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ROYAL AUTO

Spirit in the sky

The mystical heights
of Mt Taranaki

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PEOPLE The creature comforters **DISCOVER** Hidden Canberra
Swim with the seals **MOTION** Micro Micra & Citroen's dashing DS3



> SCANSONIC R3
\$399

Scansonic is a premium Scandinavian range of contemporary-styled digital DAB+ radios that is receiving solid reviews from the world's audio-video writers. Available in black leather, black, red and white finishes, the R3 uses an OLED display screen with manual brightness control. The Scansonic has eight memory presets, an alarm with snooze and sleep modes and a connection for small personal players, headphone connection and a removable F-type telescopic antenna.

Value for money: ****
<http://www.scansonic.dk/>



> SONY MINI MUTEKI
\$349

It may be compact but Sony's iPod docking station delivers a powerful sound full of detail and clarity. Styled with attitude to appeal to the young and the young at heart, the Mini Muteki has an iPod dock and a USB connection for PCs or MP3 players which can be played back using the system's 220 watts of power. Press play and a row of coloured LED lights flash in time with the music. Not for everyone, but the feature is sure to be a hit at children's parties. Along with the flashing lights, you get a six-position graphic equaliser and remote control.

Value for money: ****
www.sony.com.au



> KANVUS ARTIST 127
\$399.95

The latest tablet computers to be launched in Australia are a series of eight models from Kanvas targeting different types of professional and private users such as students.

The Kanvas Artist 127 is an easy tool to access your programs, functions and files but it's also highly versatile and can be used as an alternative mouse for your PC. You can retouch photos and add handwritten personal notes or just scribble and doodle MSN messages instead of typing them.

Value for money: ****
www.audion-mm.com



HOME MOVIE:
THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE
DVD \$39.95, Blu-ray \$49.95

Consumers are buying large-screen plasmas and LCD TVs and using surround sound systems to get the cinematic experience in their home.

Within 10 years most will download blockbusters of the sound and vision quality of this Disney masterpiece direct to their TV from the internet.

But until then they'll be renting or buying hard-disc versions of The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

Those that do will have a crystal-clear vision of an epic comedy based around a master of magic and his loveable reluctant apprentice as they combine wisdom and energy to defeat evil.

Set in modern-day Manhattan, Balthazar Blake (Nicolas Cage) is the magical master looking to a successor Dave Sutler (Jay Baruchel) to help him free the soul of his lover and defeat the evil Maxim Horvath (Alfred Molina) and save the city from destruction.

> ON SITE

<http://tinyurl.com/4ezqqsu>

Temperatures requiring air-conditioned relief are never going to be too far away. However, before you switch on your air-conditioner, it's worth paying heed to the section on this comprehensive site that describes the kind of bacterial and fungal infection that can lurk in any air-conditioner that hasn't been cleaned. Other worthwhile information charts how to save on energy costs and a primer on how the machines work.

> FREE STUFF

www.dressupgirl.net

Girls will have oodles of fun surfing this colourful site that has a gigantic collection of free dress-up fashion games. Categories range from Teen Party Dress-up to Hairdresser Game and Shopping Joy Dress-up. And for his legion of young fans, there's a Justin Bieber makeover game. Joining Dressupgirl's fashion club is as easy as choosing and keying in your choice of username and password.