



Tenacious: Maude Garrett has won the role of television host on Nickelodeon's *Camp Orange*.

Maude gets the good oil



Peter Garrett

HER surname is Garrett and she likes to sing, but don't expect the 19-year-old niece of Midnight Oil lead singer and politician Peter Garrett to follow in his footsteps.

Maude Garrett has plans for fame, but not as a rock star. The girl voted at school the student most likely to become famous has her sights set on a television career.

This week Garrett was named the new host of Nickelodeon's *Camp Orange*, a children's reality television series.

"It is awesome," Garrett said in her

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first media interview. "I still can't believe it."

She said her uncle had offered some advice. "He has been very supportive and told me to hold my own and not to be swamped."

She may not have inherited her uncle's passion for singing in public, but she has that famous tenacity. To win the role as host of *Camp Orange* she left a note on the computer of the boss of Nickelodeon and asked if she could do an audition. It paid off.

Drug ruling sickening

Cancer patient is horrified

AS a long-time nurse, Kim Riazi knows prevention is better than cure.

That's why the mother of three and breast cancer patient is struggling to understand the Federal Government's "horrifying" position on new cancer drug Herceptin.

The treatment, which has been shown to reduce disease recurrence by 46 per cent but costs up to \$70,000, is subsidised for some women with late-stage breast cancer. But it's not listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for women in the early stages of the disease.

MARY PAPADAKIS

Mrs Riazi, 54, of Waranwood, said this made no sense.

"I find it horrifying that we all need it, but we have to wait until we get worse to get this," she said.

Mrs Riazi, 54, is one of thousands of women with HER-2 positive breast cancer who need but can't afford the drug.

Her illness has forced her to take time off work, leaving her struggling to put food on the table, let alone pay for the drug.

The Government has demanded more evidence of the drug's effec-



Kim Riazi

tiveness before making a decision on its listing.

But four recent studies have shown it can halve the risk of the disease returning.

"It's already proven that it works and people are crying out for it," Mrs Riazi said.

Drug maker Roche recently said it would provide three free doses to women once it is approved for use in early breast cancer by the Therapeutic Goods Administration — a saving of about \$10,000.

The TGA will make a decision early next year.

Mrs Riazi, diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer in October, has had surgery, is now having chemotherapy and will undergo radiotherapy at Maroondah Hospital — her workplace of 21 years.

She said Herceptin was her best chance of spending more time with her family.

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