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Shop talk

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Fab Finds

The Rosemount Sydney Fashion Festival will run from August 23-28, 2010, featuring Australia's most innovative fashion designers, red carpet celebrities and directional retailers. The festival will be filled with style-packed free and ticketed events including catwalk shows presenting the spring and summer collections of leading fashion brands as they arrive in store. The festival's hub has been relocated to the newly renovated Sydney Town Hall. Myer ambassadors Jennifer Hawkins and Kris Smith will take to the catwalk to showcase the spring/summer collections. Myer will also be celebrating Miss Shop's 25th birthday. The Myer Miss Shop show will feature the latest looks from

brands such as Milk & Honey by Ruby Rose, who will also make a guest appearance on the catwalk. Westfield Bondi Junction will be the official satellite venue for the festival, hosting shows from its many retailers. The official schedule and tickets are on sale now; so get yours before they're all gone! Visit rsff.com.au.



MY PRECIOUS!

The **QVB** is well known for offering a unique jewellery shopping experience housing 23 different jewellery shops. This month, QVB celebrates with a host of events and promotions for consumers to find that special piece. QVB recently hosted an exclusive VIP night as well as the official reopening of BAKU. For the remainder of the month there will be other activities such as: Moi Moi's jewellery appreciation workshops and Opal Fields offering free design consultations with their exclusive designer Diane Appleby, who will design the perfect setting for your unique gem. QVB is also giving away exquisite jewellery to the value of \$5000 every week for three weeks. qvb.com.au.

A sale not to be missed – the Andrea & Joen online range of beautifully crafted leather shoes, bags and



Bridal Sale

Pallas Couture has announced its first sample sale of more than 100 bridal gowns from sizes 8-12 ranging in price from \$100-\$1500. This once-in-a-lifetime chance to purchase gowns at affordable prices includes samples from past seasons and styles that have evolved from multiple samples. It will be held downstairs at the company's Paddington Studio and Pallas's co-design directors, Joy Morris and Cathy Thomas, will offer advice, tips and opinions to all brides. The sale will run for four days only from July 29-August 1. Appointments must be made in advance as walk-ins will not be accepted. Contact Kathryn Prior on 0417 188 836 or info@pallas.com.au.

clearance, up to 80% off its belts. andreaandjoen.com

Best Buys

This week's top 5
 Rainy Days

Stripes

Go bold with chic black and white stripes. GINA & MAY Starlet compact umbrella, \$36.95. ginaandmay.com



Classic twist

This smart blue and white print is far better than boring old black. Sportscraft umbrella \$49.95. 1800 002 477 or sportscraft.com.au



Designer

It pays to invest in a well-crafted broly, just don't leave it on the bus. Oroton Signature O large umbrella, \$65. 1800 061 047



Spotted!

Stand out on a dreary winter's day with this cute spotted number. GINA & MAY Dotty for Spotty long-handled umbrella, \$54.95. ginaandmay.com



Handy

This compact broly will fold up and fit in your handbag. Switch Sticks storm umbrella, \$25. switchsticks.com.au

