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Viva Las Vegas

Beauty and the Geek Australia is back and this year it's heading to Sin City.

It's Viva Las Vegas for this year's eight hapless Geeks as they venture to the party capital of the world.

They'll be like fish out of water amongst the bright lights and high rollers. But they won't be alone. Joining them on the infamous gambling strip will be eight American Beauties.

Now in its sixth season, this will be the first time our Aussie Geeks will be paired with girls from the USA. From beauty queens to models and pageant winners, the Geeks have hit the jackpot with this year's Beauties.

Famous for its casinos and nightlife, Las Vegas will be the perfect backdrop for this year's fun-filled high jinx.

The show is the ultimate social experiment. What happens when you pair a group of women who have relied primarily on their looks with a bunch of Geeks who bank on their intellect?

The Beauties and Geeks team up to compete in a series of challenges to test their brain power and charisma whilst they evolve throughout the process.

Each contestant will need to share their strengths with their partner in order to succeed.

There will be plenty of fun, laughter and teamwork along with miscommunication and frustration as the teams bond to overcome their differences in pursuit of a \$100,000 prize.

Beauty and the Geek Australia is hosted by James Tobin. The show is executive produced by Paul Melville for Seven and Marty Benson for Shine Australia.



DYLAN

19, WA

"I am much stronger than I appear, but I am self-conscious with how I look"

Dylan wants to show young women life is not just about "selfies and filters".

His ideal girl would be someone tall who appreciates his love for technology, and his Nan. He lives with his grandmother in the tiny WA town of Piawaning – population 300.

The passionate gamer – who works as an app developer from home – is hoping to find like-minded souls through his Beauty and the Geek experience.

"I want to be around other geeks and show people I'm not an endangered species."

He also wants a few tips from the Beauties on how best to approach women. Dylan's last relationship was more than two years ago and lasted just three weeks.

"I need to learn what girls want to hear," he said. "I could dribble on all day about the history of the graphical user interface, but apparently that's not what girls want."

He admits to being a little self-conscious about his ability to find a relationship. "I am much stronger than I appear, but I am self-conscious with how I look," he says.

"I have a slight lisp and when I get really excited or nervous I tend to stutter."

He admits the flaw has caused him some embarrassment at times but he is hopeful of finding a lady who will see past it.

"It does not matter if they are the most beautiful woman on the planet or the other end of the spectrum. It is about the person they are.

You can't marry someone just because they are pretty."

Dylan, who says he has a photographic memory, deals with most situations with humour.

"If there is a witty comment to be made, I will make it – whether or not it needs to be said. I also have an incredible memory and I remember everything. I only need to read something once and it is in there."





19, NSW

"I get asked for my ID every time I go to an MA movie. It's pretty embarrassing"

If Nick could change one thing about himself it would be his inability to grow facial hair.

The commerce student says he'd love to have a more manly look.

"When I'm out with friends, the girls will go to the guys who are a bit taller and have facial hair. I just wish I could grow a beard, but I can't. I haven't shaved for a month-and-a-half, and there is still nothing there. I am saving a lot on razors.

"I get asked for my ID every time I go to an MA movie. It's pretty embarrassing."

Not as embarrassing as his love life though which is yet to flourish.

"I haven't had a relationship per se but I did have a girlfriend in Year 5 if that counts?"

"I'm really scared of rejection from women. That's why I don't put myself out there more as that rejection doesn't feel good."

Nick's ideal partner would be a girl who loves dogs. If she was smart, funny, musical, could cook and was creative, even better.

An appreciation of sports would also be an added advantage. Nick is the atypical geek: he loves rugby league, basketball, NFL and WWE.

"Looks are not that important to me. Someone might be the most attractive person on earth, but if they are as dumb as rocks and I can't talk to them, then I would not be attracted to them.

I want someone I can talk to."

Despite his 151 IQ, Nick is a fan of TV series such as *Gossip Girl* and *Pretty Little Liars*. "I love the overly dramatic storylines," he confesses.

He still finds plenty of time to study while not watching TV or sport too. He was dux of his high school, but his HSC score was a great disappointment to him.

"My HSC mark was only 96 when I know if I had applied myself I could've gotten 99."





Shaun might be a bit of a space cadet when it comes to women, but he's hoping to literally be in space one day.

