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## Animal docs next for Jodhi

**A**FTER a mauling from critics for her *Australia's Next Top Model* hosting no-show, **Jodhi Meares** would now rather work with wild animals than appear on camera again.

The bikini babe turned fashion entrepreneur admits she'd "never say never" to another TV gig, but that her real passion lies behind the scenes.

"I'd love to shoot some docos," she said yesterday. "I've been doing some writing but it's probably more as a film than TV.

"Animals I love. I'd love to be **David Attenborough**. He's a genius. What an amazing life."

Meares is in Melbourne this week in her new role as "lifestyle collaborator" on the \$140 million Clara residential complex on the former rubbish dump in South Yarra.

It's her first project since quitting the popular Foxtel model search last month after a highly publicised bout of stage fright caused her to pull out as host of the show's live finale in July.

Meares said she could handle any barbs about a Sydneysider working on a Melbourne project.

"I love Melbourne," she said.

"Comparing the two cities is like comparing apples and oranges. Sydney is

so much about the coast — it's much brasher and bolder, and Melbourne really does put its arms around you. It's more nurturing and gentle."

The Melbourne-born beauty copped a serve of brash Sydney during the *ANTM* furore. "The stalking, (paparazzi) turning up at home while I was outside doing my recycling — it was more than invasive, it was creepy," she said. "I hadn't done anything extraordinary like won a Pulitzer Prize to have that kind of attention."

Meares reckons **Sarah Murdoch** is a fantastic replacement to host the show's latest series.