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EDITOR'S NOTES

This December, Sassy & Co proudly welcomes a new kind of cover star—one whose sparkle comes not only from style, but from sincerity. At just ten years old, Kathy Cao graces our cover with a confidence and warmth that instantly captured our editorial team's hearts. Effortlessly poised and refreshingly genuine, Kathy represents the future of fashion: expressive, kind, and purpose-driven. What makes Kathy truly special, however, is her heart. Beyond the glamour, she is deeply compassionate, driven by a desire to help people and animals and inspired by everyday acts of kindness. That sincerity radiates through this shoot, giving each image a sense of authenticity rarely seen in young talent.

The December issue is about celebration—of creativity, resilience, and the magic of new beginnings. Kathy Cao embodies all of this and more. As we close the year, we are honoured to spotlight a rising star who reminds us that fashion is at its most powerful when it reflects character, confidence, and compassion. This is just the beginning for Kathy, and we can't wait to see where her journey leads.

Jenny Hu
Editor-In-Chief



Our lifestyle segment brings you a kaleidoscope of topics, from wellness and fitness to travel and home decor. We strive to provide practical tips, expert advice, and real-life stories that inspire positive changes in your everyday life.

In the realm of business, we delve into the strategies and success stories of influential entrepreneurs, offering a unique window into the corporate world. With exclusive interviews, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and expert analysis, we empower aspiring professionals and seasoned business leaders alike to thrive in an ever-evolving market.

Fashion enthusiasts are in for a treat as we unveil the latest trends, iconic designers, and captivating runway shows. From haute couture to street style, we celebrate the artistry and creativity that shape the ever-evolving fashion landscape.

And of course, we can't forget the trending topics dominating our collective conversations. Whether it's the latest technological advancements, cultural phenomena, or social movements, TV6 Network ensures you stay informed, engaged, and up-to-date.

At TV6 Network, we pride ourselves on offering a diverse range of shows that cater to your unique interests and passions. Each program is meticulously crafted to entertain, educate, and inspire you, ensuring an unforgettable viewing experience.



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The WinterGlam Fashion Show 2025 has officially wrapped — and what a dazzling evening it was! Held at the iconic Hilton Sydney, the event was nothing short of a celebration of style, elegance, and empowerment, pulling in a crowd of fashionistas, industry insiders, emerging models, and beauty queens from all walks of life.

The evening kicked off with a series of mini fashion showcases, featuring adorable and talented kid and teen models from Kristina's Klassic Beauties. Their confidence and charm lit up the runway, earning cheers from a packed audience and setting the tone for the glamour-filled night ahead.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of Stargazer cover stars, celebrating the faces behind some of the most inspiring stories in the industry. Among those honoured were Chantelle Tabone, crowned Miss Teen Earth Australia 2025, and Adele Kelly, the reigning Mrs Charity Queen Australia 2025. The spotlight also shone brightly on StarCentral Kids June 2025 cover stars, TK and Mufaro, two rising young talents already making waves.

Capping off the night was the much-anticipated sash ceremony for the Miss Queens of Australia 2025 finalists. These remarkable women are now in the running for three prestigious national titles — Miss Earth Australia, Miss International Australia, and Miss Eco Australia 2025, all set to be awarded on 7 September. The ceremony added a powerful sense of purpose to the glitz and glamour, reinforcing the values of advocacy, leadership, and community at the heart of each crown.





Aileyah-Fhel

Aileyah-Fhel Calimag Bigornia, at just seven years old, is already showing remarkable passion for pageants and modelling, following in her sister's footsteps. From a young age, she has been drawn to the world of dance, singing, fashion shows, and pageantry, while also embracing technology to develop her basic learning skills.

Aileyah-Fhel demonstrates a generous spirit, helping her sister sort recycled cans and bottles to raise funds for children in need in the Philippines. Her commitment to giving back at such a young age reflects her compassionate nature and understanding of the impact small acts can make.

Weekends are spent at dance school, where she trains in ballet, tap, jazz, and even singing with instruments through the Emma Wiggle program. Her dedication to learning and performing showcases her energy and love for the arts.

Aileyah-Fhel's first public appearance was at the age of two, participating in the Trendy B Designs Christmas Fashion Show, a charity event. She later earned recognition as one of the Best-Dressed Guests at the TrendyB Kids Fashion Show in 2021. At three, she was crowned Little Miss Australasia Global 2021 at Dockside Darling Harbour and received the special award "Darling of the Crowd."