The naval avionics technician is currently pursuing his dream job to be an astronaut.

"It is potentially on the cards. It's my dream job because I've always had an interest in space and I'd love to go into space one day," he says.

Anything to do with space and aeronautics fascinates Shaun. He lists his greatest accomplishment as being selected to go to a space camp in the US. The camp - the brainchild of former rocket scientist, Dr Wernher von Braun, who helped launch the Apollo-era US manned space program - was set up to inspire young

people from around the world with an interest in space travel and the science behind it.

Shaun originally wanted to pursue a career in the RAAF as a pilot, but instead moved into naval avionics, working on the maintenance and repair of naval electronic systems.

All that time dreaming of space has left Shaun on another planet when it comes to dating women.

He's never had a girlfriend and admits he's painfully shy with the opposite sex.

His ideal partner would be a "smart, funny, sexy and easy-going brunette". And if they had an interest in sci-fi and were a model rail enthusiast, they would be near perfect.

"I love model trains and riding on trains. I also enjoy playing with remote control planes and boats," says Shaun.
"I'm a big fan of *Star Wars*. I have a Darth Vader costume."

A determined and sensible young man, he recently bought his first house and says if he won *Beauty and the Geek* he would use the winnings to help pay off his mortgage.





OLIVER

23, WA

**"I'm a rather odd person.
I don't behave like most people do"**

Oliver describes himself as an "unashamed nerd with a heart of gold".

Having just finished his robotic engineering degree, Oliver is deciding where his future lies.

"There's lots of stuff I'd love to work on— computer systems and robotics areas like artificial limbs," he says.

Oliver has never had a girlfriend and needs some tips on how to win a woman's heart.

"I always seem to say something to put them off," he says. "And I never know what it is I did wrong. I have a complete lack of understanding of how girls think.

"I believe it's due to a lack of opportunity. I went to an all-boys school and at uni there's very few girls in my degree. I don't understand the

process of how you ask someone out and then you're supposed to go on a date — those things don't connect in my mind."

His ideal girl would be a closet Geek with freckles who could share his interests.

"I'm a rather odd person. I don't behave like most people do," he says. "What is the 'norm' to others often seems strange to me and vice versa."

Oliver enjoys rock climbing, basketball, chess and playing guitar. He also loves to cook.

The one thing he knows that could potentially cause a big rift with his Beauty is his fear of shopping centres!

"I do have a bit of a fear of shopping centres - I don't like big open spaces with lots of people

and there's noise and flashing lights. It's too much to process."

Despite owning a car, he prefers to get around on his 1980s pink bicycle.

"I don't put a great deal of emphasis on my physical appearance and something I'm learning is people judge you more on your physical appearance than I thought. My look has been described by a lot of people as 'homeless'."





BOWEN

18, NSW

“English is for nobs and for those who cannot make it in the scientific world”

Bowen maintains his ideal partner would be Seven of Nine - the fictional part-human, part Borg character on the US sci-fi TV series *Star Trek: Voyager*.

A logical, matter-of-fact, beautiful woman who has difficulties expressing emotion, Seven often behaves condescendingly towards human weakness and inefficiency.

A science undergraduate with a passion for forensics and physics, Bowen has little time for those not consumed by the wonder of the universe, or those with a love of the written word.

“English is for nobs and for those who cannot make it in the scientific world,” he says.

Bowen describes himself as a “man’s man”. He is a member of the Air Force cadets and enjoys drill competitions and doing molar calculations which measure the concentration of an object’s volume.

“The greatest skill I could teach a partner is how to calculate the amount of dihydrogen monoxide molecules of Joan of Arc that are in a 350ml glass of water,” says Bowen.

Bowen has never kissed a girl and wants to have more confidence with women. He has trouble “reading their signals” and unsurprisingly wishes he had telepathic powers.

When it comes to romance, Bowen rates himself a one out of 10 but he scores his humour a 10.

He is hopeful his sense of humour will help to endear him to his fellow Beauties and Geeks and that the whole experience isn’t a replication of his most cringe-worthy moment.

“High school was easily my most embarrassing moment,” says Bowen.

The biggest disappointment in his life to date was the cancellation of the Emmy Award-winning space western *Firefly* created by Joss Whedon.





