

ASK A BEAUTY EDITOR

Melissa Williams-King delves into some cosmetic queries



Are there any non-hippy alternatives to conventional perfume? I'd prefer to have an all-natural scent, but I'm not keen on those scented solid balms.

Natural and organic beauty products have become more popular, but it's mainly been skincare and makeup hitting mainstream cosmetics stores thus far. But I've just seen two new all-natural perfumes, and both of them look just as fancy as what you'd find at the fragrance counter. Purity Fragrances are the brainchild of Debbie Cope, who enlisted a French perfumer to help create her new range. "[The scents] contain water, pure eco-certified essential oils, an eco-certified preservative



and natural dispersants. Nothing more," she says. So far there are three scent sprays (from \$35), available from selected stockists and purityfragrances.co.nz. If you love the fragrances of Nellie Tier body products, you'll also enjoy their new all-natural fragrance range. There are seven scents, and each 15ml rollerball is \$19.50. Our pick is the zesty May Chang and Mandarin.

Do you have any tips for making your blow-dry last longer in the summer heat?

One new tip I just picked up at the hairdresser is to always ask for a burst of cool air from the blow-drier at roots, to finish off the service. Hot air, especially in summer, can lead to scalp sweat, so ending the blow dry with a cooling blast means you'll stop this sweat before it gets the chance to start. The Remington Aero



2000, \$49.99, has a cool air feature that everyone knows about. It's a great way to get an extra day of hold. You might not know you need it, but you will too. Spray it around your hair after exercise or do any other activity. You won't get so greasy. The Remington Aero Results Miracle Extender is a dry shampoo which doesn't leave your hair greasy. Use dry shampoo just before you wash. It can clog follicles and cause hair loss. As a last resort, tie the hair back and cover it with a shower cap. You can restyle the front section with water. This is much better than a restyle. This is much better than a restyle and dry but gets the hair looking fresh and bouncy again.



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