

# UPCLOSE

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**Fashion is...** a little bizarre and at times so shallow I feel like I'm drowning. I love Oscar Wilde's wicked quote: "Fashion is merely a form of ugliness so unbearable that we are compelled to alter it every six months." That said, I love how a dress can change your mood.

**First thing in the morning I...** don't know who the girl that stares back at me is, until I have done my makeup and hair, and then I realise that she's me. I'm usually so freaked out at this point that I eat a small bar of chocolate to try and feel normal.

**I'm very good at...** pouring love all over my seven-year-old son.  
**I wish I had never worn...** that green garbage bag I wore as a frock to a disco in the '80s with a pair of rollerskates and 10 tea bags around my neck as a necklace.  
**Adelaide is...** a very peaceful, elegant and sweet city. I hope to kiss someone passionately whilst I am here!  
**My greatest success is...** me! My childhood was very sad and my parents often told me I would never amount to anything. I remind myself continuously that I am not that hurt, sad little girl anymore.  
**My parents taught me...** I always sigh heavily when I hear other people answer this question. My parents instilled in me fear, anguish and a desire for love so big

that nothing ever seemed to fill the gap.  
**My worst job was...** dancing in a cage nude at an Italian night club when I was 15 years old. I danced to ABBA and I used a broom for my pole dancing.  
**I would tell my teenage self...** "Hold on for dear life Alannah as something good will happen soon. It has to!"  
**I have a fear of...** pretty much everything! I wake with fear and go to bed with fear. Just dreadful. How to manage fear is the trick of life, I think.  
**I can't live without...** Aside from chocolate, love and beautiful clothes, my little boy Edward wins hands down. I would shrivel up and die without him in my life.

**Alannah Hill's new store opens May 15 at 269-271 Rundle St, city, [alannahill.com.au](http://alannahill.com.au).**

### ADELAIDE'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? the 'Mo' statue

### Q+A

There's another dishevelled old man loitering across the road from McDonald's on Hindley Street... but this one isn't going anywhere. Who is the bronzed Aussie on our colourful West End strip?

### please explain...

You might not know it, but Roy Rene was one of Australia's most successful comedians when he died in 1954. As his character 'Mo', Roy coined such iconic phrases as "fair suck of the sav". Sculptor Robert Hannaford (right) created the life-size work. "So much of our heritage has vanished, but here is a rare example of it being resurrected and that's worth celebrating," says ABC's Peter Goers. *Cnr of Hindley and Leigh sts.*



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## FLASHBACK THE YEAR 1955

**marriage** There were 5405 weddings in South Australia.

**technology** The Central Telephone Exchange closed when the metropolitan telephone network became automatic.



**hits** The Ballad of Davy Crockett (by Bill Hayes) was Adelaide's biggest hit record.

**news** The Sunday Advertiser was published for the last time.

**weather** Snow fell in December at Mt Lofty.

**travel** Adelaide's new airport at West Beach was officially opened.

**closure** The Curzon, a cinema alongside the Richmond Hotel in Rundle St, city, closed.



**music** Tibor Paul conducted Carols by Candlelight at the recently constructed Advertiser Sound Shell in Elder Park.

**racing** Storm Glow won the Adelaide Cup.

**politics** Sir Thomas Playford was premier of South Australia.

**tragedy** Two firefighters died in Black Sunday bushfires which raged through the Adelaide Hills.

**hero** Lindsay Head (from West Torrens FC) won the Magarey Medal for the best and fairest SANFL player. The champ also took out football's coveted prize in 1958 and 1963.



**sport** Port Adelaide (15.11) defeated Norwood (5.8) to win the SANFL Grand Final.

**planning** The satellite town of Elizabeth, north of Adelaide, was named on 3000 acres of rural land.

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