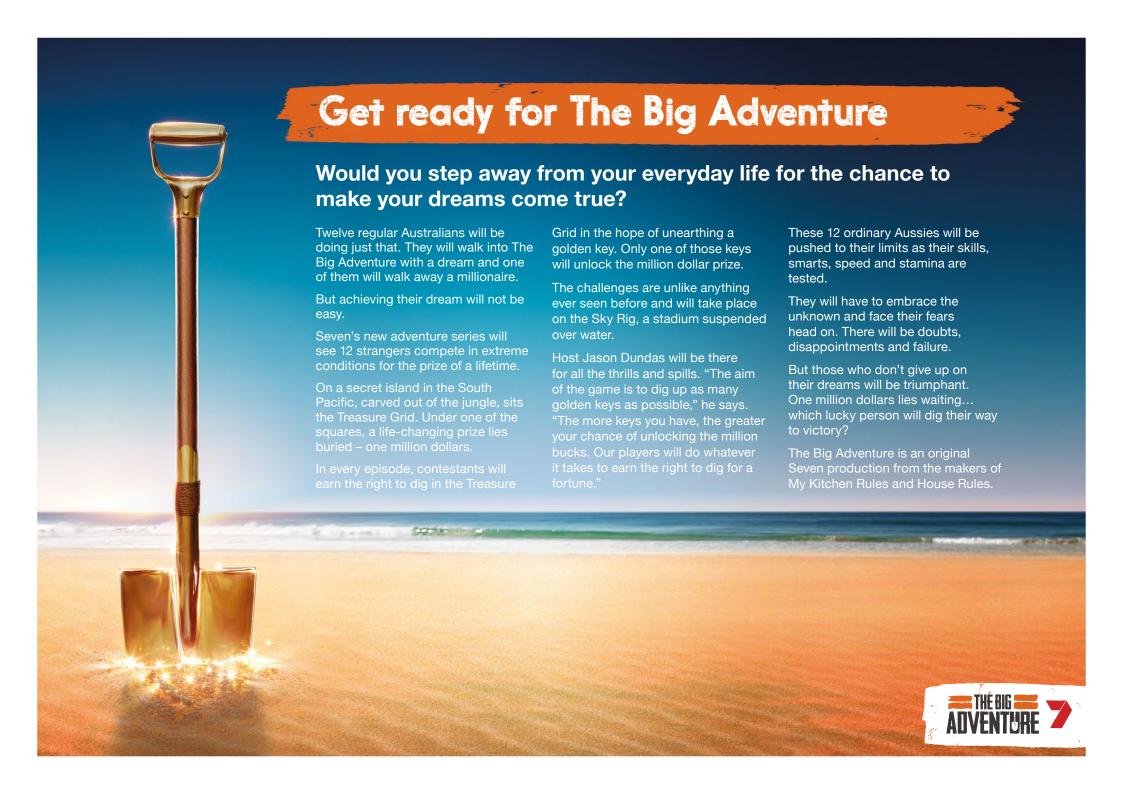


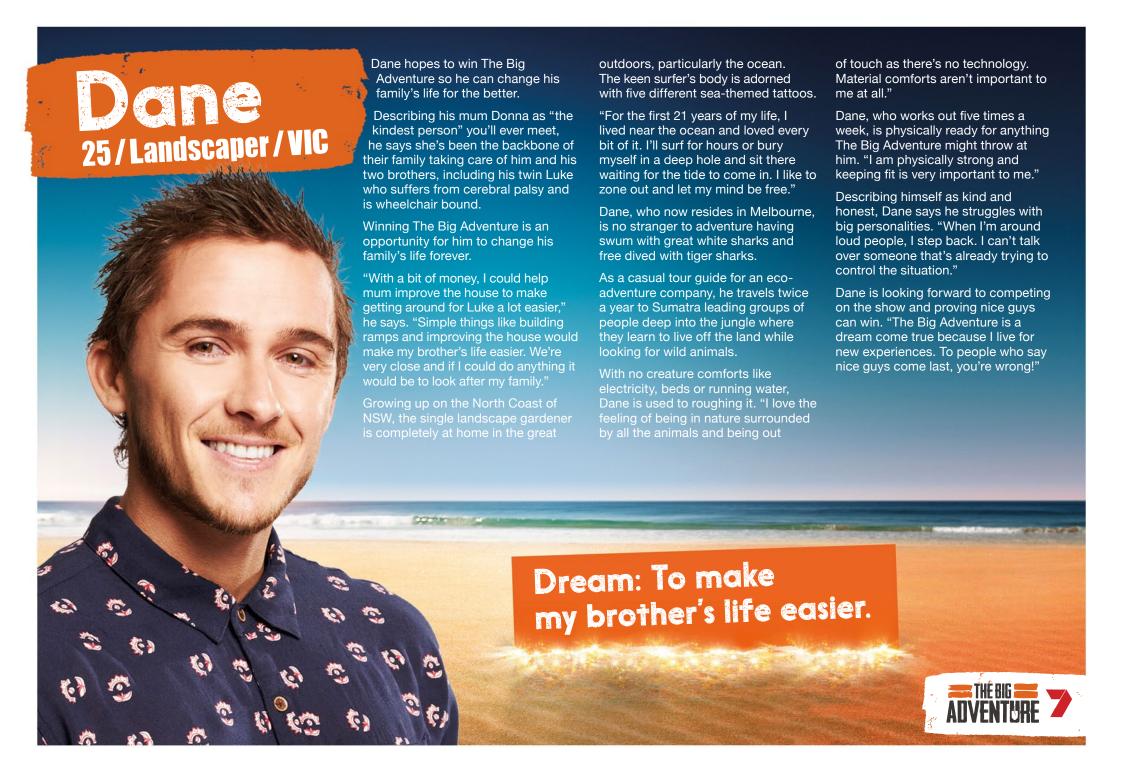
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It's no surprise that Jess grew up to be one of the top Botox sales agents in Australia.