With her talent, heart, and drive, Aileyah-Fhel continues to shine as a young role model in pageantry, performance, and philanthropy.

Aileyah-Fhel Calimag Bigornia, crowned Miss Junior Earth Australia 2021, is a courageous young achiever who embodies determination and heart. Guided by her personal motto, "Never give up until you succeed," she approaches every challenge with resilience and a positive spirit.

Passionate about dancing, drama, and modelling, Aileyah uses her talents to uplift others—especially children. She believes that every young person should feel confident to showcase their abilities, and she takes pride in inspiring her peers to express themselves boldly. Her performances aim to touch hearts, spread joy, and empower others to shine.

Aileyah's journey in pageantry began at just six years old, when she joined Little Miss Australasia 2018 and quickly captured attention. She earned several titles, including Little Miss Australasia Ambassador, Darling of the Night, and Best in National Costume. Her love for pageants only grew, leading her to join Little Miss Earth Australia in 2019, where she won Little Miss Earth Air and Best in Talent.

Her dedication extends beyond the stage. A passionate environmental advocate, Aileyah has volunteered in tree-planting activities, beach clean-ups, and energy conservation campaigns. She later earned multiple distinctions in the Miss Junior Earth platform, including Best in Environmental Advocacy.

Now continuing her modelling journey, Aileyah remains an inspiring example of talent, leadership, and purpose at a young age.



Aileyah-Fhel

Manny Bastran

Manny Bastran is a woman who thrives in the spotlight while pursuing excellence across multiple fields. Crowned Miss India Global 2019, she has continued to build an inspiring career that blends modelling, bodybuilding, and an unwavering passion for self-expression. With her unique blend of grace, discipline, and determination, Manny has carved out a place for herself in both the fashion world and the fitness arena—proving that ambition truly has no limits.

As a model, Manny brings charisma, confidence, and creativity to every runway she steps on. She has a natural talent for transforming garments into stories, making fashion shows and photo shoots not just part of her work, but a genuine source of joy. She loves exploring new designers, experimenting with different looks, and immersing herself in the ever-evolving world of fashion.

Outside the runway, Manny is also a dedicated bodybuilding competitor. Her commitment to strength, health, and resilience showcases a different side of her personality—one that values hard work, discipline, and pushing past personal boundaries. Balancing both industries is no simple task, yet Manny manages to juggle it all while enjoying every moment of the journey.

What sets Manny apart is her ability to embrace each opportunity with enthusiasm. Whether she's striking a pose in front of the camera or preparing for her next competition, she approaches life with gratitude and excitement.



Rhina Martinez

Sydney-based fashion model Rhina Martinez is making a powerful mark in the fashion industry through her grace-filled presence and purpose-driven approach to modelling. Known for bringing creativity, confidence, and elegance to the runway, Rhina delivers excellence in every performance while remaining deeply grounded in her God-given identity.

With each step she takes, Rhina transforms the runway into a space of storytelling and self-expression. Her ability to embody designs with authenticity and poise sets her apart, allowing garments to come alive through her movement and emotion. Whether showcasing high fashion or conceptual pieces, she approaches every opportunity with professionalism and intentionality.

Beyond aesthetics, Rhina views fashion as a platform for meaning. She believes that true beauty is found in confidence, character, and purpose—values that guide her journey in the modelling world. By staying true to her faith and identity, she challenges conventional standards and encourages others to embrace who they are created to be.

Based in Sydney, Rhina continues to inspire designers, creatives, and audiences alike with her commitment to excellence and her uplifting presence. Her passion for modelling is matched by her desire to serve as a positive influence, using fashion to reflect dignity, creativity, and inner strength.

As her career continues to flourish, Rhina Martinez stands as a testament to what it means to walk the runway with grace, faith, and unwavering purpose—proving that fashion, when led by identity, can be both powerful and transformative.



Jenni Ramos

Jenni Ramos is emerging as one of Australia's most exciting new talents in the world of modelling and digital content. As a content creator and aspiring runway model, Jenni is set to make her mark at the Australian Modelling and Fashion Awards 2025 this December 20—a milestone many in her growing circle have been watching for.

From the moment she began posting style and lifestyle content online, Jenni's striking look and natural ease in front of the camera drew attention. Her social media presence blends fashion, beauty and behind-the-scenes glimpses into her creative life—giving her an authenticity that resonates with many. With that foundation, she has begun studying modelling professionally, refining her walk, poses, and runway readiness.

