



# more than just bubbles

KIRON BARUI IS A TOOWOOMBA WOMAN WHO KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND HAPPINESS.

**S**OME PEOPLE only hear a pop when a champagne bottle is opened. Others hear the sound of happiness.

Toowoomba woman Kiron Barui is one of the lucky ones who listen regularly to happiness – and now she has created a range of jewellery so those happy memories are never forgotten.

“Wearing Memories” is a unique range of rings, charms, necklaces and scarf brooches featuring champagne caps which was recently launched across the world in a Champagne Olympics.

It started, as such things do, with a simple idea.

“I guess I have an obsession with champagne – it awakens all my sense,” Kiron (who drinks only sparkling wine made in the French traditional method – it eliminates hangovers) says.

“I started to collect the caps from the bottles I drank and write the occasion on the back, and developed an amazing memory bank.

I would wrap the wire around my finger and ‘wear’ the cap, and from there I got the idea to develop jewellery.”

Kiron paid a visit to Anthony Burke of Jewels of the Range Jewellers, who developed a range around her ideas which he believes has the potential for enormous success.

Not that it was easy – designing a ring which was both stylish while allowing for champagne caps to be interchanged depending on clothing and occasion was a two-year labour of love.

The end result however is spectacular, and has generated huge response from fellow aficionados around the world since their gala launch in Brisbane at Lady Lamington’s on June 1.

“I have made many champagne friends – misters and sisters – on Twitter, and we have a chat show every Monday morning,” Kiron says.

“We are also set to launch a ‘bubbly’ radio

show.”

Calling herself a ‘champagne tart’, Kiron first fell in love with bubbles on her first wedding anniversary.

Since then she has drunk hundreds of bottles – “always with friends, never alone!” – And has learned as much as she can about champagne, including a very neat trick of opening bottles using a sabre and not spilling a drop.

It was knowledge which stood her in good stead when she caught up with international champagne buddies (which always included at least one Toowoomba friend) during the Champagne Olympics recently, held in London, Bath, New York, and Los Angeles.

*For more information on Wearing Memories (including how to order items) visit the website [www.wearingmemories.com.au](http://www.wearingmemories.com.au)*