

screens Thursday at 8pm

TEAM BRAD: LINDA, HANNAH, ALEESHA

'Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired' – Robert Frost









TEAM BRAD

Linda, 21, Student and Promotional Model Melbourne, Victoria

When 21-year-old university student Linda walked into the room at the speed date selection process, Brad couldn't believe his luck.

Beautiful, blonde, confident and sporty, she ticked every box the shy retail manager was looking for in a partner. And his enthusiasm didn't go unnoticed.

"I don't know why but Linda seemed to have a connection with Brad," says his mother Margaret. "It was just the way they smiled at each other."

The rapport between the pair was obvious as both joked with one another about their respective low-key love life.

Linda is a champion water polo player who has represented Australia, but her dedication to her sport and her studies has left little time for love.

Linda's last relationship lasted only eight months and ended more than a year ago. She hopes her appearance on Please Marry My Boy might change her fortunes. "I think building a relationship from a friendship is the key to success. It allows you to fully understand each other on every level," she says.

The youngest of two girls, Linda was raised by a single mum in Albury on the New South Wales-Victoria border. She has strong views about what she wants in a partner and potential husband.

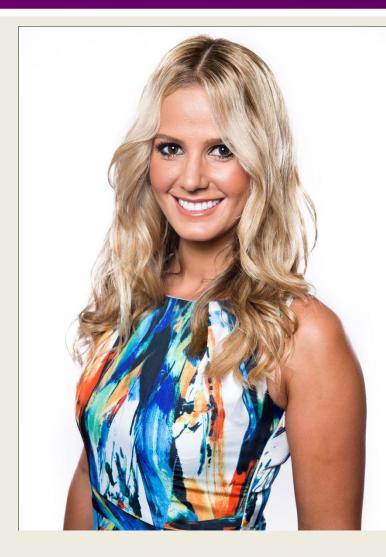
"Someone who is positive and energetic, caring and understanding. I want a guy who is passionate about life and ready for adventure. Someone who's funny but also focused on what he wants for our future."

Linda doesn't believe in love at first sight. She thinks emotional attachment takes time which is good news for love-lorn Brad who says he's "batting above his average" dating the promotional model.

Linda disagrees.

"I'm always a big believer in a nice boy. He's going to treat you right, he's going to care, so a nice boy is sexy," she says.

"I think competing for Brad, it's going to get pretty heated."





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Hannah, 25, Student Sydney, New South Wales

Domestic goddess Hannah, 25, is hoping to win over Brad and Margaret with her love of housework.

The student teacher from Randwick in Sydney lists cleaning as one of her favourite hobbies along with cooking, cocktail nights with friends and long walks along the beach.

"I do consider myself a bit of a domestic goddess," says Hannah. "Not all guys are into that but hopefully Brad is."

Hannah admits she can be a bit "kooky" but her 'curious' personality and bubbly disposition is exactly what Margaret loved about her.

"Hannah is very confident, outgoing and I think that would help my son. He's not as outgoing as he likes to think he is," she says.

Hannah was equally impressed with Margaret's warmth and kindness but she admits she does have some reservations about a mother choosing a potential life partner for her son.

"A girl wants to make sure a guy really and truly wants to be with her for who she is and how she makes him feel, not because of what 'Mummy Dearest' is telling him to do." The eldest of two girls, Hannah grew up in a close and loving home. Parents Carmel and Tom have been married almost 30 years and Hannah says she wants a union just like her parents.

"The guy I eventually settle down with will be loving, loyal and reliable. He will be intelligent, have a great sense of humour, and ideally have a desire to travel."

Hannah is a regular globetrotter and has visited more than 20 countries, living in the USA and Canada for several months.

She applied for Please Marry My Boy following a premonition by a psychic.

"She told me I was going to meet someone and to look out for a sign. When I got home I turned on the TV and saw a casting call for Please Marry My Boy. You couldn't get a bigger sign!"

Hannah's last relationship ended 18 months ago and she's keen to see where her attraction to Brad might lead.

"The best thing that could happen would be I would be the last girl standing and I find the man of my dreams."





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Aleesha, 28, Group Home Manager Wollongong, New South Wales

Loud and outgoing, ink-sprinkled party girl Aleesha is a manager of a group home for people with intellectual disabilities.

The 28-year-old from Wollongong, south of Sydney, is devoted and enriched by her work helping to empower her disabled clients to lead full and independent lives.