Being selected to showcase at the 2025 Awards marks a turning point. For Jenni, it represents not only personal growth but also a chance to bridge her online persona with the runway world. The event is expected to feature a lineup of emerging and established talents, giving her an opportunity to share the stage with those pushing Australia's modelling scene forward.

Beyond the glitz and glamour, Jenni views this as a chance to inspire—especially young people who follow her journey. She hopes to show that with dedication, originality, and confidence, it's possible to carve out a space in fashion both on-camera and on the catwalk. As December 20 draws closer, many will be watching to see how this rising star shines under the spotlight.



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ONE ON ONE WITH *Kathy Cao*

At just ten years old, Kathy Cao is already making waves in the world of fashion and modelling—but it is not just her poise on the runway that sets her apart. A young multicultural supermodel and Charity Queen, Kathy uses her growing platform to champion kindness, inclusion and service to others. Guided by RGEM Promotions & Management and the accomplished Victoria Valzhenina—Mrs. M Universe 2024 and former StarCentral Magazine cover model—Kathy is quickly emerging as one of Australia's most promising young talents. With a natural flair for the camera and a presence that belies her years, she is proving that star power can come early when passion meets purpose.

Yet Kathy's story extends far beyond modelling. She is deeply committed to giving back to her community, actively volunteering in support of United for Human Rights and bringing joy to young patients at Westmead Children's Hospital through visits and generous donations. She also participates in community and education charity fundraising with Schools for the Future, the Universal Peace Federation, and initiatives led by MP Tri Vo, State Member for Cabramatta. Her compassion and sense of responsibility reflect a young role model who understands the power of service.

A devoted lover of dance, Kathy trains in jazz, hip-hop and contemporary styles, honing her skills with discipline and joy. Beyond movement, she explores drumming, acting and etiquette, cultivating a broad and creative skill set. As the youngest in a lively family of four children, Kathy thrives in imaginative spaces and loves expressing herself through the arts, demonstrating a maturity and curiosity that are rare even among adults.

What truly distinguishes Kathy, however, is her genuine empathy. She dreams of helping people and animals in need, and her delight in witnessing acts of kindness is palpable. "To all those people who help others," she shares, "I just want to say—I appreciate it." This generosity of spirit extends to her family, friends and even strangers, revealing emotional intelligence well beyond her years.

A favourite place for Kathy to connect with others is her grandmother's shop, where she enjoys engaging with people from all walks of life. "They sometimes give tips," she says, "but I care more about their kindness than anything else." It is a small but telling insight into the values shaping her character—humility, gratitude and compassion.

Kathy's dedication also shines in the classroom, where she approaches every subject with determination and resilience. Balancing academics, artistic pursuits, charity work and modelling, she demonstrates an inspiring work ethic and a refusal to shy away from challenges.

Whether on the catwalk, in a dance studio, or giving back to her community, Kathy Cao is a luminous example of how ambition paired with empathy can create meaningful impact. She reminds us that true success is not defined by accolades alone, but by the lives we uplift along the way. With her heart, talent and unwavering dedication, Kathy is poised to inspire a generation to chase their dreams—with kindness at the centre of it all.





Kathy Cao is a young multicultural supermodel and Charity Queen who uses her platform to promote kindness, inclusion and service to others. She actively supports a range of charitable initiatives, including volunteering, hospital visits and community and educational fundraising. Her compassion, dedication and positive influence make her an inspiring role model for young people.



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SYDNEY'S BEST DRESSED 2025 A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Sydney's fashion scene sparkled at the 2025 Sydney's Best Dressed event, held at the prestigious Sir Stamford Circular Quay. The evening brought together style icons, influencers, and fashion enthusiasts for a celebration of glamour, elegance, and creativity.

The event, captured beautifully by Picky Pics, showcased stunning high-fashion moments as attendees embraced bold, sophisticated, and trend-setting looks. Among the distinguished guests were Bella Dela Cruz, Miss International Australia 2025, and Adriana Gravdor, Miss Eco Australia 2025, who turned heads with their impeccable style and presence.

From chic evening gowns to avant-garde ensembles, the runway-inspired gathering highlighted Sydney's most stylish individuals while providing a platform for local designers and fashionistas to shine. Guests mingled against the backdrop of Sydney Harbour, making the event not just a celebration of fashion, but also of culture, community, and creativity.

With professional photography capturing every moment courtesy of Picky Pics, the 2025 Sydney's Best Dressed event has firmly cemented itself as a highlight on the city's fashion calendar, inspiring style lovers across the region.