ALEXANDER

19, VIC

"I'm basically an old man stuck in a teen's body"

Like many of his fellow Geeks, Alexander wishes he could travel through time. He also wishes there was a dinosaur named after him.

The arts student, majoring in history, says: "I want to do something with history, like being a writer or working at a museum.

"When I was younger I lived in England for a year-and-a-half and I remember going into the Victoria and Albert Museum and being blown away. I love feeling oversaturated like I can't take it all in."

The "eccentric bookworm" has embraced some additional forms of entertainment recently and is now a dungeon master in *Dungeons and*

Dragons. He's also a fan of card games and watching movies in his spare time.

And, despite his best attempts, he is yet to have a girlfriend and would dearly like advice on how to get out of the "friend zone".

"I've asked girls out before at high school, but I've always been turned down. So it's not through lack of trying."

The Melbourne university student is looking for someone who is "kind and funny".

"I'm basically an old man stuck in a teen's body," he says. "I find people to be puzzles in their own right and sometimes that scares me.

"I'm a very pensive person. I think there are two sides to me - one that is a bit more confident and outgoing, but the quiet thinker who over analyses things usually suppresses him."

Alexander says he would love to share his love of classical studies with a partner.

"Learning about the ancients is the key to better understanding the norms and social ideas that are so prevalent today."





JAMES

26, SA

“I’m not a very confident person; I generally won’t approach new people at all”

Adelaide-born gamer James claims he is the “jack of all Geeks”.

He is an expert and enthusiast in fields like technology, gaming, film and television.

“I don’t hide who I am. If people find out I play Pokémon or dress as the Red Mighty Morphin Power Ranger, I won’t deny it. I wear my geekiness proudly,” he says.

James has never been in a serious relationship and it is a source of great sadness for him.

“Watching my closest friends get engaged, married, and have children has been very difficult for me. I wish I wasn’t so introverted and found it easier to talk to women,” he says.

“I’m not a very confident person; I generally won’t approach new people at all. I have to be

introduced and I don’t carry a conversation very easily. I struggle with meeting new people and forming a relationship, whether it’s a friendship or anything more.”

His lack of confidence harks back to his school days, where he says he never fitted in.

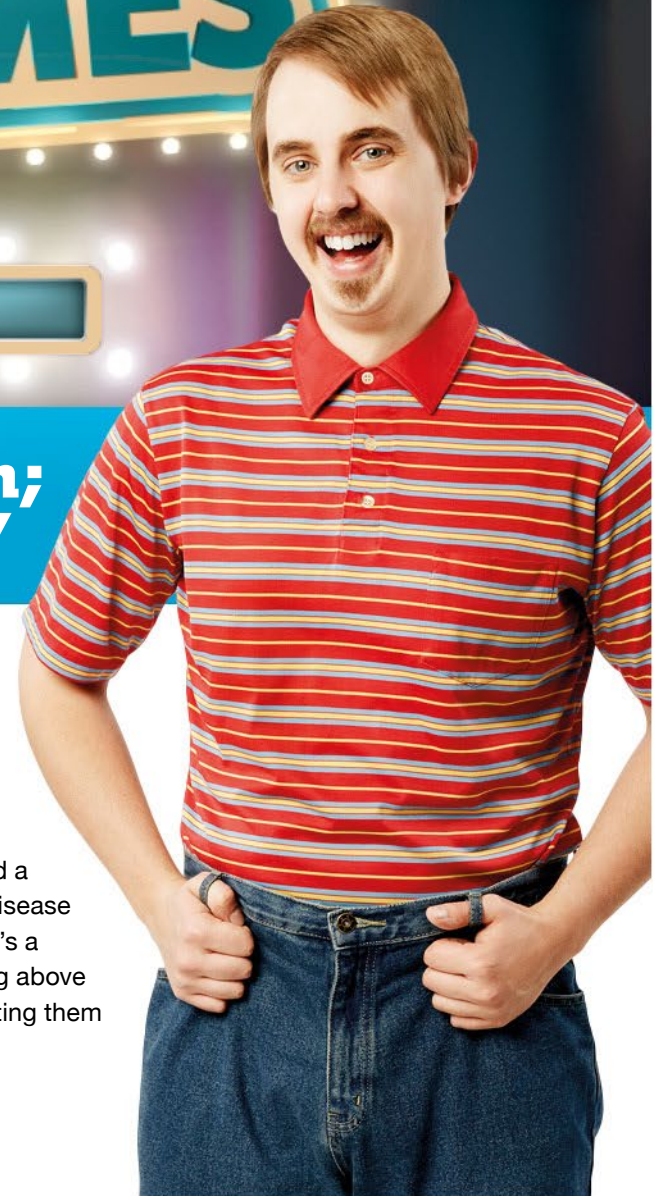
“I struggled to fit in. The cool kids would immediately assume I was just a nerd and not worth their time. I eventually started to make more friends but it was hard.”