She started out as a child model and at the height of her career – aged six - she appeared in a TV commercial with former Home and Away star Bec Cartwright.

"Yeah I was a knockout when I was little but then you go through that awkward stage," she says of her childhood career.

But she manages to still keep up with the beautiful people through her exclusive Sydney eastern suburbs address. Born and bred in Tamarama, Jess calls herself the 'mayor of Tamarama' because there's no party or event that she's not invited to

"People call Tamarama 'Glamarama' because the most beautiful people in the world go there. It's known for having the most amazing gorgeous human beings that have ever walked the earth."

Jess admits her own beauty is enhanced by the products she sells. "Yeah totally. It's preventative. I'm very fortunate that I deal with some of the best cosmetic physicians and plastic surgeons in the whole of Australia."

She doesn't understand people who don't make the same effort with their appearance.

"Looking good to me is really important. I live in the eastern suburbs and everybody wants to look good."

She has forged an incredibly successful career in facial aesthetics and was recently named sales rep of the year. "I'm extremely ambitious; I'm really competitive and I don't like to lose. I like to be number one on the leader board and I like everyone to know that I'm the leader."

She also works hard to keep her body in shape by going to the gym every morning and surfing, swimming, paddle boarding, rope climbing, playing netball and water polo.

But what she loves most is spending time at the beach with her new fiancé Cameron and their dog Gypsy.

If she won The Big Adventure, she'd use the money to stage her fantasy wedding. "My dream at the moment is to have the most magnificent wedding anybody's ever seen. I want it to be huge and something no-one forgets."

One thing Jess is not lacking is confidence. Describing herself as a born leader – "I'm Khaleesi!" – she has no doubt everyone on The Big Adventure will follow her lead.

"What makes me awesome is that I'm not afraid to say what I think... and that I'm a leader. Everybody who's around me just follows my lead and wants to be around me and listens to what I've got to say."

Dream: To have the ultimate dream wedding.







Julie was so shy growing up her cheeks would turn crimson whenever she had to speak in public.

She credits her parents for encouraging her to come out of her shell. In Year 7, they insisted she join the student council and she became school captain. Since then, she hasn't looked back. "They told me to get out there and try new things," she says.

She also enrolled in Toastmasters and is now president of her local club. "Toastmasters is a public speaking forum to help you improve on your public speaking and leadership skills," she says. "When I started I was so nervous but I've grown so much. It's about taking that step and getting out of that comfort zone and really testing yourself."

Growing up in western Sydney, her first language was Teochew, a Chinese dialect. She learnt English when she started school.

Naturally academic, she completed a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Business and Commerce and is now a HR coordinator for an international company.

Julie's parents were born in China and came to Australia as refugees. They made the voyage to give her and her three siblings the best opportunity in life.

Julie's wish is to give back to them as they have sacrificed so much for her. "My parents have always been really encouraging throughout my whole academic career," she says. "If I win The Big Adventure my dream is to take them back to China to see their long lost relatives."

The single Sydneysider keeps her mind sharp playing board games with

friends. "My friends will come around and bring a whole range of board games and I particularly like the ones that are quite strategic like Cluedo."

In her spare time, Julie enjoys playing tennis and swimming. "I've always looked after my health and nutrition. I just love being outdoors and doing lots of different outdoor activities."