"Each and every day is a new experience and it's so rewarding," she says. "It's the smallest things that count. And doing my best with them usually puts a smile on their face which ultimately brings a smile to my face."

Aleesha's dedication to her work instantly attracted Brad and Margaret to the bubbly brunette. Margaret's son and Brad's brother Mathew has an acquired brain injury.

"For someone to work in the disabilities field, I think it takes a lot [of character]. It shows that she's got a good head on her shoulders," says Brad.

Aleesha was equally impressed by Brad and delighted to be invited by Margaret to live in their home in the picturesque Yarra Valley.

"I found Brad quite attractive. He definitely got the butterflies going."

Aleesha was nominated for Please Marry My Boy by her beloved mother who was keen to see her daughter in a relationship with someone equally close to their Mum.

"When Mum told me I couldn't believe it. I was excited but also really nervous. Then I thought what a great experience it would be, and I might actually find someone."

Aleesha has not been in a relationship for more than two years and says she is ready to settle down with a partner who is honest, kind, fun and family orientated.

"I want a husband who can picture growing old with me. Someone who will look after me to the best of his ability and someone who is in love with me," she says.

Already a hit with Margaret, Aleesha has a game plan for how she intends to remain in her potential mother-in-law's good books.

"I think it's important to be honest and to be myself so she can see how genuine I am. It's also important to get to know her likes and dislikes and try to build a rapport with her," she says.



TEAM CARLO: TANYA, KRISTIE, AMBER

'People who are sensible about love are incapable of it' - Douglas Yates







TEAM CARLO

Tanya, 32, Conveyancer Melbourne, Victoria

When Tanya first applied for Please Marry My Boy she was sitting beside her then long-term boyfriend.

The conveyancer from Caulfield in Melbourne's south-east filled out the application as a joke after he goaded her to complete it, thinking she never would.

He was right: she hit enter without completing the online form and forgot about it until contacted months later to ask if she was still interested. She was.

"I watched the last series of Please Marry My Boy with my boyfriend at the time and loved it. After we broke up I received an email telling me I had only a few days to finish the questionnaire if I was still keen.

"We had split up by that time and I thought, 'Why not?' I hadn't been meeting anyone the traditional way.

"I hate the idea of online dating, I don't think a lot of the guys are genuine, so I thought this would be an awesome experience and if I found love that would be an added bonus," says Tanya. An only child raised in a loving home, Tanya hopes to find a partner with a similar personality to her late father, who passed away in 2004 after a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

"My parents were together for almost 30 years before Dad died and they had had a wonderful relationship. Dad was funny and they laughed a lot. He was loving and supportive and thoughtful," she says.

Tanya believes a successful relationship is built on communication, compromise and understanding. She is already impressed by Carlo's 'gift of the gab' but is yet to find out whether he has the other two traits.

"I was really excited to get chosen because I *am* looking for that special someone too. I am 32-years-old and I've said the next long-term relationship I have I want to be 'the one'.

"I thought Carlo appeared nice. He was a warm and friendly person. And he seemed genuinely interested in getting to know me and the other girls," she says.





TEAM CARLO

Kristie, 32, Hairdresser Wagga Wagga, New South Wales

someone who will be a caring and Wales and considers herself a country girl supportive partner and a role model for her through and through. She loves rodeos, three-year-old son, Archie.

The divorced hairdresser from Wagga She is attracted to men who are of solid Wagga in south-west New South Wales build, medium height and have dark hair was devastated by the breakdown of her so she couldn't believe her eyes when she marriage and wants her next union to be walked into the room to meet Carlo. with a family man who's patient and caring.

"I want a true old-fashioned Aussie version of the guys I go for. He was not gentleman. A passionate man. Someone who gives you the freedom to be yourself and loves you for who you are," she says.

Kristie was nominated for Please Marry My Boy by her twin sister who filled out the keen to learn more about him. application form. She knew her normally reserved sibling would never do it herself.

"I couldn't believe she'd done it, but she needed more information at the end of the application and some photos which she them and get all excited," she says. couldn't get a hold of so she had to fess up.

"I was disillusioned by online dating. People say one thing and do completely the opposite. And I thought this was such a unique opportunity, I may as well try it."

