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## BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

**WHAT:** SunnyLIFE Party Cups

**WHERE:** David Jones or visit [www.sunnylife.com.au](http://www.sunnylife.com.au)

**PRICE:** \$2.95 each

**DESCRIPTION:** Unbreakable, reusable melamine party cups.



**N**ew Year's Eve is quite possibly the world's biggest annual celebration. It's about fireworks, friends, parties, sparkly fashion, new beginnings and so much more.

Whether you're having a private, low-key party or attending a celebration of epic proportions, I have some great shopping ideas to make your night complete.



### CATER WITHOUT CHAOS

SERVE gourmet snacks to your guests without spending the entire evening in the kitchen thanks to Lotus and Ming. Choose from delectable Asian tastes including Sesame Barramundi Spring Rolls, Mini BBQ Pork Buns and Seafood with Kaffir Lime Sugar Cane Skewers. These frozen hors d'oeuvres taste deliciously fresh and are bound to be a hit. Once you've finished with canapés, make your sweets stand out by presenting them on Anchor Hocking glass servingware. Anchor Hocking is stocked at leading homeware retailers and Lotus and Ming stockist details at [www.lotusandming.com](http://www.lotusandming.com)



### ASH-FREE AMBIENCE

WHILE it may be lovely to have candles scattered through your house come New Year's Eve, imagine if one of them was knocked over. Disaster! Enjoy Lighting has created a flameless candle. Battery-operated LED candles are made from real paraffin wax with a melted top edge for an authentic look. The globes flicker and randomly shift light to cast dancing shadows, just like a real candle. Stockist details at [www.enjoylighting.com.au](http://www.enjoylighting.com.au)

### EMBELLISHED BEAUTY

DESIGNER Rachel Gilbert, formally of Lisa Ho, has just launched her 13th high-end collection. With a cluster of A-list stars wearing her designs on the red carpets, Rachel is set for even greater heights.

Get your own piece of Australian fashion history from her new High Summer Collection. The Lulu dress (\$595) features some delicate yet eye-catching sparkling detail and is available in Soft Nude or Lilac. The Rachel dress (also in Soft Nude, \$695) features a single one shoulder strap and beaded silver embellishments sure to stand out at any party this New Year.

Stockist details at [www.rachelgilbert.com](http://www.rachelgilbert.com)

### DRESS FOR LESS

IT'S nice to have a new dress for special occasions but the idea of buying a brand new outfit just for one night can be unrealistic for many people's budget. Thankfully Supré has a great selection of party dresses for under \$50. New Year's Eve is the one and only night in the year where more is best. Embrace the opportunity and wear a gold strapless party dress (\$45). Alternatively Supré's black cut out dress with leopard print trim is sexy and fun.



### FEET FIRST

THIRD generation to the founder of Mathers Shoes, Queenslander Tracey Mathers knows a thing or two about shoes and style. Almost 20 years on from when Tracey opened her first store in Tattersall's Arcade, her collections continue to amaze and delight. Her new summer collection is all about jewels and colour and includes the classic gold tones of the Botticelli gold clutch (\$105) and Charles Jourdan heels (\$260). Think pink and brighten up your outfit with the Indigo Pink Clutch (\$40) and Fiordiluna jewelled heels (\$200).

Tracey Mathers Shoe Studios are at Tattersall's Arcade, Indooroopilly, Camp Hill and Hamilton.