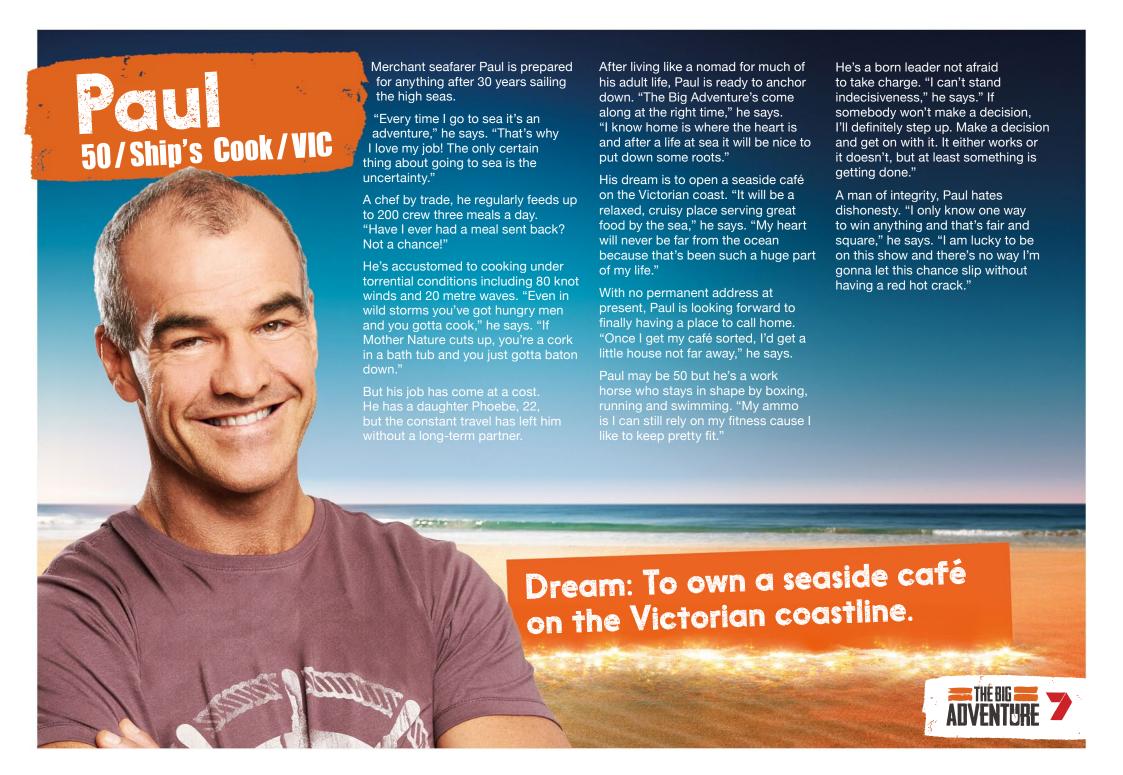
But one thing she doesn't love about the outdoors is camping. "I prefer luxury. If I did camp it would be glamping."

Julie describes herself as "chilled out" and "easy going". "I don't tend to get really angry."

Having never lived with flatmates, Julie might struggle living with a group of strangers. "I'm not quite sure what that is going to be like. If someone's not really considerate of others, I would hate that. I'm quite a considerate person and I always like to make sure every voice is heard."

Dream: To take my family back to China to visit our long lost relatives.







Natalia is a determined and fiercely competitive real estate agent.

Working in the male dominated industry for the last six years has given her a thick skin and

a cutthroat attitude.

"Working in real estate has made me a lot tougher because I don't take crap from anyone," she says. "To be a successful real estate agent you've got to be a top negotiator. I can sell ice to an Eskimo."

Being the best is paramount for Natalia. "I always want to be at the top of my game and number one because I like to be the best person I can be. I always strive to be better. I set myself goals. If you're not getting better, you're going backwards."

Natalia lives in Logan City, southeast Queensland, with her husband and fellow real estate agent Keith and their two dogs, Jack and Junior. "Even though we live in a great house in a good suburb we want a sea change to the Gold Coast. I want my own beachfront penthouse. I love the sun, beach and surf."

Raised by strict Christian Romanian parents, Natalia wed Keith when she was just shy of her 21st birthday. "Being in a conservative family, we weren't allowed to do anything like live together beforehand."

Natalia keeps fit by visiting the gym three times a week and swimming. She admits she may not be the strongest or fastest, but what she lacks in brawn she makes up for in determination. "Whatever I set my heart to, I believe I can do. So if I want to win, I'm going to win."

