



**Controlling the purse:** reflecting broader buying trends, Tania and Emma model fashion with curves. Picture: IAN CURRIE

## Fashion figures it out

**Emily Power**  
fashion reporter

**CURVY** girls have more to celebrate on the catwalk at this year's L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival.

And in another win for fashion lovers of all types, models over the age of 30 will appear on the runway.

More than ever, the festival will feature labels with clothing for full-figured girls.

Models Tania from Bella Model Management and Emma from BGM yesterday showed off the latest fashion from voluptuous women's label M Line.

M Line head of design Joy Sillitto said with the festival's consumer focus, it was not just lean girls who could fall in love with a trendy piece on the runway and buy it the next day.

"The key message we want to send out is, what you see on the catwalk you can relate back to yourself and say, 'yes, I can wear that,'" she said.

LMPF director Karen Webster said as the festival had grown so too had the diversity of labels on show.

"Brands acknowledge that women of all different shapes and sizes and cultural backgrounds are now potential customers," Ms Webster said.

Designer Lisa Barron has asked if she can showcase her fashion on models over the age of 30, which Ms Webster said the festival supported.

## Defence team probes sordid double life

# Search on for mistress

**PRIVATE** investigators are being sought to probe the secret double life of Herman Rockefeller.

Lawyers handling the defence case are searching for witnesses who have knowledge of the multi-millionaire's swinging lifestyle.

The *Herald Sun* has found advertisements of Mr Rockefeller in which he poses nude in one publication and is photographed having sex in another popular swinging magazine.

Defence lawyer Rob Stary, who acts for accused murderer Mario Schembri, confirmed his firm was considering the investigation to establish Mr Rockefeller's history. Advertisements found by the *Herald Sun* describe a "loving couple" who enjoy engaging in safe sex. A mistress is yet to be identified.

Mr Rockefeller's death allegedly occurred after a fight broke out over his failure to bring a partner to a meeting at a Hadfield commission house.



**Swinger:** Herman Rockefeller.

But in another twist, a story in a regional newspaper last week indicated a "mystery woman" had been sighted looking for Mr Rockefeller in the Ballan area and left a note for him before his body was found.

Mr Schembri, 57, and his partner, Bernadette Denny, 41, are

charged with his murder and assisting in, or having knowledge of, the disposal of his body.

His body allegedly was found dismembered and burnt in the back yard of a Glenroy property on January 29.

He allegedly was dismembered with a chainsaw bought at Bunnings for \$99.

An investigation into Mr Rockefeller may extend into his business and family affairs.

Mr Rockefeller was a successful businessman and with his brother, Robert, amassed large wealth investing in property.

Estimates of the Rockefeller's family fortune range between \$300 million and \$400 million.

A funeral date has not been announced for Mr Rockefeller, whose remains are being examined by the coroner.

Death notices have also been absent.

A private ceremony was held for Mr Rockefeller at St John the Evangelist's Anglican church in Finch St, East Malvern, last week.

## Smoking bans put out Testing times

**TRIAL** laws banishing smokers from Frankston streets could have been even stricter, it has emerged.

Councillors initially considered setting time limits on cigarette use at public outdoor spaces in the town's centre, but ruled it out.

"Restricting a smoking ban to a particular time clouds the health message of no smoking zones and complicates management of these areas," a council officer advised.

Trial bans will instead apply

around the clock along three open-air shopping strips from September.

*Herald Sun* readers were divided in a poll yesterday on whether smoking should be banned in all public places. More than 52 per cent of nearly 6000 voters said "yes", and nearly 48 per cent "no".

Quit Victoria executive director Fiona Sharke encouraged other councils to consider adopting innovative new measures to combat smoking addiction.

**AUSTRALIA** will approach its relationship with India more like a Test match and less like a game of Twenty20 from now on, the Federal Government says.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith yesterday committed Australia to rebuilding the relationship after a spate of attacks on Indian students.

He likened our approaches to India to a Twenty20 match: "Short bursts of enthusiasm followed by lengthy periods of inactivity."

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