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Bridget's bloke bites the dust

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Awesum sauce:
Naomi's yum cha

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UNIVERSAL APPEAL

What's a girl to wear to represent her country at the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow later this year? Well, the Australian public has voted this the dress that best sums up our country. Olivia Wells models the Jason Chetcuti design for the National Costume Launch, presented by Face of Australia cosmetics, in Sydney today.

Buono fide Italian

Watch out if you're an impasta

Felicity Caldwell

DELICIOUS pasta even an Italian mama will enjoy will be easier to find in Brisbane, with the city's restaurants set to be judged.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Australia (Queensland) has partnered with the Italian Government to award "seals of authenticity" to Brisbane's Italian restaurants.

The chamber's Beatrice Di Furia said the award would let people know the restaurant's food, decor, wait staff and wine list that wouldn't seem out of place in Rome.

"We're not talking about tablecloths with white and red squares," she said.

Di Furia said Aussies knew and loved lasagne, arancini, spaghetti and pizza, but may not know the difference between real and fake.

"Being able to recognise that ... it actually provides a more authentic experience," she said.

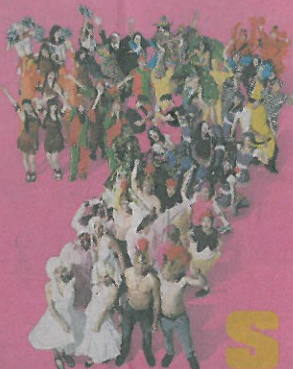
Di Furia said Australians' biggest mistakes when cooking Italian food included too much sauce and too many ingredients on pizza.

It's part of a worldwide appetite for more authentic Italian food, with 10 Brisbane restaurants being targeted this year.

NIGHT OF NIGHTS WE HAND OUT THE DALLY mX AWARDS

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GOLD COAST



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