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## behind celebrity lines

**SHELLY HORTON, KRISTIE LAU, KATE WATERHOUSE**



**Acting up ... Holly Brisley (left) and Alice Hocking will climb Mount Kilimanjaro.** Photo: Helen Nezdropa

### DIGGING DEEP, MOUNTAIN HIGH

Just nine months after giving birth to her son, **Levi**, actor **Holly Brisley** has a new mountain to climb – Mount Kilimanjaro. Brisley and her best friend, Estee Lauder PR manager **Alice Hocking**, are doing the climb to raise \$50,000 each for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

"I was at their ball last year and, after a few red wines and a moving speech by **Joe Hockey**, I signed up to climb," Hocking says.

She then talked Brisley into it, too. "I'd just given birth to Levi and the hormones were still racing. I blame her for getting me to come on board," Brisley says.

"But I thought it could be a really good way to get fit and lose the baby weight as well as helping sick kids."

Brisley has just finished filming for the US movie *Sinbad and the Minotaur* in Queensland. **S**



# Glittering start for 10th Burn



**Gary Berger, Kerry Chikarovski and Jonny Taitz.**



**Balmoral Burn instigator Phil Kearns and Sir Nicholas Shehadie.**

GOVERNOR of NSW Marie Bashir launched the 10th annual Balmoral Burn for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation with a stunning champagne reception at Government House. Humpty's CEO and founder Paul Francis told more than 70 guests that when the fun run started in 2001 it was hoped it might raise \$10,000 for Royal North Shore Hospital. "Last year, the Burn raised \$1.8 million," he said. Among guests at the launch, co-hosted by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, were Phil Kearns, Federal Liberal MP for North Sydney Joe Hockey, Ray Martin, paediatricians and Humpty board members Martin Kluckow and Jonny Taitz, former Olympic athlete Melinda Gainsford-Taylor, Mosman Mayor Anne Common and former NSW Liberal leader Kerry Chikarovski. This year's Burn is on May 30.



**Adrienne and David Berkman.**



**Joe Hockey and Ray Martin.**



**Andrew McDonald and Jillian Skinner.**



**Dominic Morency and Craig Neil.**

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## Dateline

### PETER TRAVIS EXHIBITION

**MAR 17** KNOWN as "the inventor of the Speedo", Peter Travis presents an exhibition of his exceptional career, opening March 17 at Bondi Pavilion. On March 20 there will be an "Afternoon with the artist", from 2-4pm.

### BIOGRAPHERS TALK

**MAR 18** PAUL Barry (*Who Wants to be a Billionaire: The James Packer Story*) and Jacqueline Kent (*The Making of Julia Gillard*) will discuss writing biography at Woollahra Council, 536 New South Head Rd, Double Bay, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Tickets: \$15, or \$10 for Woollahra Library Friends.

### MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

**MAR 20** JOIN the Morgan Mellish Memorial Foundation in celebrating its namesake's would-be 40th birthday and raising money for the Disabled Riders Association. Tickets \$40 at door, 7pm, North Bondi surf club, Campbell Pde.

### MATTO HIGH EX-STUDENTS

**MAR 20** MATRAVILLE High School is holding a reunion covering the years 1960-1975 at 7pm on March 20 at Maroubra Seals Club (\$25). Call Erik Peck on 0418 972 032.



**Bronte House gardeners Myles Baldwin and Chris Owen.**

### BRONTE HOUSE OPEN DAY

**MAR 20** BRONTE House and gardens will be open to members of the public on March 20-21 from 10am-4pm. Bronte House is at 470 Bronte Rd.

### SENIORS WEEK

**MAR 21** SENIORS Week runs from March 21 to 28. Turn to pages 50 and 51 for a full program of local events.

### BOWLING FOR HAITI

**MAR 21** A benefit for Haiti earthquake victims will be held at Bondi Bowling Club, 2pm-9pm. \$15 entry.

### CHARING CROSS PROBUS

**MAR 22** THE Charing Cross Probus Club meets at 11am at Club Bondi Junction, Gray St. Phone 9389 9293 for more details.

### ARCHITECTURAL FORUM

**MAR 23** CHILEAN architects Mathias Klotz and Carla Ruttimann will discuss design for other nations living on latitude 33, at Tusculum, Potts Point, for the Australian Institute of Architects, from 6-8pm. For information phone Elenie on 9246 4014.

### VAUCLUSE AGM

**MAR 24** THE Vaucluse Progress Association will hold its annual general meeting at the Vaucluse Yacht Club, Marine Parade, Watsons Bay, starting at 8pm.

### SILENT FILM

**MAR 28** THE Chauvel Cinema in Paddington will screen the classic Australian silent film *Kid Stakes*, with an orchestra, singalongs and sound effects Paddington Town Hall, 2pm. Tickets: \$27/\$24 from [www.chauvelcinema.net.au/toicketing.aspx](http://www.chauvelcinema.net.au/toicketing.aspx).

### CLIMB THE WALL

**APR 03** A fully staffed, 8m climbing wall will be erected at Bondi beach on Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4. Open to members of the public for a small fee. The event, supported by Waverley Council, will be a fundraiser for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation.



### Nick Moncrieff-Hill

COOGEE resident Dean Kirkland (pictured) is preparing to climb Mt Kilimanjaro to raise \$50,000 for the children's charity Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

Although Mr Kirkland, 38, said he had always been a keen traveller, it was the death in 2009 of his father, who suffered from pancreatic cancer, that inspired his next adventure.

"It reminded me how short life really is and to seize opportunities when they present themselves," Mr Kirkland said.

"My father packed so much into his life. He was a keen traveller and he did plenty for his community, so he has inspired me greatly."

After first working with the Humpty Dumpty Foundation in 2009, Mr Kirkland said his appreciation for the organisation, which provides support to more than 60 children's hospitals across Australia including Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick, had grown over time. Although deep in training for his expedition in July and a soccer season with Coogee United, Mr Kirkland said he would not be taking the climb lightly.

"I have climbed Villaricca volcano in Chile, trekked the Inca Trail in Peru and done part



of the Annapurna circuit in Nepal. My experience gives me some confidence but I have a healthy respect for climbing at high altitude, which can affect any person."

On March 24 Mr Kirkland will host a dinner at Restaurant Balzac, Randwick, to raise money for the foundation. Tickets are available from the restaurant on 9399 9660.

You can also visit [everydayhero.com.au/dean\\_kirkland](http://everydayhero.com.au/dean_kirkland) to donate to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation and show your support for Mr Kirkland.