Brutally honest, Natalia is bound to clash with her fellow competitors. "I say what I think. There's not really a filter... which can get me into trouble."

Being on the show is a dream come true for Natalia. "It will push me out of my comfort zone. I know it'll be challenging and rewarding."

Natalia isn't here to finish second. "I want to win so I'm going to give it 110 per cent. I don't like people beating me in anything."

She may be young but she's got plenty of drive. "I want to show I'm more than just a real estate agent. I'm not here to make friends. I need to do whatever I need to do to win."

Dream: To have my own beachfront penthouse on the Gold Coast.







Sydney mum Paula has always lived for her children, but now it's her time to shine.

"Being a mum is everything to me but I would love an adventure for myself," she says. "I'm

almost 40 and I think it's time I had an adventure. This is a chance to get out and do something for me."

Her husband Tony and two kids - Kalan, 9, and Sienna, 5 – are her biggest supporters.

After a bad business venture put them in debt, Paula is determined to get her family back on track. "My ultimate dream is to have no debt. I want my kids to not have to worry about money."

Paula once owned a successful sandwich shop which she sold at a profit. But her online business tanked

leaving her family in debt. "When we did pull the plug on the business we had to sell the house and move in with my mum and dad. We also had to sell the Monaro and I don't think Tony's ever forgiven me for that."

Paula is still licking her wounds. "I do feel responsible for putting my family in this situation. I absolutely felt like I failed and that hurt a lot."

The full-time mum doesn't have much time for anything other than caring for her children. "It is absolutely hard work being a mum but I love it. It's 24/7 but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Her one escape is the gym, which she frequents four to five times a week. "I love my food so much. So if I didn't go to the gym, I'd hate to think what I would look like."

She loves to cook, especially food from her Lebanese heritage. She got

her business drive from her father who ran an ice-cream shop.

Paula describes herself as loud, caring and a bit goofy. "I care a lot about the people I love," she says.

As the only mother on the show, Paula expects she'll be the nurturer. "I'll probably end up taking the motherly role."

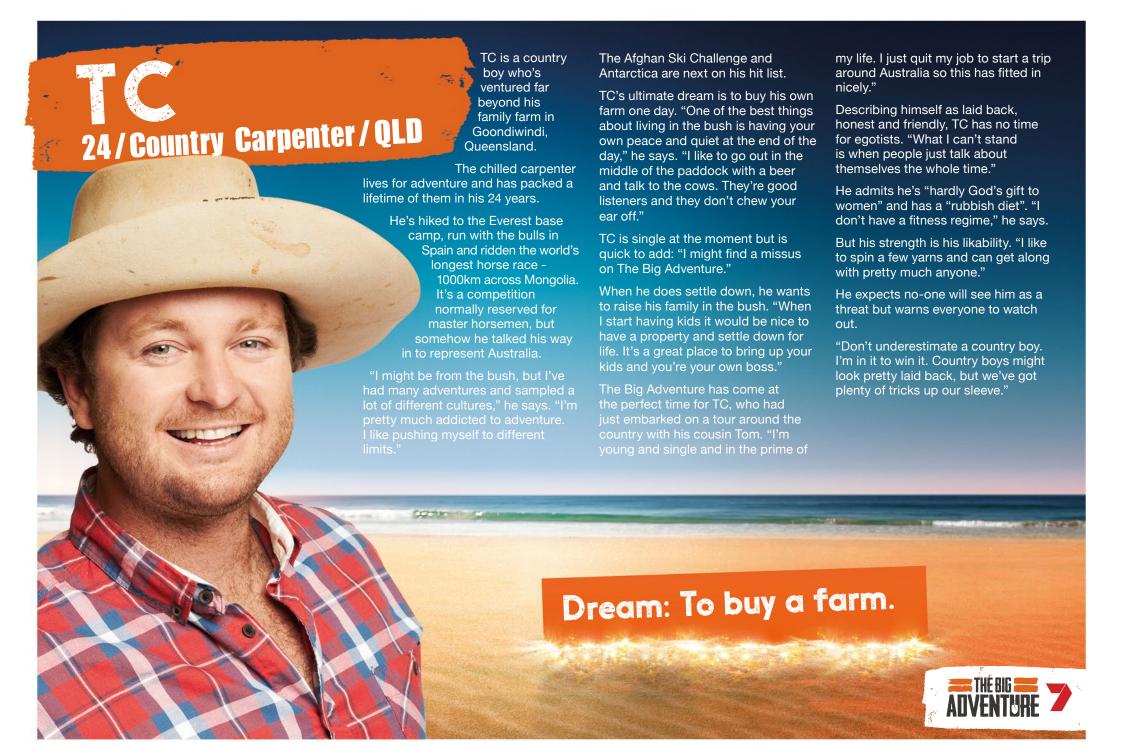
But the self-confessed control freak won't be holding back admitting she's 'horribly competitive'. "I love control so I am bossy. I like things my way. I can be snappy."

