



Tell us a little bit about yourself and your business?

I am one of those people who do not sit still, I like to keep active and as my kids are all grown up now and have flown the coop I decided at 60 I wanted to do more. I already had an established business but I wanted to take it to the next level by building on the things I'm passionate about and doing them for the greater good. My business now encapsulates my fun, playful side along with my passion for interior design, Lifestyle & building kindness. In one year we have developed over 25 products all of which give back to my three charity partners; Eat Up Australia, RCD Foundation & The Lighthouse foundation. Each of these charities are close to my heart as they all support Australian kids who need help.

How did you start your homegrown business?

T.House was actually a rebrand of an existing business I had which was called T.Concept shop. Under this title was both my interior design work and various products that I designed and produced like; hand bags and cushions.

What's the best thing about being a Mum?

For me the best thing is, the humans that I made... I know that sounds strange but watching my kids grow from babies through to adults has just been such an amazing journey. I also cherish the very close mother-son bond we share, there's a definite soul connection. As their mum I am so proud of the men they have each grown into and all their achievements both professionally & personally.

What have been the biggest challenges for you as both a mum and a business owner? How do you balance the two?

My biggest challenge is balancing time between work and family. What I mean by this is that when I am doing either it's got to be about "quality time" as opposed to just simply being present. It's so important to me that when I commit to family or work I am there whole-heartedly without being distracted by the other. Easier said than done sometimes and it's not always easy but I like to do things properly so for me this is how I keep the balance.

What advice do you have for other mums who want to start their own business?

Go for it! But be prepared to manage yourself and be time realistic. I love list writing, scheduling and being organised so I place a lot of importance on these things to be successful in running my business.

Are your kids old enough to understand that their mum runs a business? Are there ways you involve them?

Yes, my kids are adults now but when we were a younger family I always encouraged them to get involved if they wanted too with my work. It was important for me that they understood work ethic and what their mum did to make money. My kids are so incredibly supportive now of what I am doing with T.House and still to this day will help in any way they can to help me with my business.

What's your favourite way to relax or wind down?

If I am going to be really honest, on a nice day I would take myself outside lay in the sun with a good book and a cocktail - a Pimms is usually my go-to. But, as the weather is getting a little colder now my chill out time would more likely be curled up on the couch with a box of cheezels watching reality TV!

Which classic Aussie song would you perform at karaoke?

Even though I think I'm a terrible singer I would probably sing something like INXS; Never tear us apart.

What is your favourite Australian Food?

Pavlova (although the Kiwis claim this one is theirs)!

What is your favourite or most used Aussie saying/slang?

All my slang is Aussie - Greek so maybe something like, Hows you going?

What's your Aussie spirit animal?

Koala - I just love them, I love how they mother their babies by cuddling them

Time for a family road trip! Which famous Aussie destination are you visiting?

Tasmania!

Which Aussie Actor would play you in a movie?

I would love Margot Robbie to play me, but more realistically Mary Coustas LOL.

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