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► The hum of cicadas, the splash from neighbourhood pools, giggling children running barefoot through the garden and enjoying the trampoline as they stay up way past their bedtimes thanks to daylight saving, and the clunk of cricket ball on bat – these are the true sounds of summer.

And don't forget waking up to native birds making the most of early cool breezes before the day's heat sets in.

Then there is the blender whirring away creating fruit-and-yoghurt smoothies, ice cubes dropping from ice tray into glasses and water jugs, and the sizzle of the barbecue, meaning lunch or dinner isn't far away.

And listen out for cricket commentary on the radio, and the thud of tennis ball on racquet when you turn on the TV coverage of professional matches.

Pop some gentle chill-out music on the stereo, open the windows and let the sound drift outside as you gather with friends for a barbie, or settle in for a quiet afternoon drink. ►



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● A great source of fun is the trampoline (main) ● Have a hit with this cricket set (right inset), \$19.99 from Mitre 10. ● Strum away summer nights on a ukulele (above right), \$29.95, or enjoy tunes on a portable radio (far right), \$49.95, both from SunnyLife. ● Switch on to a Breville Juice & Blend (below right), \$499.95.

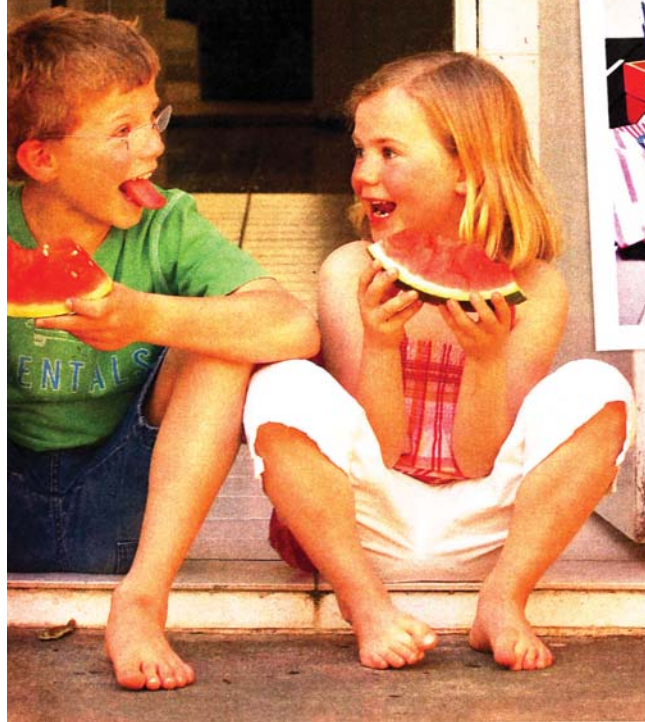


My favourite summer sound



Mieke Buchan
Radio presenter
on Triple M's
Hot Breakfast

"I was obsessed with collecting discarded cicada shells when I was little. We lived at the back of a national park, so I'd go on cicada-shell-hunting adventures through there, my little backpack crammed with snacks. On the hottest summer days, the noise of the cicadas was almost deafening. That's summer to me."



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● Hemp placemats (far left) from Armadillo&Co are \$95 for a pack of six. ● Mix and match with this outdoor dinner ware (above) from SunnyLife; from \$8.95 for a melamine side plate. ● Fresh summer produce, like mango (right) and watermelon (left) keeps everyone happy on hot days.

