MELANIE AND TIM FARRELL, A TYPICAL VICTORIAN COUPLE

MELANIE Farrell, 35, and husband Tim, 36, know they are typical of many Victorian couples.

They have a two-year-old daughter, Chloe, and another child due in five weeks.

Tim, taller than average at 188cm, works in the building industry. Melanie, also taller at 172cm, was marketing manager for big companies including Kmart and Nike. She has produced a series of DVDs for new mothers titled *More In Mum* (www.moreinmumdvd.com.au).

The couple has a mortgage on a home in Malvern, two cars, a dog called Holly and internet access. Both want to be busy mothers one and one mobile phones regularly.

They recently went on holiday with Chloe to Bocas. And once a year they try to arrange a child-free holiday overseas.

"We are fairly typical of our friends, who left it and later to have children," says Melanie.

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