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# SHADES OF PINK



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A second footy player pops the question, the man who wants Australia to be at the centre of the Universe, a fiesty food fight and why a hip men's underwear line has Malaga in its sights.

### CHICK'S SHELL GAME

A second high-profile footballer is set to walk down the aisle. Hot on the heels of news that West Coast Eagle Daniel Kerr is to marry girlfriend Natasha Pozo comes word former teammate Daniel Chick has proposed to human resources manager Kirstie Toovey in Bali four weeks ago. The couple were staying at resort entrepreneur John Spence's Bali resort, Karma Kandara.

Toovey says the proposal came unexpectedly as they were walking along the beach collecting shells. "It was a beautiful engagement," she says. "We were collecting shells and he said 'Look at this shell' — and he'd put the ring inside it."

Toovey says they haven't set a date for their wedding yet and will delay holding an engagement party until the end of the football season. The wedding ceremony will be "pretty informal", she says.

Chick now plays for WAFL team Subiaco.

### WEDDED WEB

Will the exes make the guest list for the Kerr-Pozo wedding, where the seating plan may be trickier to negotiate than the Kyoto Protocol? In the tangled dating web of West Australian footy, Kerr used to date Mel Cousins, sister of Ben Cousins. Meanwhile, Pozo was at one time linked to Cousins and also millionaire Luke Wyllie, who — the last we heard — was now dating Sam Druce, Ben Cousins' ex.

At least there will be no need for introductions. Everyone will be well acquainted.

### RUNWAY RUMOUR

North Fremantle teen Tahnee Atkinson's appearance on the catwalk at Rosemount Australian

Fashion Week has caused a stir. The 16-year-old is a contestant in the latest series of *Australia's Next Top Model* which is being aired on Foxtel.

But her fashion week appearance for labels including Little Black Dress and Nicola Finetti has led to speculation that she will be one of the last models standing in the series. Atkinson, and six other *ANTM* hopefuls, were on the runway at fashion week in front of the show's judges, Charlotte Dawson and Alex Perry, and host Sarah Murdoch, who took up front-row seats. Tahnee was also spotted backstage.

### BARRON'S NEXT ACT

As the son of well-known children's TV series producer Paul Barron, it would have come as a bigger surprise if Kristian Barron couldn't act. The younger Barron is the latest family member to take to the stage and was a hit in a recent University Dramatic Society musical at the Dolphin Theatre.

"He was fantastic," says dramatic society vice-president Louisa Fitzhardinge. "He had a comic role and had a rapturous response from the audience. He was definitely a crowd favourite."

Barron also co-directed the show, *Greenwicks*, an original musical set, which ended its run last weekend.

"I've grown up [with acting] my whole life," Barron says. "But it's more of a hobby at the moment."

Barron, 21, however, is unlikely to pursue a life on the stage — well, in the theatre anyway. As a third year law-arts student he could be set to put his theatrical skills to use in a courtroom rather than on a stage.

At least he will still get to dress up — horse-hair wigs and gowns are so Elizabethan. >>

### SPOTTED

Millionaire Perth Fashion Festival co-owner Tony Sage and Festival chairman Tim Turner among the fashionistas lining up for shows at Rosemount Australian Fashion Week.



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