

Toni's shock split

Toni Collette has split from her musician husband of nearly two decades.

The celebrated Australian actor announced the break-up on social media, telling her followers she and Dave Galafassi were divorcing.

"It is with grace and gratitude that we announce we are divorcing," Collette wrote with an image of a "peace & love" sign made of flowers.

"We're united in our decision and part with continuing respect and care for each other. Our kids are of paramount importance to us and we will continue to thrive as a family, albeit a different shape.

"We're thankful for the space and love you grant us as we evolve and



move through this transition peacefully. Big thanks."

Hours earlier, in an Instagram story post, Collette shared a cryptic quote that read: "No matter what your current circumstances are, if you can imagine something better for yourself, you can create it."

Friends say the split was some time

ago. "It wasn't recent," one noted. The announcement comes after paparazzi snapped images of Galafassi with a mystery woman at Sydney's Manly beach.

Collette, who turned 50 last month, and Galafassi met at the 2002 album launch for Galafassi's then band, Gelbison, and the debut release *Metal Detector*.

She had previously dated British actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers.

Collette and Galafassi are parents to daughter, Sage, 14, and son, Arlo, 11.

The couple married in 2003 in a traditional Buddhist ceremony on their property in Berry, south of Sydney. Collette's Muriel's Wedding co-star Rachel Griffiths was among the guests.

MATT'S SHACK ON SALE



THE former Byron Bay holiday rental home of Hollywood A-lister Matt Damon is back up for sale - and at three times its last sale price.

Damon and his Argentinian wife Luciana Barroso (below) ensured the Broken Head home attracted international attention when they rented it in 2018 for about \$5500 a week, just before its last sale.

Damon was rumoured to have bought the home, known as Blackwood House when it sold for \$3.8m, but it was not him. Nor actor Isla Fisher who had inspected the home. And Liam Hemsworth entered negotiations to buy the property, but didn't proceed.

The Owenia Way property is now back up for sale through McGrath agent Nick Dunn, who has a \$11.5m to \$12.5m guide.

The Bourne series star rented the luxury holiday home for four months when it was one of his many holidays in Australia. Its \$3.8m buyer from Sydney never offered it as a holiday rental, so the family has had to find alternative accommodation during later visits. "This is paradise here, you guys," Damon told locals when filming *Thor 4*.

Billy loves Uptown life in Harbour City

FOR one night - and one night only - American musician Billy Joel is returning Down Under for his first live Australian performance in a decade.

The Piano Man will light up Melbourne's MCG on Saturday in his first Victorian visit in 14 years. But if his holiday snaps are anything to go by, Sydney is where the 73-year-old (and let's be honest, anyone) would rather be.

Joel and his wife Alexis Roderick, 40, and their two daughters Della, 7, and Remy, 5, enjoyed a boat ride jaunt around Darling Harbour last week. The family stayed in a five-star hotel for several days, with Joel sharing a series of snaps (inset) of their Taronga Zoo outing with the caption "Greetings from Sydney, Australia".

Joel made a point of holidaying in the Harbour City en route to New Zealand, before he's due back in Melbourne on Saturday. He stepped out for a late lunch at Italian Woolloomooloo institution Il Pontile last Friday, posing for a photo with restaurateur Gennaro Autore and his one-year-old, Ludovico (main picture).

Joel's last trip here in 2013 was for a one-off show at Sydney's Stone Music Festival. In a coup, the Victorian government shelled out the big bucks in partnership with Frontier Touring to entice Joel to do one show.