Not surprisingly, he developed a love of acting at school because “it gave me the opportunity to pretend to be someone else”. “I can imitate Donald Duck’s quack,” he says of his acting skills.

And for an aspiring writer, acting is a great way to “tell stories in an exciting way”.

This film buff counts Michael J Fox as his biggest role model.

“I’m a big fan of the *Back to the Future* movies and I think the work he’s doing to find a cure for Parkinson’s disease is really incredible. He’s a great example of rising above difficulties and not letting them bring you down.”





21, VIC

"I like video games, books and spending time with my cats"

Tattoos might not be particularly geeky, but getting a tattoo of iconic mathematic formula Euler's identity might be.

A friend gave the engineering student a \$50 tattoo voucher 18 months ago and that is what this maths Geek walked away with.

It is one of the craziest things the cat loving student has ever done.

"I never rush into things and I always think things through first and look at what is the most logical option to go for.

"I take too long to make a decision and sometimes inaction can be worse than the wrong action," he says.

A video gaming enthusiast, he also loves to play ten pin bowling and even won a gold medal at the University Games.

"I like video games, books and spending time with my cats. I love learning about different engineering concepts."

He is hoping the Beauty and the Geek experience is "the first step into self-development".

"I do know I'm very awkward. I'm not good meeting new people and being in new situations is always really challenging for me.

"You see girls like that [Beauties] but I would never have the guts to approach them. I would be star struck by the Beauties as I've never seen many girls like that before."

He ranks English physicist and mathematician Isaac Newton as his biggest role model. "The world we have today would not have existed without him. He was such a daring man. If I could have a fraction of that confidence, I would be grateful."

Shy Tate tries to make the world a better place by regularly volunteering with the St Vincent de Paul charity.

"I do soup van night and that helps ground me. I feel I can give something back to our city.

"Instead of complaining about what is wrong with the world, why not get out and do something that actually helps somebody. It is very easy to be sucked into this shallow lifestyle."

As such, he says if he wins he would donate half of it to charity. All he really needs is the experience. "This is a life-changing opportunity that will stay with me forever."



AMBER

20, California



"I want to be a really big supermodel and travel the world"

Featuring in a flamboyant Lady Gaga music video should be a highlight for any aspiring young actress, but for Amber the experience conjures up embarrassing memories.

While appearing in *G.U.Y.* – the third single from Gaga's Artpop album – the 20-year-old struck up a conversation with a young woman on set.

"I walked up to her and asked if she was in the Gaga clip with me. She kindly replied,

'No' and then everyone around me burst out laughing. I was so embarrassed," she said. "I later learned it was actually Emmanuelle Chriqui from *Entourage* and *The Mentalist*."

Not to be outdone by the Canadian beauty, once rated one of the world's most desirable women, Amber has also made an appearance on the small screen in several extras roles.

Her credits include *The Mentalist* too with Australia's Simon Baker, *Castle* and *Mad Men*.

Raised in Alabama, Amber now calls Los Angeles, California home. To help subsidise her acting ambitions, Amber worked tables at Hooters and had a gimmick to land big tips.

"I used to hula hoop all the time," she says. "I worked there for three years and made a lot of money. It's a great place to network in Hollywood and make new friends."

But working as a waitress did have its drawbacks. "I always had to teach Australians how to tip," she laughed.

Amber is looking forward to teaching the Geeks about good grooming – a habit she takes very seriously.

"It usually takes me about three hours to get ready in the morning," she says.

