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OUR PICK

1 // WEAR

Attending the festival this weekend? Do it in rock star style with this limited edition Fashion Assassin V Festival scarf. \$69.95, ph: (02) 9699 9503.

2 // USE

A fusion of Japanese and Indian cooking methods, the kamado is a durable oven that grills and bakes to perfection. From \$499 at Aussie BBQs, Murarrie, or www.kamadocookersaustralia.com

3 // LISTEN

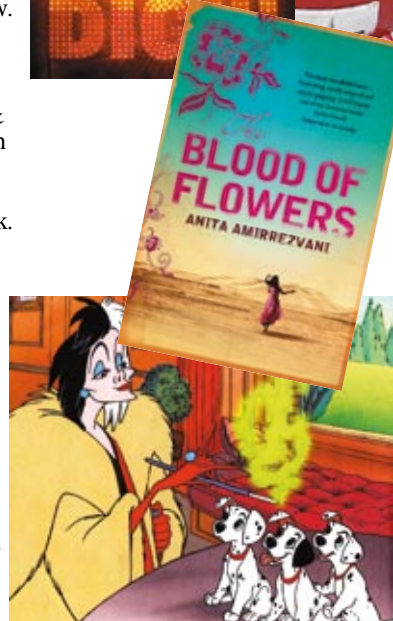
Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!! Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds (EMI) – the 14th album from this grunt-fuelled Aussie rock group has been imbued with Cave's love of funk.

4 // READ

The glorious past of Persia and the realities of modern Iran meet in *The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani (Headline Review, \$32.95).

5 // WATCH

Cruella De Vil, the nastiest of animated villains, is back for a limited time with those original loveable pups in the Platinum Edition *101 Dalmatians* (Walt Disney, \$39.95).



UNSUNG HERO

JLENKO DRAGISIC 39 // MANAGER, CENTRE FOR PUBLIC CULTURE AND IDEAS, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Jelenko has found satisfaction in helping asylum seekers with the hurdles they face when coming to Australia. Now an Australian citizen, Jelenko was himself an asylum seeker from Yugoslavia. He says his own experience in refugee camps made him shift his priorities in life. "I didn't have a network of support or the freedom to do much," says Jelenko, who spent two years in a camp upon entering Australia and now lives at Newmarket. He has helped newcomers, including refugees and asylum seekers from Africa, South America and the Middle East, through his 11-year involvement with the Red Cross. "It can be anything from helping them sign for accommodation [to setting] up a bank account," he says. More recently, Jelenko was a Red Cross emergency services volunteer helping those affected by Cyclone Larry and the Emerald floods. "I was the operations manager [in Emerald] and led a disaster response team for eight days," he says. The team provided care and comfort to help the locals recover. "It is hard to describe the feeling of helping others, but for me, it is as good as you can get."



DEANA PUGLISI

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

The Caribbean word barabicu, or sacred fire pit, is thought to be the origin of 'barbecue.'

"Whether you **think that you can**, or that you can't, you are usually right" AMERICAN INVENTOR HENRY FORD (1863-1947)



STREETS OF YOUR TOWN

BIRTHDAY DELIGHTS

Ben Lee winged it up from Sydney to perform at the surprise birthday party of Amanda McBratney, wife of McCullough Robertson Lawyers partner Malcolm McBratney (the guy who won his case against McDonalds to have his nickname "McBrat" printed on the back of his team's rugby shorts). Malcolm went all out to spoil his wife, booking out Alchemy restaurant for 60 of her nearest and dearest – and Ben, of course.

TUBA DEBUT

The Queensland Orchestra will debut four new Wagner tubas, at \$10,000 a pop, in its first performance under maestro Johannes Fritsch. The instruments were purchased through TQO Donor Program, and their first outing is a tribute to Australian composers this Saturday, Mar 29, 8pm, Concert Hall, QPAC, from \$33, ph: 136 246. www.qtx.com.au

ON THE GO

TransLink's go cards are up and running – at last. Users touch-on at the start of a trip and touch-off at the end to calculate the fare. The \$5/\$10 cards can be added to as needed. Ph: 131 230. www.translink.com.au/go

