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# So Nicole, have we been seeing more of you lately?

EVERY Hollywood actress knows how to strike a pose, and Oscar-winner Nicole Kidman was no exception during her latest red carpet appearance.

In fact, the *Moulin Rouge* star's figure appeared so enhanced, some thought that she had a little cosmetic help.

The 46-year-old was guest of honour at a charity ball *Down Under*, wearing a low-cut nude Prada gown which showed off her seemingly larger cleavage.

The Grace Of Monaco actress, known for her slender frame, did not appear to have gained weight overall.

At one point - as her husband, country singer Keith Urban, 46, led her from the red carpet - Ms Kidman gazed down at her plunging gown.

The eye-catching frock was embellished with glittering silver detail which wrapped around her body and neckline like tinsel.

Ever the doting husband, Urban, who was dressed in a black suit, looked on proudly as Ms Kidman

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hammed it up by playing with a black lace and feather mask from Melbourne milliner Kerrie Stanley - highlighting the event's masquerade ball theme.

The mother of four was making a short stop in her native country to appear at the *Swisse Celebrate Life Ball* at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne, which raises money for children's hospitals.

Ms Kidman only visited Australia for a few hours, and will jet out to Shanghai early this morning for the Shanghai Film Festival.

Nicole's latest film *Grace Of Monaco*, a biopic of American actress Grace Kelly, is being slated by critics and the \$30million budget film has had disappointing box office sales.

A few weeks ago, at the Cannes Film Festival in France, the *Eyes Wide Shut* star showed off a puffy, wrinkle-free face that led some to suggest she had opted for Botox and fillers.



Smaller frame: Nicole in 2001

# Now the whole world will be up for the match...

## GAA and RTÉ go global with web broadcasts

By Eamon Donoghue

GAA fans in outposts as far away as Australia and Zimbabwe can watch football and hurling online after RTÉ's paid-for subscription service went live.

GAAGO was free for four weeks on the RTÉ Player and succeeded in attracting viewers living as far away as Iraq, Honduras and Jordan.

The GAA service offers the 45 RTÉ and Sky Sports games to a worldwide audience outside Ireland and Britain for €110 a year.

A spokesman for RTÉ Digital said: 'It's only just gone live, but for the past

### Viewers in Iraq and Honduras too

four weeks we promoted an offer to watch the games for free and it was very popular. I know there has already been a lot of orders for it.

'I understand if you are watching a game in a pub in the US there is an average charge of \$20 plus the extra costs of being there, so that would roughly be the average cost per game.

'The worldwide season pass gives you the opportunity to watch 45 games, so that's any televised championship game on RTÉ or Sky Sports for €110. That's excluding Great Britain or Ireland.'

The GAA has previously come under fierce criticism for its decision to sell 14 championship games to Sky Sports earlier this year. But GAA director-



### UP THE DUBS!

The top ten countries that viewed the games online internationally over the past four weeks were:

1. United Kingdom
2. United States
3. Canada
4. Australia
5. Spain
6. Germany
7. United Arab Emirates
8. France
9. Holland
10. New Zealand

general Páraic Duffy defended the association's decision, telling the Dáil communications committee: 'The GAA cannot treat our emigrants abroad as second-class citizens.'

He said: 'We cannot overcome the physical barriers of communication and distance caused by emigration but it is our hope that the Irish at home, who have lost a small number of free-to-air games, will feel this is worth it when they hear back from relatives abroad that it will make them feel a little closer to home.'

Over the past four weeks fans in Britain have amassed the highest amount of views of the matches via the service during the free trial.

They were followed by the US, Canada, Australia and Spain.

The remainder of the top ten was made up of ex-pat destinations of Ger-

many, the United Arab Emirates, France, Holland and New Zealand

While international GAA fans are now being offered RTÉ's and Sky Sports' championship coverage at a cost of €110, those in Ireland and Britain will have to sign up to Sky's €768 package to watch the broadcaster's 14 live championship games.

For followers in Britain, the GAAGO GB Pass offers 25 RTÉ-aired games for €60 but not Sky matches.

RTÉ said: 'Being a joint venture with the GAA and RTÉ Digital, it's about making as many games as accessible as possible worldwide, so that's why there's the dual offering of games with Sky Sports.'

GAAGO also offers the option of a pay-per-game deal priced from €10 per match.

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