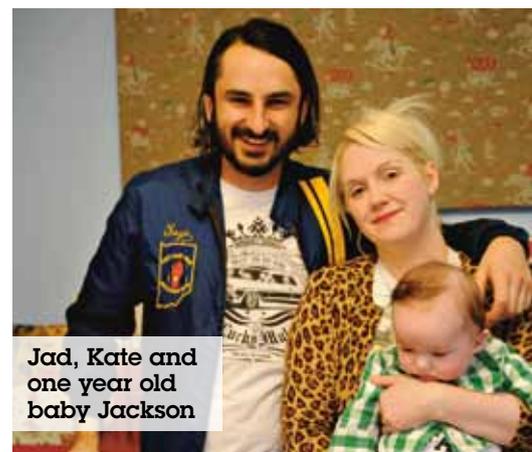
Jad, who lives in Crafers, has recently opened a second store with partner of 19 years, Kate Tomkins, in Ebenezer Place (opposite Midwest Trader) called Old Midwest, American Vintage.

Old Midwest, amongst other things, stocks vintage check western shirts, vintage denim jackets, vintage sports tee’s from little league through to NBA/NFL/NHL/NBL teams, vintage American college tee’s and hoodies, vintage racing jackets and garage jackets, vintage cowboy boots (and new **Justin Boots** from Texas), vintage

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hawaiian shirts, vintage tooled western leather belts, vintage army jackets and tee’s, and incredible WWII and Vietnam war authentic army backpacks and bags. The aim of Old Midwest is to keep prices cheap with Tee’s starting at \$19, Cowboy Boots from \$75 and Denim Jackets from \$65.

Jad keeps things fresh importing vintage stock monthly and taking trips twice a year to America to handpick stock and attend fashion trade shows.



**Jad, Kate and  
one year old  
baby Jackson**

The new store is worth checking out purely for its Aspen log cabin inspired interior. Old Midwest is filled with taxidermy, antler chandeliers, 1930s mannequins, neons, gretsch guitars and Americana fittings from Jad and Kate’s travels. The centrepiece to the store is an incredible handcrafted Molesworth couch crafted by Marc Taggart and imported from Wyoming. Walk into Old Midwest and you will hear nothing but rockabilly and country and blues piping through the sound system, adding to the authentic feeling of the store. Love it.

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