

## A house for Elle Macpherson

Our occasional column in which we help time-pressed stars find the home of their dream. This week: Elle Macpherson and her move to Australia.

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Elle Macpherson rather enjoyed moving house last autumn. The 44-year-old model hit it off with Brian Burgess, the boss of the removal firm she employed to carry her kit from her Notting Hill house around the corner to Ladbrooke Grove. She was later seen giving Mr Burgess a lift in her Aston Martin when he went to look for a new Jaguar – though when eyebrows were raised she was quick to scotch any suggestions of romantic engagement. Burgess, now a successful businessman, was sentenced to four years in an Australian jail for smuggling cocaine into the country.



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Six-foot Elle only bought her £8 million Notting Hill pad in 2006, after her break-up with long-term partner Arpad Busson, and spent many thousands renovating it. She dug out a swimming pool, converted part of it into an office from where she runs her lingerie business, Intimates, and had wardrobes specially made to fit her extra-long jeans.

But after working her way through a succession of rumoured boyfriends including Bryan Adams and Damian Aspinall, son of gambler and zookeeper John Aspinall, she has hatched a plan to move to Australia with her two children, Flynn and Cy, to seek a quieter life. Unkind observers have suggested that she might be leaving London in realisation that she might be getting a bit past it for modelling.

As Elle explained recently, she simply wants to spend more time with her surfboard. Her holidays in the Bahamas, she said, "mirror what I imagine my life in Australia would be like. I wake up and go for a surf. I'm an earth mother 100 per cent there for my kids."

With a fortune estimated by *Forbes* magazine at £60 million, price isn't an issue. Trying to find a property that matches Elle's two sides: that of earth mother and businesswoman is a little more of a challenge. Nevertheless, we are only too willing to help...

### **Weemala Road, Terrey Hills**

The ultimate in Australian property porn – marketed by an estate agent by the name of Hooker. If Elle can get

over the embarrassment of dealing with a company by that name, she could well settle down in this nine-bedroom property with a 16-metre pool. There are 230-degree panoramic views from high in Terrey Hills, plus a floodlit tennis court. It is a short drive to Sydney's renowned Northern beaches and an ideal setting for modelling lingerie beyond the view of a paparazzi's lens. L J Hooker: 00 61 414 991870.

### **Stonington Stables, Victoria**

When she's not designing bras and being an earth mother, Elle enjoys horse riding, so the stable block of the historic Stonington Mansion in Victoria could be a perfect match. Situated in the grounds of one of Australia's grandest homes, the two-storey Victorian building is a blank canvas that Elle could transform into the house of her dreams. It is arranged around a huge central courtyard and surrounded by its own gardens, where Elle could keep ponies perhaps, and build a swimming pool. Abercromby's Real Estate: 00 61 419 530008.

### **3 Baden Road, Neutral Bay**

If Elle wants to raise her business profile in Australia, she couldn't do better than this new four-storey glass-fronted town house on the lower North Shore, with views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Indeed, she only has to start wearing her range around the house and it could increase the number of pleasure steamers plying this part of the harbour. McGrath: 00 61 424 391 255.

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