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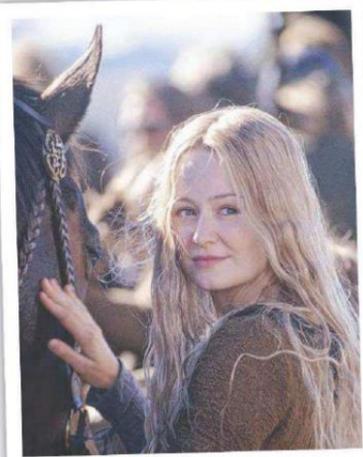
## Miranda's no fan of a trip down memory lane

Miranda Otto has chalked up 40 years in the film industry, but you won't catch her watching any of her old flicks.

Just 18 when she landed her first role in 1987, a little more than 10 years later, Otto shot to global fame playing Eowyn (inset) in the Lord of the Rings films.

But she confesses she has no desire to sit back and reminisce by viewing her past roles on-screen.

"Of course I go to the openings and do all of that. But then I don't watch it again," she tells Stellar.



"I just don't. It would be really strange to sit on the couch going, 'I'm going to watch myself!'"

The daughter of veteran Aussie actor Barry Otto confesses to feeling disconnected from her younger self.

"I look at old photographs and have no idea who that person was, I can't really remember my state of mind from other times... what it was like to be me."

One thing she is proud to recall is always standing up for herself on-set.

"There have been times I was asked to do things and I said, 'I'm not going to do that'," Otto says.

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Miranda Otto for Stellar Magazine.  
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# Housing targets way off the mark

## Apartments critically short

**EXCLUSIVE**  
Elizabeth Tilley

More than a third of future apartment supply is at risk and existing stock could dry up within a month as shock new data reveals the extent of Brisbane's housing crisis.

An exclusive report reveals the Queensland capital is falling further behind housing targets, with the cost of building a new apartment soaring and 35 per cent of future projects at risk of not being completed.

At the same time, Brisbane's existing apartment market is running critically short of supply, with research from Place Advisory showing inner Brisbane currently has just one month of apartment supply available – the tightest conditions in more than a decade.

Property Council Queensland executive director Jess Caire said rising construction costs, labour shortages, and lengthy approval timeframes were undermining the delivery of new apartment supply.

Ms Caire said that without "extreme intervention", no projects of scale would stack up going forward, meaning only luxury product would be built for a limited number of high-end buyers.

"The average existing unit in Brisbane is now worth \$831,000, meaning it is more expensive to build new supply than to purchase existing stock," she said.

"Ensuring we can deliver apartment supply that is accessible to a broader buyer market, including first homebuyers, downsizers and owner-occupiers, is essential if we are serious about improving availability."

### BIG BUCKS BRISBANE APARTMENT PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

- Heirloom by Molti: **Prices start from \$9.5m**
- Teneriffe Banks by Kokoda Property Group: **Prices start from \$1.99m**
- Voir by Cielo Group: **Prices start from \$5.85m**
- Brickworks Park by CDL Australia: **Prices start from \$1.299m**
- Oro by Panettierre Developments: **Prices start from \$1.07m**

The research conducted by Urbis for the Property Council of Australia reveals that while apartment launches and sales improved last year, the uplift had not translated to construction, with many approved or marketed projects stalling.

Under the Shaping SEQ: South East Queensland Regional Plan 2023, Brisbane is required to deliver around 8000 apartments a year until 2031, yet less than half of this target has been delivered each year since 2019.

Ms Caire said that while completions had increased to around 2550 apartments in 2025 and were forecast to approach 3000 in 2026, this still left an annual shortfall of 4000 to 5000 apartments.

"Brisbane is not delivering enough apartments to meet demand, and the gap is not narrowing, it's widening," she said.

As Brisbane approaches the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, competition for labour and materials is expected to intensify further. Urbis director Paul Riga said the market remained constrained despite signs of improvement.

## Vaping cholesterol risk

People who vape or smoke just once a week could be almost 50 per cent more likely to develop high blood pressure, a new study warns.

Scientists from the US and Finland found nicotine from either smoking or vaping could be linked to increased cholesterol, driving the effect of higher blood pressure.

Professor Andrew Agbaje, from the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, said

his research suggested "we need both societal and governmental interventions to save young people from the dangerous effects of vaping, not just traditional tobacco smoking."

Experts have cast doubt on the study because it didn't account for participants' past smoking history.

Vaping overtook smoking in popularity among Brits for the first time last year.



Taylor Swift

## Best seller: Taylor's swift rise

Howell Davies

Taylor Swift has been named the 21st century's best-selling female musician.

The US megastar is just ahead of Rihanna, who has not released an album for 10 years.

Next is Beyonce, followed by Adele, the only Brit in Billboard magazine's top 10, celebrating tomorrow's International Women's Day.

Swift has sold more than

260 million albums, with a record 14 UK No.1s – including last year's *The Life of a Showgirl* – and nine chart-topping singles.

But she revealed she only felt like a true star during her 2023-2024 Eras Tour.

She said: "I had to admit to myself that this is as big as it gets." Meanwhile, runner-up Rihanna scored nine UK No.1 singles from 2007 to 2017, including *Umbrella*.

But she confessed stardom is "scary" and is partly why she has not put out an album since 2016's *ANTI*.

In January, Adele's 2011 release *21* became the best-selling female album ever, with 56 million-plus sales.

Katy Perry is fifth in Billboard's list then Lady Gaga, Pink and Ariana Grande, who at 32 is the youngest.

Miley Cyrus and Alicia Keys complete the top 10.