Describing herself as "chocolate and loud," Amber dreams of being a Victoria's Secret angel.



TONEATA

18, California

“Trigonometry and algebra is just way out there and really hard”

Blonde beauty Toneata, 18, is the quintessential ‘California girl’.

The reigning Miss Malibu Teen USA 2014 models and is a natural sportswoman. She lists horse riding, snowboarding, wakeboarding, tennis, canoeing, hiking, surfing and swimming as her favourite activities, along with shopping.

Her unusual name originated in Germany.

“It’s an old family name. I’m named after my mum. It’s very unique.”

Toneata lives in the Santa Monica mountains, near Malibu, on a ranch with 10 horses, six dogs, a pig and “a donkey down the road”. Her most embarrassing moment involves her animals.

“I was trying to ride my horse backwards like a trick rider but he took off like a cannonball, throwing me off and into the dirt,” she says.

Not surprisingly her athleticism and striking good looks caught the eye of producers scouting talent for a music video for one of the world’s hottest young boy bands.

The Vamps global chart hit *Somebody To You* features the teenager as a girl of interest for the British lads. Toneata was also fittingly cast in Echosmith’s *Cool Kids*.

Ironically the beauty queen doesn’t have a boyfriend and has never been in a long-term relationship, which she thinks could make her less intimidating to her prospective Geek.

Her ideal man would be “funny, handsome, honest, hard-working, ambitious and fit”.

Toneata believes the best skill she can teach her Geek is “how to keep a positive attitude no matter what”.

But she’ll be counting on her Geek to bring the smarts. “I’ve always struggled with mathematics. Trigonometry and algebra is just way out there and really hard.”

CANDICE

25, California



"I go to Disneyland once a week, it is my special go-to place"

Candice, 25, loves everything Disney; so when she decided to apply for a position as an NHL Ice Girl it was always going to be with The Anaheim Ducks.

Founded by The Walt Disney Company following the success of the film *The Mighty Ducks*, Candice worked for the professional ice hockey team for two seasons.

"I go to Disneyland once a week," she says. "It is my special go-to place. It truly is a magic kingdom. Walt Disney is one of my icons."

Candice has since hung up the skates and now works for a sports agency as a receptionist.

She says her ideal partner would be "tall, funny and caring" but she hasn't been in a relationship for almost a year because she struggles to comprehend men.

"I don't understand the simplicity of men," says Candice. "I don't. I just want to find someone I am compatible with who will love me the same way that I love them."

Candice admits she has done some crazy things in her search for the perfect partner.

"I once went on a date with a guy I really didn't like. And I kept on dating him thinking I needed to give him a chance. Needless to say, it didn't work out," she laughs.

A committed Christian, Candice says she has a strong faith and a strong connection with God. "I think it is important to have faith in something as it gets you through tough times."

In addition to her love for God, Candice also worships reality TV. Given her privileged upbringing in Orange County, she wouldn't be out of place on *The Real Housewives* set.

But despite her entitled childhood, Candice maintains "deep down, life is about having a big heart", although she says beauty and material items are also important to her.

The skill she believes she can teach her Geek is how to "look your best and love life".

VANESSA

26, California



**"I love taking photos of myself,
I don't really like taking pictures of nature"**

Vanessa admits she may have a 'selfie problem'.

The 26-year-old is addicted to taking photographs of herself – she once took 200 selfies in a day - and posting them online.

"I love taking photos of myself," she laughs. "I don't really like taking pictures of nature, or other things. On days when I do my hair and makeup, I'll take like 80 selfies to get one I like."

The model and fitness fanatic is obsessed with looking good inside and out.

She is a raw vegan, meaning her diet excludes all food and products of animal origin and foods cooked above 48°C.

"I'm passionate about health and fitness. I love juicing, working out and doing anything active. I played basketball and ran track at school."

But being beautiful has its drawbacks. "People think I am a lot dumber than what I am."

One of her wishes is to marry a wealthy man so she can open her own juicing company.

Vanessa's attention to her appearance includes a two-hour beauty regime every day.

"I shower and spend an hour on make-up. I wear a full face every day including lashes and then I work on my hair," she says. "I always wear it down with some loose curls."

"I spend a lot of time on face masks, bronzing, teeth whitening. I am also dressed head-to-toe

in accessories, dresses, heels and a handbag in case I get a last-minute audition."

