



marinamirage news

The new Marina Mirage docks 1 December  
 Queensland's most female orientated shopping, dining and leisure destination, Marina Mirage, will reveal the first stages of the completed redevelopment works on 1 December.

The new Marina Mirage will include more fashion with designer brands, accessories, jewellery, books & films, plus many more. Docking soon.

For more redevelopment news, please visit [www.marinamirage.com.au](http://www.marinamirage.com.au)



The hot lady has sung  
 Diva Collette and The House How Open  
 The much loved family owned and operated Diva Collette and The House, has reopened at Marina Mirage, sporting a brand new look, delectable new menu and the same great coffee!



To celebrate the re-opening of Diva Collette and The House, this store will be conducting a Midweek Step event in conjunction with newly introduced Marina Mirage fashion store *Holden* including *steppes* on central, yules for the best dressed, newsg and a picnic invitation to see all the action on the track!

Diva Collette and The House, Grand Place  
 Phone 3991 1966

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# thank you for the music

MAMMA MIA! THE MOVIE IS OUT ON DVD THIS MONTH. SARAH BLINCO CHATS EXCLUSIVELY TO ITS STAR, MERYL STREEP.



THE ENORMITY of the task of interviewing Meryl Streep in the leadup to the release of *Mamma Mia! The Movie* on DVD begins to weigh on me when I notice the excitement in the eyes of some of my friends and colleagues when I tell them the news. Many offer to carry my bags for the trip to Melbourne, then reminisce about their favourite Meryl moments.

**“My mum always used to say that it’s not how you look but what you do that counts.”**

As I wait on a very lavish floor at the Park Hyatt Hotel with media heavyweights also scheduled in for interviews, I am reminded of scenes from *Notting Hill* where Hugh Grant is ushered into a series of daunting media interviews while trying to track down Julia Roberts. I begin nervously fiddling.

Alleviating my fears straight off, Meryl tells me not to worry because she’s sure that, before long, she’ll say something silly anyway! She laughs and says I’m not alone in wondering what she is really like. “This is such a strange job sometimes. I love to meet people fresh but this job can be isolating because people have already made a pre-judgment about you before they’ve met you. I guess that’s one of the weirdest things for me.”

Smiling, she says, “It’s a small challenge

though, and life is pretty great. I have a wonderful family, beautiful husband, cat and dog. I have been able to travel and see so much more than I could have dreamed. I suppose for me it’s more about the special feelings for different places around the world that I develop through being able to work there, like Africa or Australia. Once you have an opportunity to live, eat with the people and make friends, you connect with that place forever. It’s wonderful.”

Anyone who has seen the film version of *Mamma Mia!* has fallen in love with the story, with ABBA (again), and also with the magical scenery of Greece.

*Mamma Mia! The Movie* is based on the hit Broadway musical cleverly developed around classic ABBA songs, and tells the story of a daughter’s quest to figure out who her real father is. The star-studded cast accompanying Meryl Streep on this adventure includes Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Julie Walters, Stellan Skarsgård, Dominic Cooper and Amanda Seyfried, with cheeky cameos by ABBA’s Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus (also executive producers of the film).

Meryl plays Donna Sheridan, mother to Amanda Seyfried’s character Sophie, and says the character is likeable. “Her problems of maintaining her house and keeping it all together are universal. It’s tough for a single mum. I insisted that our art director on the film keep it realistic. I wanted the door handles to fall off and the toilet not to work because these are real problems and they made the character who she is.”

Growing up, the esteemed actress (one of a very few performers to have won all four major screen-acting awards – Oscars, Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild and BAFTA awards) planned a different career path. She says, “I wanted to be an interpreter for a long time. My mum used to take me to the UN in New York City and we watched all the action happening from the viewing platform. This was in the ‘60s, when everyone used to wear their native dress. I used to watch the women talking in different languages on the phones and thought it looked so exotic. I learned some languages as a consequence, like some French and Italian, but when I started performing in musicals at high school I changed direction”.

Intelligent and inspiring, Meryl believes that it’s terrific to see the development of women’s roles throughout different industries. “I think as we grow we’ll see even more women involved in decision-making and powerful jobs, and I’m sure the world will evolve in a more friendly way! That’s what I’d push along anyway. My mum always used to say that it’s not how you look but what you do that counts.”

It seems to me that Meryl Streep is as friendly and beautiful a person as she is a multi-awarding-winning, highly-skilled performer. She also aims to use her influence to “give back”. “I’m inspired by the people who give their lives for causes that help humanity, like Paul Farmer from Partners in Health [www.pih.org] and I support others like Women for Women International [www.womenforwomen.org] that assists women

trying to survive in terrible war zones. A lot of people don’t realise how lucky we are. I’ve learned to value quiet in your life. Sit and listen to the birds. The natural world as we know it is under siege, and it’s such a shame because it’s so grounding and is what life is all about... My hopes for the future are that we can solve our critical environmental problems – that leaders are elected who actually care and act on these issues for all our sakes”.

Even those who aren’t fans of musicals will enjoy this film. It’s bright, beautiful, and well acted and produced. “I hope they have the same unexpected experience as I had when I first saw the show seven years ago, and that they leave the film feeling a little bit elated,” says Meryl. As a new fan of the *Mamma Mia!* franchise, I guarantee you will.

[www.mammamiainovie.com](http://www.mammamiainovie.com)

giveaway

GET READY to relive the fun all over again with the DVD release of *Mamma Mia!*, available to own or rent from November 6. For your chance to win a copy of this DVD, leave your details online at [www.stylemagazines.com.au](http://www.stylemagazines.com.au)

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