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Goddess food

If you're anything like me and find it difficult to even imagine cooking a three-course meal for eight people, then you need two hours with the wonderful Nico Moretti.

His Urban Provider cooking classes at Leederville will have you whipping up such dishes as Thai red chicken curry, beetroot, pumpkin and rocket risotto, crispy roast chicken with prosciutto and fresh herbs, roasted salmon fillet and citrus tart.

There are some obvious benefits to cooking with Nico. It is his kitchen so there is no cleaning up, you get a test run so that when you cook it back home you feel like a true domestic goddess, you can ask as many stupid questions as you like, you get to giggle with the girls and you get to eat everything.

The classes are relaxed and very social. Some classes are hands on, but for most of them your hands are firmly on your glass of wine.

Being at a cooking class with Nico is like being on the set of a TV cooking show. The classes are limited to 10 people and there are eight themes to choose from — for tasters there's Sex and the City, Asian Passion, Risotto Passion and Fast and Simple Passion.

Nico is really popular, so if you want to book or find out more call him on 9228 0507. Have a great culinary adventure.

In this week's issue of *home*, Nico gives readers a guided tour of his funny Leederville home and we discover the kitchen really is where the heart is.

WOW for kids

A good time was had by all this week at Lamonts when the Women of the West (WOW) got together to hear from Kate Lamont. The WOW is a diverse group of women who raise money for the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, through their various networking functions. To date

WOW has raised nearly \$70,000 and last year bought special equipment for the Renal Unit at PMH. The equipment will particularly help children in intensive care who are suffering kidney failure. WOW is always on the lookout for more members, so if you would like to join this dynamic bunch, call 9489 1111.

Wine countdown

Today is the last day of the Western Australia Fine Wine Show at Claremont Showgrounds, so make the most of more than 600 wines on show, from Lamonts and Leeuwin Estate to Peos Estate and Picardy. Gates open today at noon and close at 6pm with entry cost \$25.

Doggone

Get down to the South Perth Esplanade today for the RSPCA's annual fundraiser, the Million Paws Walk. It'll be a great day for dogs and their owners.

Subi digs in

Garden design team Haughty Culture has spread its wings to Subiaco. The famous Mt Lawley garden company is now providing glam garden gear to Subi shoppers.

Haughty Culture provides a range of garden-decorator items, furniture, urns, screens and water features in addition to their garden design and landscaping service, which is now a significant part of the business.

In-store are self-contained water features, perfect for balconies and courtyards. Packages include a sculptured feature, pump and water reservoir. The new shop is next door to Baileys Homeware in Churchill Ave, so now you can get interior and exterior design done at once. Contact Haughty Culture Subiaco on 9380 6300.

must see

The largest collection of original Beatles photographs to be displayed in Perth will open in the Allianz Centre, 186 St Georges Tce, today.

The exhibition focuses on a chronological history of the Beatles and their music during their early days in Hamburg and Liverpool in the early 1960s. The highlight is an amazing array of works by German photographer Astrid Kirchherr, pictured below, who met the Beatles during their years in Hamburg and became involved with Stu Sutcliffe, the original bass guitarist in the band.

Entry to the exhibition is by gold coin donation, with proceeds to



Channel 7's Telethon. Gallery hours are between 10am and 6pm from today until Sunday June 8.

Feeling outrageous or perhaps artrageous? If so, join fellow artrageous revellers at WA's most exciting contemporary visual arts event for 2003, ART03. Housed under one roof at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal, more than 300 works of art from leading and emerging artists, galleries, public art collections and visual art services are on show. Today is the last day and as most of the work is for sale this is an opportunity not to be missed. Cost is \$8 adults, \$5 concession and children under 12 are free.

hip'n'happening

1. Nico Moretti of Urban Provider Cooking School helps Natalie Sierocki create a stir.
2. Dean Shaw at work with Nico.
3. Nico pours it on, as Naomi Shaw watches.
4. Barbara Shaw has a close encounter in cooking class with paste.

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