



# Style-wise, we rely on Sydney

**A**PPARENTLY Sydneysiders feel Melbourne doesn't have enough glamour of its own.

Next week we will be inundated with Sydney stylists and trendsetters, in town to launch two new luxury developments.

It's surely just coincidence the influx of north-of-the-border types happens to tie in nicely with the spring racing season.

**Jamie Packer's** first wife **Jodhi Meares** will be here to plug R Corp's new South Yarra development, Clara.

The former model, swimwear designer and no-show TV host has been hired as "lifestyle collaborator" on developer R Corporation's new residential project.

If you're puzzled as to what a lifestyle collaborator does, Meares has apparently overseen the interior design of the \$140 million project.

The first stage will have 20 townhouses and 10 villas, priced from \$1.45 million to \$2.3 million.

Exotic touches planned for the former South Yarra waste transfer station (the tip) include lush vertical gardens, a cinema and a Turkish harem-style steam room and sauna.

Going head-to-head, high-end coathanger city developer Ashington is relaunching the Stonington project on Tuesday.

The \$150 million development is in the Stonington mansion grounds.



**Collaborator:** Jodhi Meares

In June, Ashington paid local developer Hamton \$45 million for the 1.72ha site.

Hamton's **Steve Buxton** and **Paul Hameister** aren't too unhappy about that, having made a fortune on the estate they bought from Deakin University for \$33 million. They had previously sold the mansion to art czar **Rod Menzies** for \$18 million, leaving them only \$15 million out of pocket.

Ashington's Stonington project will have 12 stand-alone houses, 14 apartments, 31 terrace houses and 19 townhouses.

Construction is scheduled to start early next year.

While the two developers fight each other for top-end dollars, one Melbourne company has already done very nicely out of both deals.

Landscape designers Tract will work on both.