

High fashion going green



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SUSTAINABLE fashion's dull image has had a brilliant makeover.

A global movement to make green chic is being embraced by top international designers including the UK's Stella McCartney, who has made high fashion T-shirts from organic cotton.

Also known for creating sustainable designs is her fellow UK designer Gary Harvey, who made an "upcycled" Oscars gown in on-trend nude tones by recycling 11 dresses for Colin Firth's wife Livia, which won her accolades on the red carpet.

Closer to home, Melbourne designer

Lisa Gorman, who in 1999 started the Gorman label renowned for its colourful prints, has an offshoot, Gorman Organic, which she created to show sustainable fashion was not just "earthy and loose".

"We break the mould," she said.

Her eco-friendly garments include the bright yellow organic cotton T-shirt and jacket and colourful jewellery. Pieces in the mainstream Gorman collection such as the rainbow skirt modelled by Pride Model Isabel, above, which can be adjusted to be worn short or long, were also sustainable in the sense that they had versatility and therefore longevity, Ms Gorman said.

EARTHY: Isabel from Pride Models parades Gorman sustainable fashion.

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Snowtown rampage

Crazed attacks terrified a town

ON the streets of Snowtown, Demal Behari was a one-man wrecking crew whose knife and car shattered six lives.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, Behari was a silent man who stared vacantly into space.

The dramatic difference in attitude comes from his mental illness - schizophrenia so chronic doctors fear he will never be able to rejoin society.

Yesterday, Justice Chris Kourakis ordered Behari spend 21 years in mental health care.

The period, he said, was equal to the jail term deserved by a healthy person who committed such acts. "This will take a little time, and I'm not sure you will understand much of what I have to say," he told Behari.

"Your offences were terrifying, and your victims were terrorised by your conduct over a protracted period.

"These events need only have unfolded in a slightly different way for there to have been a loss of life."

Behari, 44, was previously found mentally unfit to stand trial on charges including three counts of attempted murder.

In April 2009, he went on a 20-minute rampage in and around Snowtown, sending the country hamlet into lockdown.

It began when, on the road into town, Behari used his 4WD to ram the car of Janet Teague, 58, and Audrey Kerley, 81.

"You had a knife... you slashed it once across Mrs Kerley's neck," Justice Kourakis

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said. "You then ran toward Mrs Teague and slashed her throat several times."

The women managed to escape, but Behari drove into town to inflict more violence.

In separate incidents, he drove into a truck driver - throwing him back 1m - and Colin Bird, who broke his leg and pelvis upon landing 5m away.

After calling out to nearby motorist Ray Lidstone, Behari accelerated at him and his passenger, Luke Bird. They scrambled to safety as Behari drove up and over their car.

Yesterday, Justice Kourakis said all of Behari's victims continue to suffer physical pain and psychological injury.

"The terror of being attacked with a knife on the side of a country road cannot be overstated," he said.

He said Behari, a father-of-four, had struggled with his illness for 14 years to little avail.

"There is no real prospect of improvement in the level of your cognitive function," he said. "You are likely to remain substantially impacted well into the future."

He imposed a 22-year, 11-month limiting term.

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