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HOW TO SPOT A FAKE *Modelling Agency*

For aspiring models, finding a reputable modeling agency is essential for launching a successful career in the industry. However, not all agencies have the best intentions. Fake modeling agencies often prey on unsuspecting individuals, promising opportunities that never materialize or charging exorbitant service fees. Below are some insights and tips on spotting a fake modeling agency and protecting yourself from scams.

Research and Due Diligence: Before engaging with any modeling agency, conduct thorough research to ensure its legitimacy. Start by searching for the agency's website, social media presence, and client reviews. Legitimate agencies typically have a professional website with clear information about their services, client roster, and contact details. Try to look for any potential red flags, such as poor website design, lack of transparency, or negative reviews from models who have worked with them.

Legitimate Contact Information: A genuine modeling agency will provide clear and legitimate contact information, including a physical address, phone number, and professional email address. Be wary of agencies that only provide a generic email address or use personal email accounts for communication. Additionally, verify the provided contact information through online directories or by contacting the agency directly to ensure its authenticity.

Established Track Record and Reputation: Reputable modeling agencies have an established track record and a solid reputation within the industry. Look for agencies that have been in operation for several years and have successfully represented and placed models with reputable clients. Research their past projects, partnerships, and affiliations to gauge their credibility and standing within the modeling community.

Beware of Upfront Fees: One of the most significant and recognisable signs of a fake modeling agency is the demand for upfront fees or exorbitant charges. Legitimate agencies typically earn their income through commissions on the work they secure for their models. Be cautious of agencies that require payment for representation, photo shoots, training programs, or portfolio creation. Reputable agencies invest in their models and make money when the models succeed.

Professional Industry Relationships: Authentic modeling agencies have professional relationships with industry insiders, including reputable photographers, designers, and casting directors. They have established connections that enable them to secure legitimate opportunities for their models. If an agency claims to have partnerships or collaborations with prominent industry figures, cross-check their claims and contact those professionals directly to verify the agency's credibility.

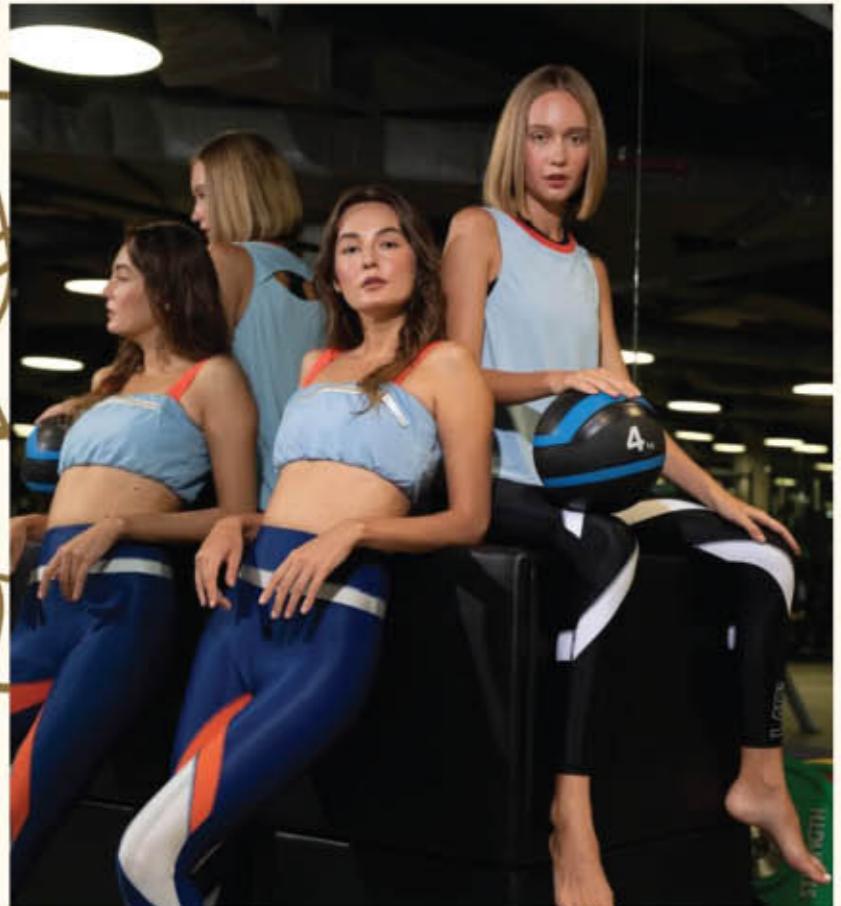
Trust Your Instincts: Intuition plays a crucial role in spotting potential scams. Whenever something seems strange or unbelievable, trust your instincts. Be cautious of agencies that make unrealistic promises or use high-pressure tactics to convince you to sign with them. Legitimate agencies provide realistic expectations and support their models' growth and development without resorting to manipulation or coercion.