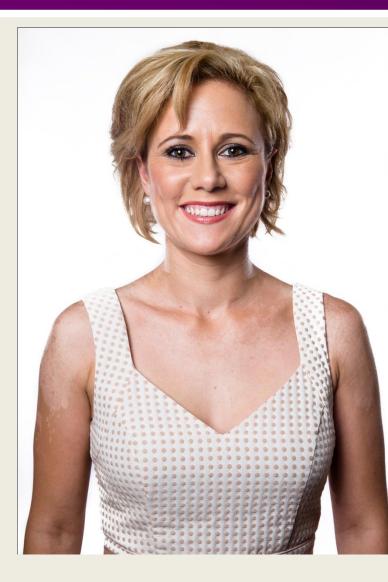
A devoted mother, Kristie is looking for Kristie grew up in regional New South fishing, camping and country music.

"I thought 'Oh my God', he's an Italian what I'd been expecting at all," she says.

Kristie says Carlo's warm, outgoing personality and his obvious close connection with his mother made her

"I strongly believe personality is more important than looks when searching for a partner. But then again, if you're not attracted to them, how can you look at

"I don't believe in love at first sight. I believe in attraction at first sight, then you have to get to know them and discover what they're really like and whether we will bond together. So we'll see."





TEAM CARLO

Amber, 40, Zoo Keeper Sydney, New South Wales

Vivacious conservationist and wildlife educator Amber is a free spirit who applied for Please Marry My Boy to tick another experience off her 'Bucket List'.

"I had put reality television on my list so when Please Marry My Boy was suggested to me I thought it would be an interesting opportunity and who knows, I may just meet someone great," she says.

It's been more than two years since Amber was in a serious relationship and she says she's ready to meet a man who is "excited by life".

"I was engaged for two-and-a-half years but I knew there was something wrong when I just couldn't bring myself to set a date for the wedding.

"He was a lovely man who treated me like a Queen and was a rock-solid partner but sadly, we had nothing in common. He wanted to live an ordinary life and I wanted to change the world," she says.

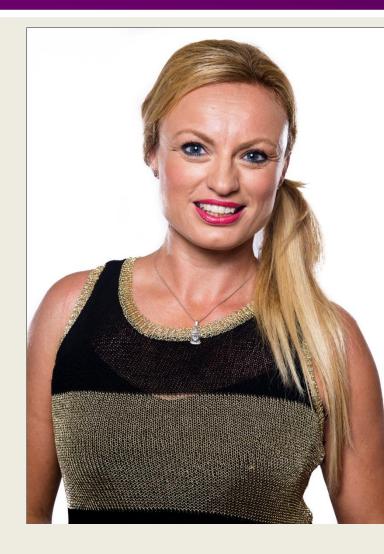
Amber has very strong ideas about what she wants in a partner and future husband and it's not someone 'ordinary'. "I love really interesting men. Men with a story to tell. A passionate man is essential but it doesn't have to be the same passion as mine," she says.

Amber is passionate about many things, including Buddhism, writing and travel. But animals and the environment are her great loves and both feature heavily in her idea of the perfect wedding.

"My dream wedding day would be out in nature surrounded by wildlife and trees. Lots of sun and warmth. The ceremony would be performed by Tibetan monks. There would be cruelty-free food, salsa dancing and millions of fairy lights."

Amber says she was shocked but excited to be chosen by Maria as a potential partner for Carlo, although she also has concerns about her future mother-in-law picking-up on the signs of attraction.

"Mothers usually go for someone similar to themselves. Most mothers will pick someone conservative and traditional. I worry a mother will miss the sexual chemistry between people," she says.





TEAM NATHAN: FIONA, YVETTE, SHAYLI

'When love is not madness, it is not love' – Pedro Calderon de la Barca







TEAM NATHAN

Fiona, 27, Account Manager Sydney, New South Wales

for her speed date with Nathan, he was laugh. Someone I can just chill and relax captivated by her striking blue eyes. His mother Doreen was taken by her openness but overall someone who will make me and easy-going nature.

"I think Fiona would be a really good match for Nathan. She just exudes, to me, personality," says Doreen.

says she was shocked Doreen chose her that go with a wedding. first, but secretly delighted as well.

"It was a pleasant surprise. I was excited to hear my name. All I could think was I just that matters," she says. want to give Doreen a big hug. Obviously I had impressed Doreen on some level and Nathan as well."

It has been four years since Fiona was last in a serious relationship and she says she applied for Please Marry My Boy because she is genuinely looking for love and wanting to settle down with someone.

She says she hopes to find a partner who is "Overall a good husband is my best friend." spontaneous and has a passion for life.

When Maltese beauty Fiona took her seat "I want to find someone who can make me with. I'd like to find a guy who'll surprise me happy, especially when skies are grey and times are tough, "she says.

