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New Zealand's most popular social pages with Amanda Midgley & photographer Olivia Hemus.



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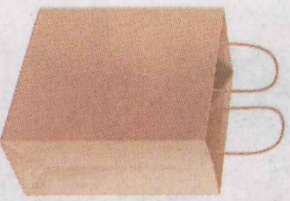
■ GOBBLE ...

To celebrate the Kiwi meat pie, Hamilton bakery The Pie Men is hosting the inaugural The Pie Men National Pie Eating Champs on August 19. The competition will determine New Zealand's fastest pie eater in a series of timed knock-out heats. The winner will receive a year's supply of free pies – or equivalent product – from The Pie Men, a family-owned and operated company. Entries have closed but spectators are welcome at the Cock & Bull in Te Rapa, Hamilton at 5.30pm.



■ SHOP ...

Look out for new fashion and shopping website, Shop What's New, which is offering an original way to search for new wardrobe items. The site showcases the latest products available at popular New Zealand retailers in real time. Online shoppers can discover what has just arrived in store and online from their favourite brands, and users can collate the products to suit their budget and style. Visit www.shopwhatsnew.co.nz.



■ COOK ...

Popular Auckland waterfront eatery Soul Bar is launching its own cookbook this week, bringing together 75 of its favourite dishes. Create treats for friends and family from *The Soul*



Cookbook using recipes that have kept the restaurant's esteemed clientele well fed. Rumour is Soul will be sharing plenty of secrets when it launches the book at a lunch on August 16, with tickets available for \$50. Logon to <http://www.soulbar.co.nz/events.asp> for more details.

■ DRINK ...

Irish Apple Collins

- 45ml Jameson Irish Whiskey
- 30ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 15ml sugar syrup
- 30ml cloudy apple juice
- Top with soda

Method: Build in a tall glass and garnish with a mint sprig.
Fast fact: John Jameson started the Dublin-based Jameson distillery in 1780 and it's now the number one selling Irish whiskey in the world.



Kate Shaw, Yvonna Kerekes and Ann-Louise Gower.



Jo Woods, Leanne Chote and Deirdre Walsh.



Kristen Crooke and Melanie Pearson.



Rebecca West and Kate Brewer.



Museum Hotel owner Chris Parkin, designer Alexandra Owen, James Whitka and Katy Tipler.

HIGH TEA GLAMOUR

The worlds of haute couture and haute cuisine came together on Saturday at the High Tea Glamour event hosted by Museum Hotel's Hippopotamus restaurant as part of Wellington on a Plate. Guests were treated to elegant bites prepared by the chef de patisserie Louis Sergeant and Wellington designer Alexandra Owen's Spring/Summer 2012 collection just before she takes it to New York Fashion Week.

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