

# LETTER of the week

HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN UP  
SOMETHING YOU LOVE?

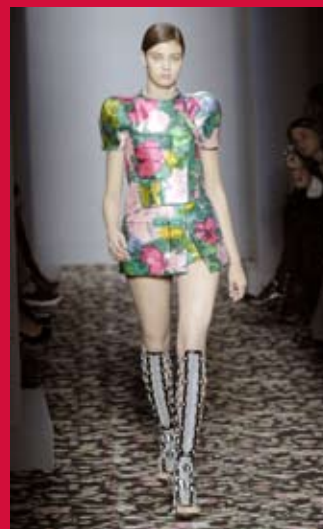
“ I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER AT 34 – SUCH A YOUNG AGE TO FIND OUT THERE WAS NO WAY OF KEEPING MY BREASTS OR MY HAIR. CHEMOTHERAPY TOOK CARE OF THE HAIR AND THE SURGERY TOOK CARE OF MY BREASTS AND OVARIES. I GAVE UP ALL OF MY WOMANLY BODY PARTS BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE. IT IS NOW 10 YEARS LATER AND I AM STILL HERE. ”

SUSAN ORMSBY,  
CHIFLEY

**Congrats, Susan. You've won a \$500 Purr wardrobe.**

# 5 THINGS to do this week...

- 1 STRUT** along to fashionstate – a new citywide festival on March 7-12. Discover where Sydney's hidden fashion gems are and what trend forecasters are predicting will be in. Highlights include guided walking tours of Sydney's top fashion strips and exhibitions of rare collections. The festival is in partnership with the trade-only Fashion Exposed fair, on in Sydney from March 9-11. Register for fashionstate at [www.fashionstate.com.au](http://www.fashionstate.com.au).
- 2 SHOP** online – and help a good cause. Sydney yoga-wear designer Marina Jacoby is donating 10 per cent of her profits to the International Women's Development Agency until March 15, in celebration of International Women's Day. Visit [www.marinaj.net](http://www.marinaj.net).
- 3 JOIN** a special International Women's Day forum hosted by Medecins Sans Frontieres on Saturday, March 8. It's on at the Chauvel Cinema, Paddington. Entry is free. Visit [www.msf.org.au](http://www.msf.org.au).
- 4 HEAR** actress-turned-writer Sophie Lee talk about her debut novel, *Alice in La La Land*, at The Eastern Hotel, Bondi Junction, on Wednesday, March 5. All welcome. Phone 1300 308 781 to RSVP.
- 5 HOBNOB** at a special haven in Bungalow 8's beer garden until Thursday, March 6. The customised outdoor space, Strongbow Eden, celebrates a new cider trend – Strongbow poured over ice.



what'shot



## ART IMITATES LIFE

Like the idea of personalised art? US agency DNA II has come up with the concept of using your DNA code, fingerprint

or kiss mark in their custom-made designs. Cool or ugh? Make up your own mind – there's free shipping to Oz. Go to [www.dna11.com](http://www.dna11.com).

## ON THE NOSE

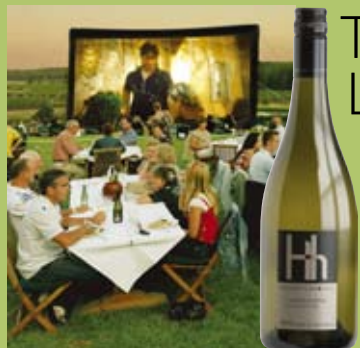
Oops, she's done it again. Britney Spears' perfume range has topped celebrity scent sales. Apparently, her troubled personal life has only helped with her branding. Smells a little *Toxic* to us.

## PORCELAIN DOLL

Forget sun-kissed. Young gals are going to any lengths to have porcelain skin just like Nicole Kidman. But a report has revealed skin-lightening creams could be a health danger, even causing leukaemia. Yikes.



what'snot



## THIS WEEK'S READER'S LETTER PRIZE

Hunter Valley winery Hungerford Hill's Starlight Cinema is on in the vines this Easter. With sloping, manicured lawns and a new dining terrace, it is the perfect location to enjoy the latest films under the stars. We have a double pass to the March 19 screening of *Death at a Funeral* to give away, as well as a picnic backpack and a case of Tumberumba Chardonnay. For cinema info, visit [www.hungerfordhill.com.au](http://www.hungerfordhill.com.au).