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with Nene King

Roll up, roll up

Now anyone can be chairman of the keyboard

● Piano roll

New kid on the block Gadgetking has just launched an ingenious product called The Roll-up Keyboard. Exclusive in Australia to Gadgetking, this is the ultimate toy: a portable musical keyboard.

It has 49 keys, 100 tones, 100 rhythms, 10 demo songs, an inbuilt speaker, and a record and playback function.

Suitable for ages 8 and up, it runs on four AA batteries and rolls up into a pouch the size of a small handbag. The keys are washable and dustproof, and RRP is \$119.95.

On sale at Supply & Demand, 546 Swan Street, Richmond, tel: 9428 6912; and Henry Buck, 476 Toorak Road, Toorak, tel: 9827 1890.

● Guinness gracious me

The furniture is lovely; so is the Nicola Guinness linen. Together they are the mainstay of a new store called Rose and Heather in Richmond.

The furniture, beautiful beds, side tables and chairs are made out of ancient kauri, wood found under the ground at Northland, north of Auckland in New Zealand. The Nicola Guinness linen is designed by "a completely mad" artist of the same name.

Nicola hand silk-screens images on to cotton and sheer, and the result is a huge range of bed linen, table linen and the most divine cushions.



There are double-sided throws, some trimmed with luxurious velvet, and single-sided throws are backed with 100 per cent Irish linen.

The clever combination of images makes the Nicola Guinness hand-screened linen unique.

Back to the furniture, the designers have paid special attention to specific structural details, and each piece is made with integrity.

Anything but mainstream, the furniture and the linen combine to present some wonderful and very different interior alternatives.

Rose and Heather, 389 Bridge Road, Richmond, tel: 9429 6153.