

Weekender

BEST BUYS, HOT SPOTS, NEW IDEAS



DREAM DESTINATION
PINETREES LODGE Within half an hour of touching down at the white-picket-fenced airport on Lord Howe Island, it's possible to find yourself alone in the limpid shallows of Ned's Beach, as shoals of fish weave silken ropes around your ankles. Nature is everywhere on Lord Howe Island. The tropical hideaway-cum-World Heritage Site is two hour's flight north-east of Sydney and numbers among its charms its status as host to the world's southern-most reef and nearly 300 endemic plant and bird species. (Travel writer Jan Morris memorably called Lord Howe Island an aviary without a roof; it's also paradise without the crowds.) At Pinetrees, the oldest of the island's guest houses, the welcome is as warm as the cloudless blue sky above. It's the only resort on the island to offer full-board lodging - that is, accommodation in a cosily appointed unit or bigger, stand-alone cottage, and three meals a day - and it does so sumptuously. SB
 PINETREES LODGE, LORD HOWE ISLAND, NSW; PINETREES.COM.AU. FIVE-NIGHT PACKAGES FROM \$1065 PER PERSON.

App of the week
Everguide (free). This what's-on guide to entertainment, arts and culture across Australia lets you plan and share event ideas via Facebook and Twitter. NK

MY LAST GOOD BUY...

Marnie Goding, co-director, Elk Accessories



"I'm the proud new owner of an incredibly flash food processor and, having also bought Serge Dansereau's French Kitchen cookbook my partner Adam and I are going through a pâté-making phase. In fact, we're making so much of it, we could probably go into large-scale production!" NK



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Take one 1960s CWA cookbook, mix in a collection of mismatched china and silver teapots, add a dollop of taxidermy and a hip-hop soundtrack, and you've got the Tea Parlour in Redfern. There's an equally eclectic range of teas and a suitably old-school price point: \$8 for tea, and scenes, \$20 for the high-tea extravaganza. DC

649 ELIZABETH ST, REDFERN, 0414 335 224. OPEN FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOON TO 8PM.



Object of desire

There's an ingenious fluidity about the "Victoria" side table - not surprising, when you learn that its creator, Kain Lucas of Australian design house Ute, dreamt it up while gazing at the modernistic Exhibition & Convention Centre perched on Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour: "I just thought the curves would translate really well to furniture." With a base made from a single sheet of laser-cut steel (either black or white) and a tempered glass top, the "Victoria" is an object lesson in sleek modernity. DC

650MM SIDE TABLE, \$599; 900MM COFFEE TABLE, \$1050; TOPS BY DESIGN, TOPS.COM.AU.

WE LOVE ...





The Veuve Clicquot "Clicq'up" could be the funnest flat-pack you get your hands on this summer. Simply unwrap it, unfold it, give it a squeeze pop and there you go: the world's first easily transportable ice bucket. Now add ice and a bottle of something sexy. Origami just got interesting. SB

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