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Hobart's Teddy Bear Shop exclusive stockists of designer RMC Bandana Bears

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The Teddy Bear Shop owner Patricia Kempa with limited edition bears made by renowned designer Martin Ksohoh. Picture: LUKE BOWDEN

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YOU can never be too old for a teddy bear.

Hobart's Teddy Bear Shop is attracting more older children and teenagers now that it is the world's only stockist of international fashion label RMC's Bandana Bears.

"They appeal to a whole different market than your furry teddy bear," co-owner Patricia Kempa said.

She and husband Michael Jenkins discovered the bears online while searching for artwork for the shop.

“While they’re quite modern looking they’ve got quite a vintage feel,” Ms Kempa said.

The couple contacted RMC’s head office in London to ask if they could stock the bears. Last week, the bears arrived and Ms Kempa said they were proving popular.

The 26cm handcrafted bears are designed by internationally celebrated designer Martin Ksohoh and made in a Japanese workshop that employs people with disabilities. The limited edition bears are made from RMC bandanas and The Teddy Bear Shop is the only shop in the world to stock the full range.

Ms Kempa said Ksohoh’s work is heavily influenced by Japanese history and art.

