



Ready with fish-nets

There are certain moments in a student's life where they wait with baited breath for a given outcome, be it exam results, pregnancy tests, breathalyser readings and for the first round release of the Homebake line up as LISA RITCHIE explains.

For those with their heads in the sand, Homebake is an annual music festival taking place on December 8 in the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens showcasing the best that home-grown Aussie music has to offer. This year I was psyched and ready to see what the '07 line-up had in store and I was not disappointed.

For the first time ever the organisers of the one day Sydney festival are boasting a predominantly female line-up including Missy Higgins (pictured), Sarah Blasko, The Bumblebeez, Operator Please, folk duo Angus and Julia Stone as well as The Beautiful Girls, who are ironically a bunch of not so beautiful blokes. But it was the headlining act

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that really got me excited. The Divinyls. That's right, the sexually charged, fishnet stocking clad, school dress wearing fiend, Chrissy Amphlett will be back on an Australian stage for the first time in decades (with the exception of a blink-and-you'll-miss-it Aria Hall of Fame performance in 2006).

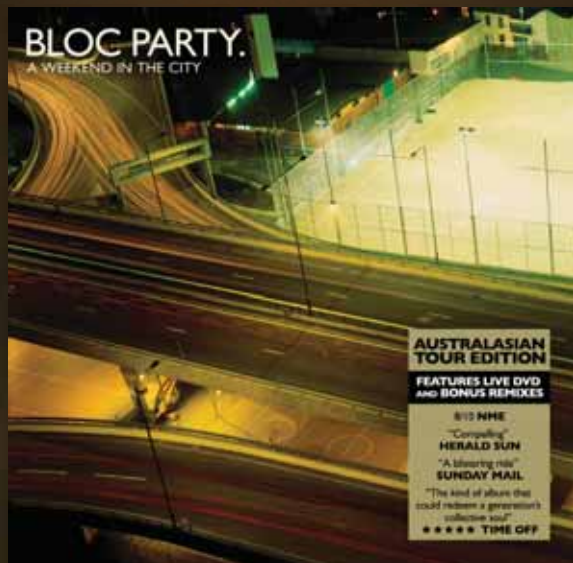
To say I am excited is an understatement. While other girls were collecting horse figurines and worshipping their Peter Andre posters, I was wearing my very own Chrissy get-up (fish-nets inclusive) and warbling my own version of *Pleasure and Pain* into my hair brush. I was eleven.

In the male-dominated world of

rock she was an inspiration to us all. Well to my high school friendship group at least. In fact at one point I distinctly remember our awe of Chrissy leading us to the stage in our school talent contest. We danced and mimed to the Divinyls 1991 hit *I touch myself*, dodgy dance moves aplenty. While it may not have led to the musical careers we all envisaged at the time, we still have yet to live the incident down.

So it is with much conviction that I know I must make it to Sydney in December. But just how to compile the funds to make said ticket and plane trip purchases possible. Could I pimp my sister on the street for 100 per cent of the profit? If all else fails I'll swallow my pride and ask my mum for the money. Tickets on sale 9am August 20. Details: www.homebake.com.au

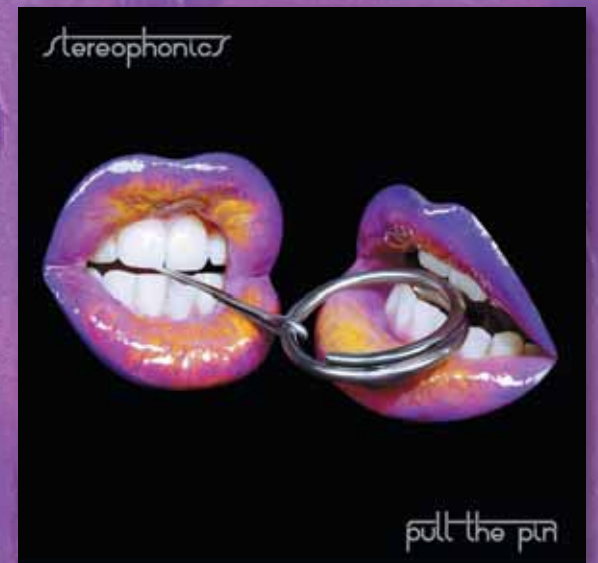
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