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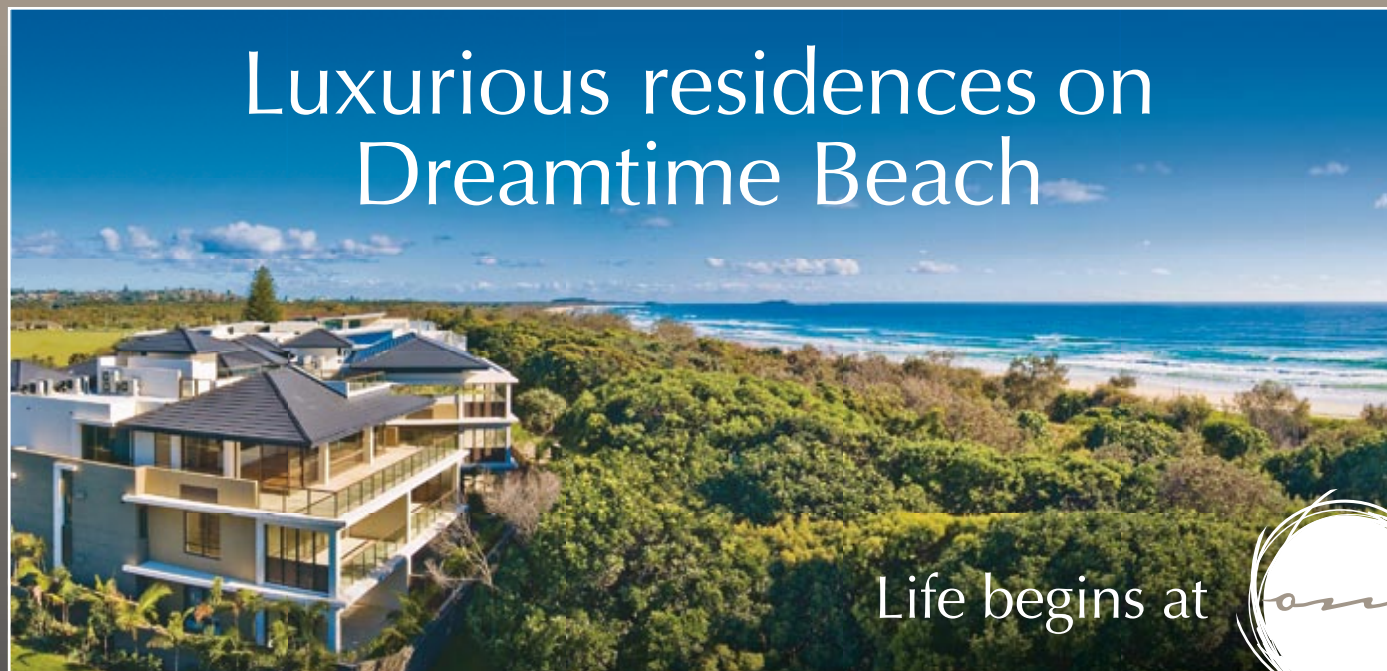
ALLISON RUSHBY 33 // AUTHOR, GRACEVILLE

This picture was taken 10 years ago, at the launch of my first book at Avid Reader in West End. About 90 people were packed into the bookshop like sardines. It was great fun and an evening I'll never forget. Looking back at this picture, I feel a wide range of emotions. It's great to remember what a huge high I was on – there's really nothing like that first publishing contract. I've heard quite a few novelists say that, in some ways, their first publishing contract was a bigger deal for them than the birth of their first child. I get that. You have nine months to prepare for the birth of a baby but you never really know if your book will be published. When it happens, it tends to happen in a big way. It's great to remember that feeling but I also had no idea what was about to come, and it wasn't pretty. My second novel was never published, and it's only eight good books on that I know why: it was terrible. Even though it took three years after my first novel to have another one published, I think I've had a fantastic run as novelists go – eight books in 10 years. Any novelist will tell you nothing is ever certain in the publishing industry, but they'll also tell you there's nothing else they'd rather do.

LUCY BROOK

THE INNER GENTLEMAN

(RANDOM HOUSE AUSTRALIA, \$23.95), IS PUBLISHED UNDER HER PSEUDONYM ALLI KINCAID.



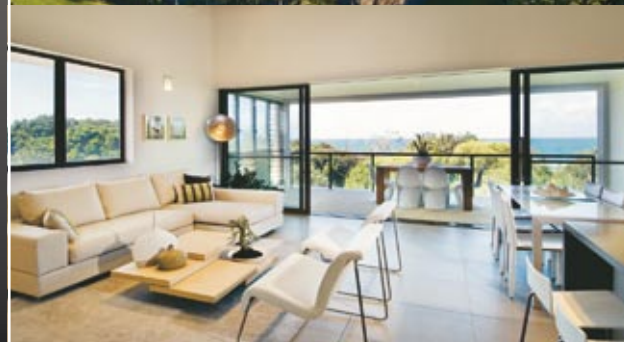
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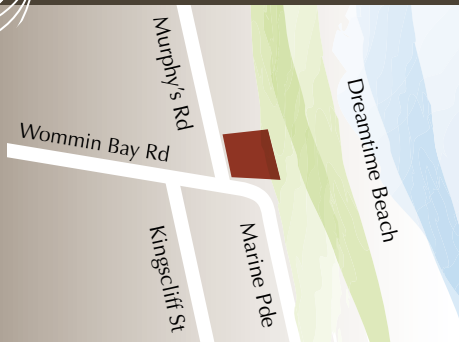
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