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They're all smiles now... but that won't last long!

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THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF SYDNEY
 Sunday, 8.30pm (AEDT), Arena

Playing HOUSE

THEY'RE SASSY, SMART AND CERTAIN TO SET TONGUES WAGGING. GET TO KNOW THE SYDNEY HOUSEWIVES ABOUT TO HIT OUR SCREENS

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AthenaX hints there's one fellow star she "isn't a fan of".

"Sometimes you have to live and let live," Melissa says of the women's feuds.



'I ALMOST QUIT!'



MELISSA TKAUTZ

The show nearly had a runaway star, with Melissa revealing she wanted out. "There were times when it was all too much," the 43-year-old singer and former *E Street* star says. "It's a very hectic schedule. "I've always lived a double life, but becoming a Housewife added a third element. Sometimes you feel like throwing in the towel!" Instead, the mum-of-two decided to toughen up. "I hate it when people go looking for arguments," she says. "At the same time, I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe in."



"I don't really care what other people think of me," Victoria says.

'I FEEL LIKE A BAD MOTHER'

VICTORIA REES

Being away from home is hard – just ask Victoria. "I felt guilty not being around for my son as much as I usually am," the beauty entrepreneur, 52, says of the filming schedule. "Nannies just aren't the same." Despite building a beauty empire around her product, Wrinkles Schminkles, and facing many personal battles, Victoria says the show is the hardest thing she's done. "At times I thought, 'I can't do this anymore,'" she says. However, the resilient mum adds: "I've been through a lot in my life. I can see things for what they are."



Glamorous mum-of-two Nicole wants to see her name in lights.

'I WANT TO BE FAMOUS'

NICOLE O'NEIL

Is being a reality TV star the first step to international stardom? Nicole certainly hopes so. "I'm very open to whatever opportunities come my way," the former Miss Australia says. "I believe things come to you when they're right – like this show. Life is a journey and I've buckled my seatbelt!" But does she have what it takes to make it in Tinseltown? "I think viewers will [enjoy] watching me as I live life to the fullest," Nicole, 37, says. However, the event planner also admits she "behaved terribly" in an on-screen clash. Tune in to see the drama.

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