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Beemer and baby

ALWAYS stylish **Melanie Flintoft**, below with husband **Dean**, has just amped up her street cred by winning a BMW for a year.

So what's the first thing the Best Emerging Designer of the 2009 BMW Adelaide Fashion Festival did when she was given the car yesterday? "I went to get a baby seat," she laughs.

Three weeks ago, Melanie gave birth to her second son **Hudson**, a brother for **Tyler**, 9.

"I was overwhelmed. It's lovely," she says of her win.

Melanie says life is "very busy" looking after two kids and three labels - Finders Keepers, which is in 300 stores nationwide, Little Potty Red Shoes and Cameo, her latest label which launches in December.



Touch Wine rescheduled

PENCIL this in. The Hutt St Centre's Touch Wine event has been changed to April 26 next year after it was cancelled due to extreme heat this year.

This will be the only Touch Wine event in 2010. Touch Wine is usually an annual event which brings together the sport and wine industry to raise money for Adelaide's homeless.

Lisa sets up shop in East End

AUSTRALIAN *Idol* runner-up **Jessica Mauboy** is tipped to be wearing her threads to the Arias while American socialite **Ivanka Trump** is her latest fan. And now Adelaide women can visit their very own Lisa Ho store after the Sydney designer to the stars opened her Rundle St boutique with a glamorous VIP launch last night.

Lisa, near left with **Alex** from Finesse Models, has become known for her red-carpet designs, which have been worn by everyone from **Delta Goodrem** to **Nicole** from the Pussycat Dolls.

But ask the 27-year veteran of the fashion industry who is on her wish list and she says dressing the Queen of Pop, **Madonna**, would be the ultimate coup.

"Madonna would be a really good one to dress, she's really forward and interesting," Lisa says.

Meanwhile other fans of the label include actress **Jodi Gordon**, who was spotted in a black Lisa Ho dress at Derby Day and *Beautiful Kate* star **Sophie Lowe**, who wore one of her outfits to the Independent Film Awards.

Lisa says **Kate Waterhouse** and **Delta** are "good customers". "It's nice they come into the store in their own time," she says.

Lisa made a fleeting visit to Adelaide yesterday for the launch, helping put the final touches to the store ahead of its opening.

"Adelaide has always been a good market for us," she says.

Next stop is Perth, where she will open a store tonight.

Lisa's latest designs will be showcased on the catwalk tonight at the Five Designers fashion event at the Hilton Adelaide.

Other labels on show include Nicola Finetti, Bec & Bridge, Nana Judy and St Augustine Academy.

The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available at the door.



Seeing stars as Hugo and David head into town

KEEP your eyes peeled for Aussie stars **David Wenham** and **Hugo Weaving**, who will be in South Australia in January.

They have started work on their next film project, *Oranges and Sunshine*, in London and will continue filming Down Under early next year.

They join acclaimed British actor **Emily Watson** in the drama, directed by **Jim Loach**. It tells the story of **Margaret Humphreys**, a social worker from Nottingham who uncovered the forced migration of children from across Britain to Australia.

Stan starts his engine for Clipsal 500 concert

STAN is the man for Clipsal 500 Adelaide. South Aussie fans will see the latest *Australian Idol* winner **Stan Walker** perform at next year's event.

But that's not all, folks. Former *Idols* **Jessica Mauboy**, **Wes Carr**, and **Tom Williams** will join Stan at the Jim Beam Tracksounds on-circuit concert presented by SAFM on March 13.

Good marketing and a busy schedule mean Stan's debut album will be released just in time for stockings before Christmas.

The concert is free to all Clipsal 500 ticket holders for the day of the event and will follow the V8 Supercar race.

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Charlotte pulls on the gloves

CHARLOTTE Dawson is on a one-woman mission to take the thug element out of boxing.

Co-host of Fox8's *The Contender*, Charlotte says she's amazed at the number of diehard fans of the show who are only into it for the blood.

While it's an ongoing mission Charlotte - who is a former

model and judges *Australia's Next Top Model* - admits when she took on *The Contender* co-hosting role, those around her were a little perplexed.

In town for Foxtel's VIP launch of its Next Generation suite of channels and services, Charlotte was joined by *The Contender* co-host **Daniel Amalm** and face of

Lifestyle You channel **Sarah Wilson**, left.

Fashionista Charlotte also stayed back in Adelaide yesterday evening to attend **Lisa Ho's** new boutique launch and did the celeb trick of requesting a plus one for the event. But rather than bringing a bestie, Charlotte organised the extra invite for a teenage *Top Model* fan. - Jessica Leo

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