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## There's something about Hasselhoff

**H**IS tour Down Under has gone hoff without a hitch. Spy will even forgive the former *Baywatch* star for saying on *Rove* that America is the "lifeguard of the world", such is the fever that has gripped all those in David Hasselhoff's path (see this week's PXT winner).

On Thursday, the actor and singer, 53, spent several hours at Nova studios in Sydney, first taping a chat with Merrick and Rosso and later using the boardroom for more interviews. Hoff's minders



Hasselhoff and wife arriving in Sydney. PICTURE: KATE GERAGHTY

WHAT with horses and courses, there aren't usually many sweet feet at the races. But the folks at the Lexus marquee plan to change

advertising campaign — a clear departure from its late '80s "Choice of a New Generation" slogan.

With *ARIA* and *Australian Idol* appearances over the weekend, Hoff will barely have time for sightseeing, let alone getting

that, giving pairs of glamour slippers by Australian label My Sweet Feet to those granted entry. The satin and bejewelled footwear will be seen on the tootsies of *Desperate Housewives* next season and, according to the company, are favourites with



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ugly when one male kangaroo took a fancy to Hasselhoff's assistant. The animal probably knew she wasn't his type but apparently gave it his best shot. The Hoff is very keen to see the kangaroos again on this trip. His helpers aren't so sure.

Nicole Kidman, Gwen Stefani, Oprah Winfrey, Kate Bosworth and new mum Princess Mary of Denmark. Spy's mission on Cup Day will be to get photographic evidence of marquee guest Eddie McGuire in a pair. Would make a nicer image than the supposed pic of him looking merry at the Prince of Wales that is still doing the rounds. Please, no more.

### Costello walks

PARALLELS with his leadership ambitions will be hard to miss when Federal Treasurer Peter Costello completes a charity walk in aid of breast cancer research tomorrow — on a treadmill. Rather than cut a ribbon, Costello will walk the last 100 steps of the stationary trek, begun a week earlier and involving 300 walkers, to launch the Toorak Place retail and residential development in the heart of Trak Village. The walk will raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation. It's a worthy cause and the Treasurer has certainly put in the training required.

### Whispering Wilks

SUZIE Wilks told Spy last week that her fantasy career was to be a horse whisperer. Turns out she's already moonlighting as a speaker of equine sweet nothings. The TV presenter, seen recently doing a spot of riding on *Postcards*, is the proud co-

Wednesday and tipped to do well on Emirates Stakes Day. "We've stuck by this horse. There were a lot of other people in the syndicate that pulled out," Wilks told Spy. The five-year-old bay, nicknamed Moose, has enjoyed attention from Wilks that would make him the envy of her male fans. "I wash him down and I did whisper to him the other day. I give him shoulder massages. I just tell him that he's beautiful. I think if he's feeling good about himself inside and out then he'll do well." Even if the horse and his female jockey (not Wilks) aren't first past the post, he will have nothing to fear from animal lover Wilks. "He's never going to end up in canned food, he's never going to end up out of a home. I'd love to eventually take him and do some event work when he's finished racing."

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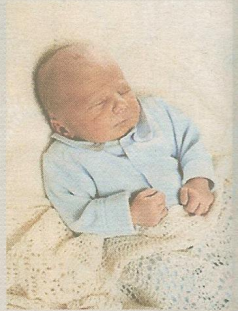
## Getting precious over the

**H**E IS only a week old and already the infant son of Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark is being fought over.

At the heart of the scuffle are the official photographs of the as yet un-named prince and his dotting parents, posed in palatial surroundings and snapped by local man Steen Evald.

The *Sunday Age* contacted Danish picture agency Dana Press to obtain the photographs for publication and was told there was one available at a cost of €350 (\$A558), sold on a non-exclusive basis.

This is despite a message to foreign media on the agency's website that reads: "If you are working for a newspaper, magazine or monthly magazine it will be possible to get access to the official pictures from Steen Evald . . . Dana press photo is not allowed to sell to companies or private persons."



Then women's magazine *New Idea* fired off legal letters claiming it had secured exclusive Australian and New Zealand rights to the series of photos and that publication by other media would infringe on its copyright.

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