

# ESPECIALLY *for Dad*



**I can only hope that by the time you are reading this the blossoms are bursting on the fruit trees and spring has taken over from the chill of a long cold winter.**

With spring time comes the usual flurry of spring cleaning and re-energising ourselves and our look for Summer. The footy

finals are on. Once the final siren at the grand final has blown we can hopefully say goodbye to winter carves for another year. It is time to start planning Spring carnival and then the multitude of Christmas and other end of year parties and then relax into the summer holidays. That sounds very relaxing very pampering but, hang on a minute, that sounds very much like a solution for the girls.

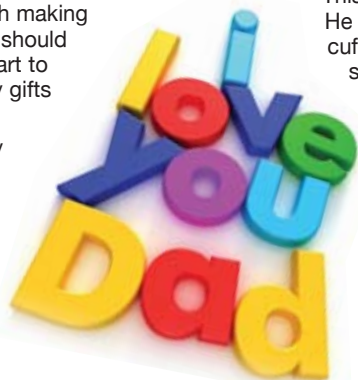
### **We do have Fathers day coming as well and what are you going to get Dad this year?**

Let's see there is a packet of 7, one for every day of the week socks and jocks. Wow you put some thought into that. Or you can go the hardware/ auto shop gift voucher. Another well planned gift. You can sling it into a card you can buy at the supermarket and he really wouldn't know the difference. Have you truly thought about the dad in your life, he may be your father or the father of your children? Have you considered the style of man he is and what will excite him this year?

Whenever I am working with women the first thing that I need to understand is their personality. What makes them tick? If I don't know this how can I possibly give them the right advice around what to wear? The same goes with making recommendations upon what you should get your dad. You can use this chart to help you with not only father's day gifts but Christmas as well.

There are basically five personality characteristics that I recognise and it is up to you reading this to discover which one your Dad will fit into.

**Classic-** This dad is quite conservative. He will dress well. He will like his shirts ironed and his hair well cut.



When he is wearing jeans he will normally wear a belt. He is as much at home at the tennis as he is in the office. He will enjoy his wines and occasionally a beer.

This Dad will enjoy gifts of being taken out to lunch or box seats at the tennis or football. With all of the great wineries and restaurants on the peninsula why not flip to the back of this magazine to see where you can take him. Surprise him by making the booking for lunch or dinner on Father's day.

**Gallant-** This dad is almost lost in time. His hair may be a bit too long but that is not because he doesn't care. He is a true gentleman. He will buy his partner roses, remember her birthday, he can get lost in his own thoughts and will only wear clothing which feels good on. He is a very tactile man.

This dad will enjoy gifts of clothing that feels fabulous. It must be soft and luxurious. He enjoys pampering so why not book him a spa for father's day and depending if you can leave the kids with someone or they are old enough to be left alone then book a pampering session for the two of you. He wouldn't want you to miss out.

**Dramatic-** This dad is no shrinking violet. He will enjoy being the centre of attention. He will enjoy good clothes, good food, good wine and fast cars. There is nothing shy about this man. He may speak loudly and quickly.

This dad will enjoy getting clothing. He will want something special, cufflinks, a really good belt, or a very special bottle of wine.

**Natural/Relaxed-** this dad is a bit of a bloke's bloke. He is not fussed by clothing and often will just wear what is clean. He likes working with his hands, enjoys either carpentry or working with motors. He is not polished but that does not mean he has no manners. He is just a good old fashion man.



This dad loves spending time with his family and even may have a boyhood passion for cars and trains. This dad would feel very special if you got him a special gift where he got to drive the train on the old Mornington line. Imagine fulfilling his desire to be a train driver. The kids can come along and enjoy the ride from inside the train.

**Creative** -this dad is his own person. There is no rhyme or reason to what he may do or say next and he doesn't even understand what it is to conform. Not that he is being difficult, he just dances to his own beat. He is quite possibly a little bit arty.

This dad will enjoy art Galleries and live music so take him on a trip around some of the local galleries for Father's day.

Just remember Dad's are special and we often forget them so do something great for your dad this year.

- Cheers, Clare

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