With her family's future on the line, Paula is determined to win. "I'm extremely confident. I'm just a funloving mum breaking loose."

But leaving behind her children could be her downfall. "When I go away I'm gonna miss my kids terribly. I don't think I've got words to describe how much I will miss them."

Dream: To set up my kids for life.





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Von – or V Train as she's known to her friends - radiates energy.

"I have been called bombastic but I'm not really sure of the meaning," she says. "I would say I'm loud, outgoing and always happy."

She's also one determined young lady. At just 20 years old, after saving diligently for years, she bought her first property.

"That was always my plan from early high school. I was like, save my money, buy a house and then I've always got something to come back to," she says.

Von's now ready to see the world and winning The Big Adventure could expedite her dream.

"I've always wanted to travel. You know, being in little Tassie, like it's gorgeous and I love it, but there's just so many more things out there to see and experience."

Von grew up on a hobby farm in Wynyard, a small Tasmanian town of just 5000 people. Being able to say g'day to everyone she sees on the street has made her the fun and friendly person she is today.

"The people in Tassie are just beautiful," she says. "They're the friendliest people you'll ever meet and everyone is just so easy-going."

She works as a receptionist for a local business and loves being the first point of contact for customers.

"Being on the front desk is good 'cause you get to meet and greet everyone and help them out. I really like talking to people."

At work she manages to keep her manners, and temper, in check, but outside of work she admits: "I've got no manners whatsoever."

"I think it stems back from being a little bit of a tomboy growing up. My eating habits, oh I'm a shocker. Talking with my mouth full and just being a grot. "And I have a temper. Yeah I go off. But only normally around my loved ones who I know will put up with it."

Always self-deprecating, the newlysingle Von likens her looks to that of a 'prawn'. "I'm a bit of a prawn in reverse. Being a prawn means you've got a good body and a bad head, but I reckon my body's bad and my head's okay."

She admits to being "pretty slack" when it comes to her fitness but it hasn't stopped her from excelling in basketball and netball. "I've played basketball for Tasmania since I was 10 years old, netball too. I really enjoy it; it's good fun."

She thinks her fiercely competitive sporting nature will surprise her rivals. "I think people will definitely underestimate me; they won't realise how sporty and competitive I actually am."

Dream: To explore the world and eat my way through Europe.









Jason Dundas knows a thing or two about adventure having travelled to over 40 countries across six continents.

The 32-year-old has torn down the side of The Great Wall of China on a toboggan, surfed monster waves in Tahiti, leapt off the world's highest bungee jump in South Africa and faced off against Komodo dragons in Indonesia.

"The second I heard about The Big Adventure I was hooked," he says. "The show taps into the heart of what I believe makes us all Australian; our passion for adventure."

With over a decade's experience on camera, fronting high profile productions from Australia to America,

Jason's career has been one big adventure.

As well as hosting the reality-adventure series, Jason's been signed on to present MTV America's brand new primetime program Beyond Dance.

Born and raised in the western suburbs of Sydney, Jason moved to the northern beaches when, at the age of 21, he won a coveted competition to be the local face of the world's biggest music brand, MTV.

Jason hosted its flagship show Total Request Live and co-hosted the MTV Awards, interviewing music legends such as Beyoncé, Usher and Ozzy Osbourne.

He also developed and co-produced the high-impact MTV Sports series, and as the creator of his own graphic design company, he designed the studio set and official logo for TRL.

Three years later Jason became the host of Getaway, which gave him the opportunity to travel the globe. After spending five years on the show, Jason

re-located to the United States to further his career.

Over the last three years, Jason has co-hosted 400 episodes of VH1's entertainment and pop culture program Big Morning Buzz Live, which aired weekdays across America, live from New York's Times Square.

Jason also co-hosted the VH1 Do Something Awards in 2012 and 2013, the VH1 Pepsi Super Bowl Fan Jam, VH1 Divas and Big Evening Buzz and he's hosted live programming from New Orleans for VH1's Best Super Bowl Concert Ever.

While based in NYC, Jason appeared on several local shows including Katie on ABC and Style Pop on the Style Network.

Jason also runs his own production company Dundas Media, a creative collective devoted to producing compelling video content for every media platform, and he is a long-term Menswear Brand Ambassador for David Jones.



