



WHISPER

Boy from Oz back in Bondi

Looking every bit the family man, Hugh Jackman and his wife Deborah-Lee Furness hit Bondi last weekend with children Ava and Oscar. Jackman and his family spent Saturday afternoon playing in the sun at Bondi beach. Jackman was later spotted shopping for toys at Westfield Bondi Junction with his children. He is about to head to the outback for filming on his latest movie, the Baz Luhrmann epic *Australia*, with Nicole Kidman.

MAIDS MAKE PARKING A PLEASURE

Ten bikini-clad "meter maids" descended on Bondi Beach last week, aiming to "take the pain out of parking". The women were finalists in a men's magazine competition and quickly set about topping up parking meters in Hall Street that were close to expiring. Waverley Council parking rangers watched from a safe distance, glad that their own winter uniforms included long pants and sensible shoes.

BURLESQUE BACK ON THE PROWL

First it was the tango, then pole dancing, now Eastern Suburbs women are clamouring to learn the art of burlesque. Professional burlesque artist Rachel St James (pictured), of Bellevue Hill, said business was running hot in the Eastern Suburbs. Both theatrical and

salacious, burlesque dates back to the 19th century, while modern forms are a blend of vintage satire, dance, costumes and sexuality. "Women really appreciate it," St James said.

FISH WHISPERER

Wentworth Courier photographer Alan Place was completely spooked by his assignment to snap a local animal psychic (see report page 13). Playing the goat, Alan asked the psychic to tell her goldfish where to swim to set up a good shot. The psychic told the fish where to go and it obeyed. Alan is now a believer.



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