Not surprisingly, she lists her greatest accomplishment as finishing a 5km mud run.

"I am super girly and hate getting dirty, so for me to run soaked in mud and go through challenging obstacles was a big deal for me."

As someone who's very focused on her outward appearance, Vanessa admits looks are very important. "It is important to present yourself in a good way."

Vanessa says she's looking forward to learning a thing or two from her Aussie Geek.

"I think nerds are a blast to be around. I have a nerdy brother who is studying engineering and is a gamer. I've been helping him become cooler since he started college."



NICOLE

22, California

"I'm a chatty Cathy and I really like getting my hair done"

"I'm a chatty Cathy and I really like getting my hair done so I love the idea of becoming a beautician so I can make someone feel better about themselves."

Nicole is currently a nanny but has worked at a yoghurt shop, as a hostess, cocktail waitress, camp counsellor and dancer.

"Getting work is really easy for me so I've had pretty much every job imaginable," she says.

The Catholic raised American Beauty has never had any difficulties dating boys either.

Ever since she was 13-years-old she has had a boyfriend by her side.

"But for the first time in my life I am officially single," she admits. "I've learned that boys are very fun to have around but they are difficult to put up with at times."

Whilst Nicole has had a lot of practice talking to men, she appreciates her conversational skills are limited.

"I don't think guys really like talking about *Gossip Girl* and my new purse."

She describes herself as a 'pocket rocket'. "I'm a little person with this big ball of energy. I'm very kind hearted and while I'm not like smart, I'm emotionally smart."

The bubbly blonde from California hopes by appearing on *Beauty and the Geek* she will broaden her "intellectual horizons" and teach

the Geeks to be "secure in their own skin".

Nicole admits to changing outfits up to four times a day and using fake names and accents when she's out. "Once I said I was from Australia and started talking with an Australian accent. Turns out the people I met were all from Australia!"

Her greatest accomplishment is being the first runner up at beauty pageant Miss Greater Ventura County. "I had no experience, but I just put my mind to it and made it happen."

The one thing she just can't get over though is her fears of birds.

"I would rather be in a shark tank than in a birdcage. I am terrified of birds. This seagull landed on my face once and since then I feel like they have an unfair advantage and can rip your face open."

RACHEL

25, California



“I want to teach the Geeks to love themselves and how to be rich in life”

Growing up in a small town in Ohio, Rachel describes herself as a “Beauty Queen who likes to get dirty.”

The bubbly Beauty, who narrowly missed out on winning Miss California, now lives in LA and has a mission to “spread joy, happiness and love.”

“I’m such an eager person to learn and my best way is to communicate and converse (sic) with other people.”

She is hoping her positivity will rub off on this year’s Geeks.

“I want to teach the Geeks to love themselves and how to be rich in life and not just with money,” she says. “I also want to take these little Geeks and show them, ‘Hey it’s OK to talk to us.’”

Not lacking in self-confidence, Rachel rates her physical appearance as a 10 out of 10 and admits coconut oil and blow-dry products form her beauty staples.

“I am like Marilyn Monroe as I have the same size and dimension she did,” she says. “So I think of myself as this generation’s Marilyn Monroe.”

The talkative American, who has a fear of bugs, admits she usually takes two hours to get ready in the morning, or more if she gets “side tracked by something sparkly.”

Rachel’s love of glittery accessories and passion for women’s self-defense was the catalyst

for her starting her very own pepper spray company.

Promoted as “safely sexy” her shiny, diamanté-encrusted packaged pepper sprays are “cleverly disguised as a make-up accessory,” and compact enough to be handbag friendly.

But once put to the test have a less than inviting impact on victims, incapacitating them for up to 30 minutes. “More than enough time for the woman to get away,” she says.

Rachel reveals her greatest achievements are starting her own company and moving to LA.

She lists “England accents” as a party trick and scuba diving, snowboarding, salsa dancing and motorcycling among her hobbies.

CHRYSTAL

23, California



**“If you’re a pretty girl,
other girls don’t like you that much”**

Chrystal, 23, hopes her appearance on *Beauty And the Geek* will inspire people to follow their dreams: hers is “to become a trophy wife”.

