

# Summer Fashion Favourites

*Some of Australia's young fashion designers reveal what they're looking forward to this season.*

*By Sharon Green.*

## **Eva Q Huynh**

**- designer behind Eva Q Design:**

Eva Q is the designer behind the newly launched women's label that offers delicate, feminine and floaty dresses. With a Chinese background, she definitely looks forward to summer for all of the Christmas and Chinese New Year festivities.

"I enjoy getting together with family and friends and going to parties, festivals and outdoor markets. I also love all the available fresh food this time of the year," she said. Eva will be spending most of the summer working at her pop-up store at George's on Collins Street in Melbourne, which will run until Christmas. After that, she'll be busy starting on her winter range for next year.

This season Eva will be wearing linen shorts and loose tops to keep cool. "And of course lots of casual, floaty, girly dresses!" she said. Her predictions for big trends this season are small accessories.

"Based on what I've seen around Melbourne, a lot of people have been wearing pretty, crafty brooches. You can put them on your cardigan or pin them to your bag, so I think this will be a versatile accessory for summer," she said.

Eva's favourite memory of summer is from a night spent in Paris. "I remember we went to sit on a bridge across the river and we had wine, cheese and breadsticks and watched the people pass by and the sun set. It was just a great example of how something inexpensive was so enjoyable. There's nothing better than good friends and good wine!"

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## **Nicky Helos**

**- designer behind Indiana by Freda:**

The name behind this label is dedicated to designer Nicky's late grandmother Freda. "It is named after her," Nicky said.

This summer Nicky will be spending her time up the coast with her man and close friends. "I am a beach bum and really enjoy being close to the sea. I feel peaceful and centred there," she said. She is looking forward to some of her favourite things about summer which include staying out late and enjoying the warm evening weather, watching the sun set at the beach and lots of barbeques.

This season, we can expect to see Nicky dressed in easy to wear maxi dresses and a cool pair of sunnies. She predicts that that maxi dresses will be huge this summer and definitely a must have item this season.

For Nicky summer means going to the beach, bright colours, fun with friends, barbeques and eating lots of gelati. When asked, she couldn't recall a favourite past memory of summertime. "Ask me again next year!" she said.

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## **Glenn Coleman**

**- designer behind Nana Judy:**

The name behind menswear label Nana Judy was inspired when designer Glenn Coleman read about a UK store called Grandma Takes a Trip.

"This got me thinking about my great grandma who as kids we grew up calling Nana Judy but only found out not long before this that her name was in fact Clarence! She had a dog called Judy and hence we used to say were going to Nana Judy's house and never knew the wiser until I was 18!" explained Glenn.

Glenn always looks forward to the longer days in summer and going out on the boat. He'll be spending the sunny season enjoying the festivities and is hopeful to do some travelling to Sydney, Queensland and even Bali.

Glenn thinks that denim acid wash or distressed shorts will be a key trend for men this season and will be wearing them himself. He also can't get through the summer without one key item: "sunnies are definitely the accessory I won't leave home without," he said.

For Glenn, summer time means spending days in the sun, attending festivals and drinking beer. His favourite past memory of summer was from last year when he was sponsored by Tooheys Extra Dry and given a camera to document everything he did. "They hooked us up with a lot of good tickets to all the music events. We got some amazing footage," he said.

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