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The invitation read: “Step into the kitchen, bring your best skills, and see if you can impress in our one-pot wonder cook-off”.

Now, as someone that can barely cook a boiled egg or make cheese on toast, this was an intimidation proposition but one I wasn't willing to turn down. Why not?

Coles invited some familiar faces and media to La Botanica in Botany on Wednesday, where guests were asked to be in a cook-off using their latest Kitchen-Aid collectibles range.

Hosted by Courtney Roulston and Christian Petracca, it ended up not being as intimidating as I'd thought, as carefully curated recipes were on hand to follow. I joined ex-MasterChef contestant Tommy Pham to create a Mediterranean one-pot chicken dish that was delicious, even if I do say so myself.

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Hoda Alzubaidi.



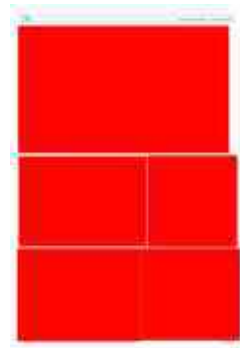
Sophie Short.



Christian Petracca.



Courtney Roulston.



Lincoln Younes.



Montana Cox.



Kate Waterhouse.



Billie Jean Hamlet.

Celebrity watching at the Australian Open has not disappointed with major sponsors hosting famous peeps throughout the carnival.

On Wednesday, Ralph Lauren brought in 'friends of the brand' for a night of fine hospitality in its luxe marquee, plud of course taking in a game – not just any game: Ben Shelton going down to Jannik Sinner.

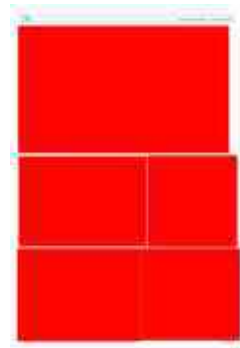
Lincoln Younes, Tai Hara and Sean Keenan were among the actors on hand while model Montana Cox joined the action at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena.

Guests were all dressed in the brand, having attended a styling suite earlier in the day to pick out an outfit.

Inside the marquee, they were treated to five-star dining with a menu that included Wagyu beef followed by a key lime meringue dessert.

There was free-flowing champagne and Grey Goose vodka was on offer.

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VT Cosmetics on Thursday hosted media and influencers to celebrate the exclusive VT Cosmetics pop-up at its Central Park Sydney store.

Guests explored the brand's breakthrough technology, including the viral VT Needle Shot — famously dubbed 'micro-needling in a bottle' — and received personalised skin advice from Dr Prasanthi Purusothaman. VT Cosmetics, famously a collaborator with supergroup BTS, is renowned for blending advanced skin science with K-beauty expertise.

The brand went viral in late 2023, and kept building its profile via TikTok and the like as influencers clamoured to make their moment with the product stand out.

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Rona Mahfoud.



Madison Meyerhoff and Tuesday Granger.

Francophiles celebrated the program launch of Alliance Française French Film Festival at Palace Cinemas in Moore Park on Wednesday night.

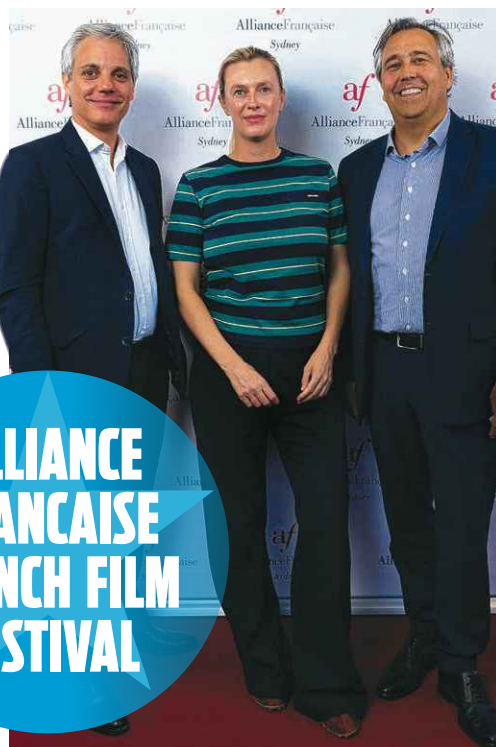
Running March 3 to April 26, tickets go on sale to the public on Thursday this coming week.

Crepes were on the menu while French bubbles was also served through the evening.

Guests had a taste of what to expect with a screening of Antony Cordier's The Party's Over! Gracie Otto was announced as local patron of the festival.

Hollywood stars Jodie Foster and Angelina Jolie are in their first French language leading roles in films at the festival - titles are A Priv-ate Life and Couture respectively.

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Frederic Alliod, Gracie Otto and François Romanet.