



Tara Moss to launch Seventy7 Pairs of Shoes Exhibition 77 prominent Australians standing up against Domestic Violence

Friday 29th September 2006

Tara Moss, supermodel turned crime writer, will launch the YWCA's *Seventy7 Pairs of Shoes Exhibition* at Melbourne's iconic Federation Square on Monday the 2nd of October.

This fantastic exhibition features 77 pairs of shoes donated by high profile Australians, accompanied by personal messages standing up against domestic violence.

The 77 pairs of shoes are in recognition of the number of Australians who tragically die as a result of domestic violence annually.

"Each year, on average, 77 Australians die as a result of domestic violence, the majority of whom are women," Victorian YWCA President, Shannon Rees said today.

"In Victoria alone domestic violence is responsible for more premature deaths of women aged 15 - 44 than any other well-known risk factors, including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking'.

"The Seventy7 Pairs of Shoes Exhibition aims to generate awareness of the devastating impact domestic violence has on families and our community.

"The daily tragedy of violence against women should be of great concern to all Australians."

Minister for Housing and Local Government, Candy Broad MLC will also be speaking at the launch.

The exhibition features shoes from Cathy Freeman, Rove McManus, Bert Newton, Livinia Nixon, James Hird, Missy Higgins, Steve Waugh, Eric Bana, Andrew Denton, Germaine Greer, Kim Beazley, Steve Bracks and John So just to name a few (full list attached).

Tara Moss will launch *Seventy7 Pairs of Shoes Exhibition*:

DATE: Monday October 2nd

TIME: 12.45 – 1.15 pm

**VENUE: Fracture Gallery (The Atrium), Federation Square
Cnr Swanston & Flinders Sts, Melbourne**

The Exhibition runs from the 2-10 of October, 2006.

Seventy7 Pairs of Shoes is proudly supported by Russell Kennedy Lawyers, the Health Services Union, Victoria and the Office of Housing. The exhibition was developed by the YWCA of Adelaide and is touring the eastern seaboard as an initiative of the YWCA Australia with the support of Toll/IPEC.

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