Protecting yourself from fake modeling agencies requires vigilance, research, and skepticism. By conducting thorough research, verifying contact information, considering an agency's track record, being wary of upfront fees, checking professional relationships, and trusting your instincts, you can spot potential scams and avoid falling victim to fraudulent practices. Remember, a genuine modeling agency is invested in your success and will guide you through your modeling journey without exploiting your dreams. Stay informed, be cautious, and trust reputable agencies with the experience and credentials to help you pursue your modeling aspirations.



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Since its launch in 2020, LARI Active has been transforming Melbourne's activewear scene by blending fashion with function. Inspired by the Indonesian word for 'run,' LARI embodies a spirit of movement and elegance, reshaping how we experience activewear.



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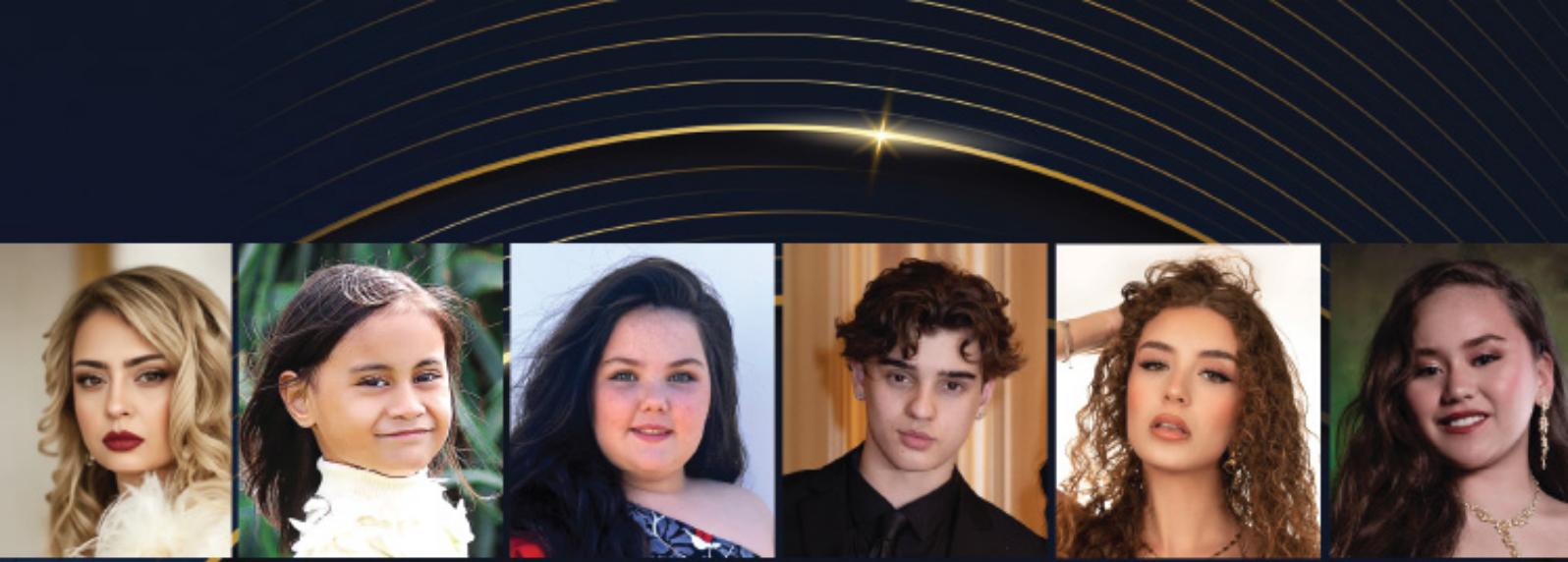
LARI effortlessly bridges the gap between workout gear and everyday wear, ensuring you look and feel your best no matter where the day takes you. Each piece is designed with cutting-edge technology, offering maximum comfort without sacrificing style.

Our collection features a stunning mix of bold hues and timeless neutrals, catering to a variety of tastes and activities. Whether you're hitting the gym, flowing through yoga poses, or enjoying a casual coffee catch-up, LARI seamlessly fits into your lifestyle.

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