



Stylish headwear: Rose Crane has a variety of hats available to top off a great race day outfit.

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A touch of Grace to top off outfit

FALLING in love can sometimes mean a career change and none is more dramatic than Rose Crane's from Gwendoline Grace and Gatsby Hats.

Ms Crane is putting together a spring range of handmade hats and silk flowers in preparation for the annual Kalgoorlie-Boulder Race Round.

Before becoming a journalist Ms Crane undertook a year in fashion design, which has always remained close to her heart, but in 2007 she started to reignite her love for hats.

She has travelled to Melbourne to train with internationally renowned milliner Louise McDonald and has undertaken a weekend workshop with specialist

millinery supplier Waltraud Rein-er.

Ms Crane said her 15-year journalism career took a dramatic turn when she fell in love with a Wheat-belt farmer.

This allowed her to discover millinery again and she remains excited to see her range for the first time at this year's Race Round.

"I would love to work with the people from Kalgoorlie-Boulder for the races because they are all so well dressed," she said.

"I love the event and I want to give people the opportunity to wear beautiful hats. Depending on orders I will come up to Kalgoorlie-Boulder for a weekend to design and fit hats for customers."

Hats are available for any budget with prices ranging from \$80 to \$400.

Her showroom is in Tammin. "Customers can visit my hatroom, which exhibits my range and options for hats," she said.

"I'm only 7km from the Great Eastern Highway so if you're planning a trip to Perth I recommend you drop by."

Gwendoline Grace and Gatsby Hats was named in honour of Ms Crane's grandmother who also had a passion for millinery.

The website www.ggghats.com.au will show the full range of hats by mid-August.

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