

NEWTOWN



Newtown hairdresser Daniel Mostyn toured with Alicia Keys to be her personal hairstylist.

Picture: DANNY AARONS

Styling pop diva's locks makes Aussie Daniel a rockstar

Penelope Bradley

STYLING the tresses of the stars is a dream for many aspiring hairdressers.

But for a Newtown salon owner that dream came

true. As personal hairstylist to US soul sensation Alicia Keys, Daniel Mostyn has returned from her recent European tour.

The stylist is the founder of Dirty Girl, an industrial-

chic hair salon fast gaining popularity with locals.

Mostyn, 31, will again accompany Keys on tour in New York next year.

Living proof that a little determination goes a long

way, he kept a scrapbook of her hairstyles over a year.

After meeting Keys through his brother Steve — her bass player — Mostyn pitched his styling ideas and won the touring

tender. The edgy King St business owner was constantly on hand while in Paris, the UK and the US, tending to the star's locks.

The singing sensation has, in her own words,

dubbed the Newtown creative as the true rockstar of hairdressing.

Mostyn said a key fundamental when working with celebrity clients was gaining their trust.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Injuries, court and family

Shireen Khalil

AT only 26 years old, Benji Marshall has experienced the good and bad.

He might be one of the best in the game, have a signature sidestep and the title of 2010 Golden Boot, but Marshall has revealed he was once considering giving it all up.

"I contemplated giving the game away . . . a lot of things contributed to it like injuries after injuries where I didn't

BENJI'S BOOK REVEALS HIS SPORTS STAR LIFE

think I'd make it back," he said. In his book *My Game, My Story*, the Wests Tigers five-eighth talks about his journey to the top, the ups and downs and family life.

At first he didn't see the point in releasing a book halfway through his career.

But he realised he wanted people to know the *real* Benji and not just the guy they saw

on the field or on *The Footy Show*. "There's a lot of stuff in (the book) no one would know . . . (and) stuff in there footy players wouldn't talk about, like emotional things and the feelings you go through with injuries," he says.

Not only does he share his feelings about his court case and how it affected him, but also about growing up without

a father. "I grew up without a father and not a lot of money. There's a lot of children in New Zealand going through the same thing so if they see there's hope maybe they can do the same."

He says his teammates help to keep him going. "When . . . you run on to the field next to them, you don't want to let them down."



NRL star Benji Marshall and Tigers fans. Picture: DANNY AARONS