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short cuts

01: SHOWING OFF UNDER WATER

Avec Music Showcase (\$299 RRP)

This Avec music showcase for iPods is designed to function in wet surface environments. It comes with a shatter-proof polycarbonate body, waterproof bass venting port, waterproof click-wheel membrane and shock-absorption. It claims to operate in depths up to one metre before floating back to the surface. With the showcase is spacer pads, four AA batteries, shoulder and wrist straps, pull-string pouch, manual and warranty card in a coloured gift box.

> DETAILS: 03 9558 9666 OR WWW.MUSICWAY.COM.AU

02: LET THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Sudio Brio Speakerphone (\$149 RRP)

Launched in 2006, Sudio was created for people who want communications that makes their lives easier, blends subtly with surroundings and straightforward to use. To this end, the company recently launched three new Bluetooth enabled products. The Brio is a hands free speakerphone with called ID. It has Clear Voice Capture technology for echo and noise cancellation, LED display and comforts like voice dialling, call waiting and conference calling functions. It comes with a car-charger, USB charger and rechargeable battery with six hours talk time. The second product is Sudio Alto (\$99.95 RRP) stereo headset with 600 hours standby and 10 hours music or talk time. It offers hi-fi sound and bass response, a built-in microphone for receiving and making calls while listening to music. The final product is the Sudio Linc USB adapter (\$49 RRP). It can connect up to seven different Bluetooth devices simultaneously.

> DETAILS: 1300 736 723 OR WWW.FORCETECHNOLOGY.COM.AU

03: SOUNDS OF VICTORY

Logitech G51 Surround Sound Speaker System (\$299 RRP)

Logitech has expanded its G-series family of PC gaming peripherals for gamers who want to bring their games to life. It offers 360-degree surround sound available with or without a multi-channel audio source. With Matrix technology gamers can create a 5.1 surround-sound from any common two-channel stereo source plus classic stereo games or music modes. Headphone and microphone jacks with independent mute controls are available for online players. The satellite stands can be wall mounted or clipped to the flat-panel monitor.

> DETAILS: 02 9479 0800 OR WWW.LOGITECH.COM

04: LIVING ELECTRONICS

DECA Theatre Table (\$1599 RRP)

Say goodbye to the big black mess of cords and metal boxes with this new collection of electronic furniture. It was created by Dutch designer, Marcel Wanders, the Digital Electronics Corporation Australia (DECA) range includes *theatre*, a wooden side table with an integrated home cinema, DVD player, sub woofer and four decorated satellite speakers; *wave TV*, incorporating a microwave with flat screen TV and DVD (\$1999 RRP); and *carrie*, a USB drive with 2GB of memory and a matte black reptile pattern (\$199 RRP).

> DETAILS: 02 9994 8001 OR WWW.MARCELWANDERS.COM

05: CARRYING A BLACK LABEL

LG 42-inch Black Label LB9DF LCD TV (\$3799 RRP)

This is one of three new additions to the LG Black Label Series of LCD TV. These models come with a glossy black finish, wave-inspired bezel design and ring-shaped stand. The 42-inch and 47-inch models deliver full HD 1920 x 1080p resolution and 10000:1 contrast ratio with 5ms response time. LG said this is almost twice the pixels of

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SPEAKS LOUDER

> Bowers & Wilkins has introduced a compact loudspeaker that does not take up floor area but with sound that can still command the space. Designed for home cinema, or hi-fi in small to medium-sized rooms, the 685 can be placed on a shelf, table stand or be wall-mounted. It features new fixed centre bullet to help smooth the response in upper frequencies and an aluminum dome tweeter to improve spaciousness. Available in red cherry, wengé, light oak and black finishes, it retails at \$999.

HOME THEATRE GETS REAL

> BenQ has unveiled its first full 1080p definition digital projector. The W1000 features sharp 10000:1 contrast ratio, 1920 x 1080 resolution and BenQ Screen technology. Application options include cinema, home theatre, family room, and gaming modes. The unit operates 23dB for an undisturbed viewing envi-

WIRELESS FOR SOUND

> In its first foray into the wireless speaker sub-category, JBL have launched the On Air Control 2.4G loudspeaker system. It utilises the 2.4GHz frequency range to ensure interference-free transmission an operating distance up to 25 metre system can be used as satellite speaker for a multi-channel home theatre, a stereo music system or as a wireless system for computers or digital media. Wall-mount brackets and remote control included. \$599 RRP.



BIG BROTHER OF LABELLERS

> Brother International has released a PC compatible labeller designed specifically for retailers that displays up to 16 characters over three lines. The PT-2100 is an easy use labeller. The keyboard and LCD screen prints labels in four different fonts, six different print sizes, 15 different border barcodes and 10 printing styles. There is up to eight metres of laminated tape to choose from in 6mm, 9mm, 12mm or 18mm widths as a non-laminated 3.5mm width. \$199

EISA AWARDS LG

> LG picked up three European Imaging and Sound Association (EISA) awards presented at IFA in Berlin last month. The LG products recognised were the Super Multi Blue (BH100), the Micro System (FB162) and Screen MP3 player (FM37).