

Door bitch

shari tagliabue plays door bitch to see if the stiletto brigade got it right on the night . . . or not



Is it just me, or is Ke\$ha an extra Olsen twin? Or Courtney Love's love-child? . . .



Mischa Barton gets a job, puts on weight, loses job, loses weight. Maybe she should work part-time



Liz Hurley must be wearing a 'beer coat' to get away with no sleeves in freezing London (the crossed legs are a dead give-away)



Keen to declare your love this Valentine's Day in style, but not sure how? **Andy Toulson** looks at a few inspired ideas

L'amour - NQ style

IT'S Valentine's Day on Sunday . . . so how are you planning to surprise and delight your loved one?

Brekky in bed? Roses delivered to the door? A day of pampering at a spa? Diamonds? Even . . . a romantic marriage proposal?

Or is it more likely to be burnt toast, a dried flower arrangement grabbed from the nearest servo, a nudge first thing in the morning to see if you're up for it, then a note on the pillow saying he's gone fishing with his mates ("Hey love, it'll be on again next year . . .")?

Or is that just my relationship?!

Some blokes need a major inspirational kick up the proverbial before this most romantic day of days, and one enterprising French bloke looks like he has cottoned on to a fairly good idea for those non-romantic types.

Though heading over to gay Paree is way beyond the pockets of most of us, there is absolutely no reason why you Aussie blokes can't adopt some of these ideas to totally woo and bedazzle your missus this Sunday.

This Nicolas fellow has come up with more than 30 romantic scenarios with which to surprise your loved one, and perhaps drop that magic question.

His website, www.apoteosurprise.com has suggestions on how to say you love your partner, from a white dove delivered to their front door with a love note attached to its leg, to a romantic rendezvous dinner in an aristocratic 16th century family house just a stone's throw from Notre Dame.

Another scenario involves a sleek chauffeured stretch limousine to sweep your loved one on a champagne tour through the most beautiful districts of Paris — Opéra, Vendôme, Champs-Élysées, Concorde, Louvre, Notre-Dame and Eiffel Tower,

finishing on the Rue de l'Amour, where a giant red beating neon heart will appear on a building facade, complete with your message of love?

Okay, while these ideas may be so far out of field as to be laughable to us North Queenslanders, some of the following ideas are definitely ones which can be adapted to our more laidback Aussie lifestyle . . . how about a horse-drawn carriage, complete with a bouquet of red roses, a bottle of champagne and a small special gift as you are leisurely driven around the upmarket dining precinct of South Townsville?

Hire a private yacht for the day (after checking the weather conditions!), and take a romantic luxury cruise for two, along with a gourmet picnic, or hire a chef to cook a romantic dinner for the two of you at home.

Or why not take to the skies to profess your feelings? While Nicolas suggests flying over Disneyland Paris in a microlight, with another plane appearing towing your giant message of love through the sky, you could gain just as many brownie points by booking a scenic flight along our beautiful tropical coastline for the pair of you on Townsville's own Red Baron sea plane.

Nicolas suggests a hot air balloon over the French countryside with a butler, roses and a prepared lunch — so how about hot air ballooning in Cairns instead, with you providing the butler service, the flowers and the picnic?

Nick's website suggests taking your loved one to the magnificent Stade de France — instead give your partner tickets to the first Cowboys home game of the upcoming season at Dairy Farmers Stadium.

One of the website's more outlandish scenarios, dubbed "A Knight's Tale" sets up suitors in fancy 18th century French costumes at ancient Graville Castle near Fontainebleau, and sends them off through a dark forest in a horsedrawn carriage where

they are set upon by black-masked bandits, only to be rescued by a brave knight.

Now, I concede it will be hard to match that scenario here in Townsville, but I am sure you can pull together some sort of costume from the St Vinnie's shop, jump on your treadly with your girl sitting on the handlebars, and try running the gauntlet of the Flinders St East taxi rank at lockdown on a Saturday night . . .



Nail gel prize winners

HUNDREDS of entries poured in to the Savvy office for the chance to win one of five fantastic Valentine's Day Bio Sculpture Nail Gel packs.

Each prize, worth \$70 each, and just in time for Valentine's Day this Sunday, is packed beautifully in a red love heart box, filled with two ravishing nail polishes, a high-gloss top coat, a pair of sexy black French knickers and love heart chocolates to

tantilise your taste buds.

Our winners are:

- Colleen Desch, Heatley
- Kelly Roe, Aitkenvale
- Barbara Weber, Railway Estate
- Melinda Schurmann, Cranbrook
- Jane Malone, Mt Low

Winners can collect their prizes from the *Townsville Bulletin* office at 198 Ogden St in the city during business hours.