The executive assistant hopes her *Geek* can give her advice on how to land a successful man.

“It’s a big misconception that pretty women have everything handed to them,” she says. “If you’re a pretty girl, other girls don’t like you that much, and then you attract these guys who are just big tools because they

are the only ones who have the confidence to approach you.”

In return, Chrystal plans to teach her *Geek* how to meditate and “dispel negative energy”.

Chrystal grew up in Wisconsin and moved to LA two years ago. “I always wanted to live in California, even when I was a little girl and didn’t really know what California was! I just always felt the drive to be there.”

She may have been a junior high spelling bee champ, but she struggled with her prerequisite subjects.

“I didn’t like history,” says Chrystal. “I think a lot of those history textbooks are made up.”

Nowadays, she seems to be embracing

both style and history as she says her two inspirations in life are Katy Perry and Kate Middleton. “Kate’s a princess, she has a cute little baby and she’s got the prince and a palace!”

Chrystal is a big fan of astrology and tarot cards and says she’s always tracking the planetary alignment.

“I’m fascinated about discovering the planets’ influences on our lives, and the tarot cards as well. I think it’s cool to have a little bit of insight into your situation.”

She’s fascinated with crystals and her bras are always encrusted with them. “It keeps the energy close to me!”



JENNIFER

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23, New Jersey

“Everything is a competition to me”

It could easily be a scene from *The Hangover* but Jennifer once woke up in Vegas with little recollection of how she got there.

After serving revellers celebrating a bachelor's party, the former bartender ended up joining the merry-makers as they continued the festivities on a plane bound for Sin City.

The trip ended with Jennifer walking the famous gambling strip in a penguin costume.

“The trip ended up being one of my favourite moments ever,” she says. “I made some life-long friends.”

The experience sums up the care-free attitude of the now model and part-time gymnastics coach who originally hails from New Jersey but currently resides in LA.

Jennifer promises to bring “laughs and flavor” to the show and is hoping it will be a once in a lifetime experience. “I feel that I would go through so many different levels of intelligence and take away life lessons.”

A former gymnast for 15 years, Jennifer is never one to shy away from a challenge.

“Everything is a competition to me,” she says. “I always had to beat my brother and I remember

entering a ‘pass, punt, kick’ competition for girls, just so I could show him up.

“My brother was really into football, but my mother wouldn’t let me play, so I practiced non-stop for five years to win the girls’ competition at school and I did, three times.”

In addition to her love of American football, Jennifer also enjoys snowboarding, wakeboarding, water skiing, hiking, fishing, going to the gym, camping and dancing.

Single for more than two years, Jennifer says her ideal partner would be a man who is “tall, fit, funny and always smiling; someone with a big heart and ideally not girly at all”.



James Tobin can't believe his luck. Not only is he back hosting his second season of *Beauty and the Geek Australia*, but the show is going to Vegas this year!

"From Fiji to Vegas, it's a tough gig I know," says James.

In an Aussie first, our hapless Geeks are this year travelling halfway around the world to get some female mentoring from American beauties.

"The American Beauties are bound to be full of confidence and competitiveness," he says. "I think it's going to be a very nervous start for the guys because they aren't used to even acknowledging girls."

James says the show can truly help the Geeks experience things they would never normally have the opportunity to undergo.

"At the core of the show is a beautiful warmth because the Geeks really want to learn skills to help them come out of their shells and the Beauties really want to help them. Some great connections are made and we all find ourselves on 'Team Geek' urging them on from our living rooms."

James says Vegas is the perfect location for the show, and it's a place he enjoys visiting.

"Everyone comes to Vegas to have fun so there's a great vibe. The food is amazing. The clubs are huge. The best shows, performers and DJs in the world are all there. And then there's still the daylight hours!"

James has been incredibly busy while working for the Seven Network for the past 10 years and continues to cover a lot of ground, presenting the weather for *Weekend Sunrise*.

He is also a roving entertainment reporter on *The Morning Show* and hosted *No Leave No Life*.

Before joining Seven, James was one of Nickelodeon's brightest stars, hosting their Saturday morning show, *Saturday Nick TV*.

He also co-hosted the TV special *Head to Head* and participated in other programs, such as *Sarvo* and the *Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards*.



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