Fiona says she grew up in a loving family, the middle child of three. Her parents have been married for more than 25 years and The 27-year-old account manager from she hopes to have a strong union like theirs Stanhope Gardens in Sydney's north-west but she's not fussed about the trimmings

> "The wedding day itself is immaterial. Knowing I'll be marrying my best friend is all

> "A good husband to me is one who will mow the lawn and take the rubbish out but who will also be caring and romantic.

> "I want a partner who will show me lots of love, who will compromise, and who will help with decision making. Someone who will make me a better person," she says.



TEAM NATHAN

Yvette, 31, Sports Model Sydney, New South Wales

Alpha female Yvette is the 'Lara Croft' contender for Nathan's affections. Competitive, charismatic and coquettish, she has her sights firmly on the 'prize'.

"Ladies? All I can say is good luck girls. Yes, good luck. Game on!" she declares after exiting from her speed date with Nathan and his mother, Doreen.

The 31-year-old sports model and journalism student is energetic and driven in all aspects of life. When she's not on campus or in front of a camera, she's riding motorbikes, horses, out jogging, playing football, soccer or basketball, lifting weights or taking an aerobics class.

The youngest of four children, Yvette grew up on a hobby farm in Nelson in Sydney's north-west surrounded by dogs, horses, alpacas and other animals.

The former beauty queen had never seen an episode of Please Marry My Boy when it was suggested to her, but after being single for two years she decided it was far more appealing than online dating. "I got to a point in my life where I'd actually given up on dating. I was over it all. When the idea of the show was put to me I was hesitant at first and then I thought it might just be a lot of fun."

Yvette says she is looking for a partner and potential husband who is successful, responsible, understanding, caring and compassionate with good family values.

"I want a husband who spiritually, mentally and physically connects with me. He needs to have his life and career sorted and be on track to achieving his goals," she says.

Yvette says Nathan appears reserved yet confident which is very appealing to her. And according to the striking brunette, he is also "very easy on the eye".

"I believe in lust at first sight which can progress to love but there needs to be some sort of deeper connection to a person than just their looks.

"I actually genuinely feel a connection [to Nathan]. I just hope that the feeling's mutual," she says.



TEAM NATHAN

Shayli, 24, Writer North Avoca, New South Wales

Doreen chose Shayli because she believes Nathan certainly felt the attraction the petite blonde with the infectious smile following his speed date with Shayli. has a great sense of humour and a strong love of family.

The aspiring novelist who lives with her Mum and younger sister in North Avoca Shayli is confident she will be influential in north of Sydney describes herself as "an Nathan's household, especially with Doreen adventurous summer darling".

surfboard maker and grew up on the parents. I am extremely genuine and I think Central Coast with her three siblings after that comes across to others," she says. moving south from Queensland.

Shayli applied for Please Marry My Boy on impression with men. the urging of her match-making friends who, like the bubbly blonde, have had little "Guys usually find me mysterious and I tend luck finding her love. Shayli's last to leave them always wanting more." relationship was close to a year ago.

Right', instead of my 'Mr Wrong'," she says.

For Shayli, looks are of little concern when chasing the perfect partner. According to her, the connection is "a chemistry thing".

"I did feel like I could relax around her and I did feel a connection," he says.

who will be selecting her son's dates.

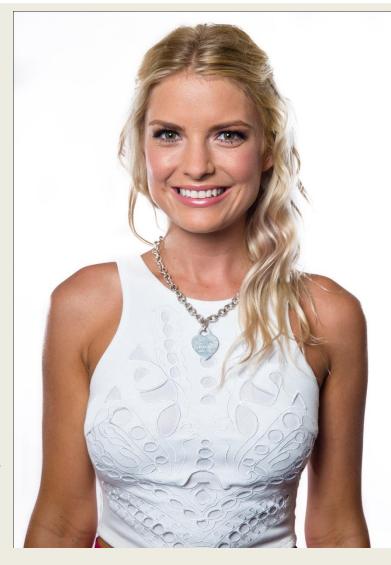
The beach babe is the daughter of a "I have always been a hit with my partner's

And Shayli knows she always makes a good

Shayli loves to travel and has already "I'm 24-years-old so I'm getting to that journeyed through Europe, America and the period where I do want to find my 'Mr Asia Pacific region. She is a born romantic who loves spontaneity in life and love.

> "I believe in love at first sight. Some people say you can grow to love someone but I think you would be missing out on one of life's great experiences," she says.

> "I believe when you meet someone you just know."









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