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JESS: WARNIE'S 'A FREAK'

JESSIKA POWER (above) has continued sledging cricket great SHANE WARNE after exposing that he had slid into her DMs.

In a new promo for Seven's upcoming Big Brother VIP series, the former dating show contestant said Warne's son JACKSON was more famous than him.

Jackson last year competed on the brutal military-style reality series SAS Australia.

"I had Shane Warne in my inbox the other week," Power said.

"He's a freak. Some of the things he was sending me, I was like, 'inappropriate'.

"Seriously that was my dad's favourite cricketer and now he's trying to sleep with me.

"I mean your son's more famous now, isn't he? What's his number, give me a ring."

Big Brother VIP airs in November.



FLIPPING OUT FOR LIVE MUSIC

MISSY HIGGINS (above) will headline the SummerSalt concert in St Kilda in March.

Birds Of Tokyo, JOHN BUTLER, XAVIER RUDD, The Waifs and newcomer TULLIAH will also perform at the March 22 event at MO Moran Reserve, near St Kilda Marina.

Promoter JOHN ZACCARIA said: "After powering through a tumultuous time ... we're all keen to get back to enjoying fun days out."

Tickets go on sale through Ticketmaster on Saturday.

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Blame games

A HIGH-PROFILE model has blamed an international jetsetting lifestyle and VicRoads' mailing policy as excuses for her illegal driving escapade.

Instagram influencer Eileen Cassidy, 30, pleaded guilty in the Melbourne Magistrates Court on Tuesday had been suspended due to a demerit-point demolition.

Police, who intercepted Cassidy at South Yarra in April 2019, informed the glamour model her licence had been suspended due to a demerit-point demolition.

"Ah, there was a bit of an issue between VicRoads and Victoria Police. I was, like, going back and forth for, like, a long time but as far as I'm concerned I've got it (my licence)," Cassidy told police.

Police said their database was "telling them" Cassidy's licence was suspended.

The social media star was charged and her car impounded for 30 days.

But Cassidy was back in trouble after she was nabbed using her phone while driving through a St Kilda intersection on July 16 last year.

Police spotted the model, who the court heard had multiple priors stretching back to 2010, with her phone at "steering wheel" level.

Police stopped her on Barkly St, St Kilda, and told the serial road pest she was using her phone while driving.

"No, I was playing with my rings," Cassidy told police. She

copped a fine and lost four demerit points, but elected to have the matter heard at court.

Brett Tait, for Cassidy, told the court he had "formed the view" his client had an "honest belief" her licence was not suspended.

He said: "Miss Cassidy works as a model, as an influencer. She's recently started her own clothing label and she does a lot of work ... in Bali. She was going backwards and forwards between Melbourne and Bali and the address her VicRoads licence advice was being sent to is a former flatmate, she wasn't residing there ... and was receiving mail intermittently."

Magistrate Hayley Bate said: "Your client needs to make sure, especially when she is coming and going from different jurisdictions, that she is well aware of what the status of her licence is before she gets in a vehicle."

Magistrate Bate spared Cassidy further loss of licence but reimposed the \$496 mobile phone fine. Cassidy, who appeared via videolink from Sydney, was placed on a nine-month good behaviour bond and ordered to make a \$100 donation to Victoria's road trauma support service.

PAUL SHAPIRO



ELAINE CASSIDY



TILEY OPENS UP ON CROWD PLAN

AUSTRALIAN Open boss CRAIG TILEY says the tournament in January will welcome big crowds as tickets go on sale next month.

"Our planning for the AO is in full swing and we are looking forward to staging an incredible event in January," Tiley said.

Meanwhile, official champagne partner Piper-Heidsieck has committed to a three-year extension at the event.

The bubbly brand's ambassador, Miss Universe Australia MARIA THATTIL (above), said: "People are yearning to flock to reunite and this is world-class sport with entertainment and champagne."



SHAYNNA'S PRETTY IN PINK

SHAYNNA BLAZE (above) has a new show and a fresh outlook on design.

Blaze left Foxtel's Selling Houses Australia after 13 seasons to pursue other projects including Country Home Rescue, which she is working on with her children.

"It's a really interesting concept and it's about restoration, which I'm loving," she said.

Blaze has given her Hawthorn studio a makeover and installed a sleek and sophisticated 4Ddoor bright pink door.

"It feels good, the colour I picked myself and it's so vibrant — perfect for summer ahead."

Petanque's green dream

OH, the humanity.

Phone owners with drained batteries will need to jump on an energy bike and use pedal power to recharge their mobile device at a rebooted Crown Riverwalk hot spot.

Indeed, sustainability and an environmentally conscious

outlook are on the menu at Petanque Social, with worm-farm composting, rainwater collection, an onsite garnish garden, and solar-powered chilled beer in the house.

The reimagined food and drink venue (right), opening on November 5, is built from



reclaimed materials and uses eco-friendly paints.

MARKY ROCHFORD, of sustainable event agency Frank

Wild, said: "This eco-focused project is a great example of big businesses leading the way for those to come."

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