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Million Dollar Island presents a ground-breaking concept: 100 everyday Australians stay on a remote island, vying for a chance to win \$1 million, the biggest prize money on Australian TV. But braving the harsh conditions with limited means isn't the only challenge on an island full of mystery, surprise, hardships and rewards.

Each contestant starts the adventure with a wristband worth \$10,000. While they are on the island, contestants can gain and lose wristbands by competing in various challenges. They can also receive wristbands from other contestants. When someone gives up and decides to leave the island, they must give their wristband(s) to a contestant who stays behind.


Alliances mean everything. Friendships are worth a fortune. Some contestants will become richer by winning challenges and inheriting wristbands, while those who lose and fail to collect new wristbands must eventually go home.


In the end, a nail-biting final challenge helps determine who walks away with a life-changing prize.


Hosted by Ant Middleton, **Million Dollar Island** is a revolutionary social experiment where the rules of society don't exist. In the ultimate game of human behaviour, will chaos or order prevail, and will friendships lead to fortunes?


Million Dollar Island is produced by award-winning Eureka Productions, the maker of some of the world's biggest entertainment shows, including Seven's **Farmer Wants A Wife**.

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HOST ANT MIDDLETON

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How is Million Dollar Island different from other endurance/challenge shows such as SAS Australia?

Having 100 people living together in extreme conditions on a deserted island is fascinating. That's what really sets this show apart from others.

Plus, you'll see a different side of me as I open up as a personal mentor to the players to guide them on their journey so they not only survive, but thrive under the island's extreme conditions.

What do you think players initially find most difficult to do without?

They struggle with all of it at the start: the limits on food, the lack of toothpaste, no deodorant, no bedding, no electricity.

Then something really interesting happens. Those that make it near the end realise they learn to live happily without all the creature comforts and luxuries of modern life.

How important is mental agility as opposed to physical fitness/bush skills in a competition like this?

On **Million Dollar Island**, you must be able to call upon the mental to achieve the physical. Fuse the two together and you'll be well on your way. The physical will only get you so far. It's all about applying the proper mindset in addition to the bush skills and fitness.

Do you feel it's important for contestants to have a strategy, or just be themselves?

Players should begin their time on the island with a strategy, as well as have confidence in their own personality. Both are vital to their chances of making it to the end. You must have a plan going into anything in life. Being flexible with your plan by being yourself is key.

What attributes do the players who have stayed on the island the longest, share?

The players that make it the furthest on **Million Dollar Island** have a purpose that motivates them through to the end. It's also a mix of physical ability, mental strength, social skills and strategy that propels them to the final.

What do you rate as the most vital skills/qualities that players need in order to succeed?

One of the most important qualities the players need is a willingness to surrender to the elements and their surroundings. You cannot fight Mother Nature. Also, they need to leave their egos behind.

How do you think the desire to win has impacted upon friendships formed between players?

On **Million Dollar Island**, friendships lead to fortunes, but greed and competition do funny things to people. As long as your competitive spirit is healthy, the greed should be kept at bay. However, towards the pointy end the money may take over.

What has been your favourite challenge so far, and why?

We have a marvellous mix of gruelling physical challenges that take place in our arena, as well as challenges that test the players' island survival skills. I developed these challenges based on my personal experiences so choosing only one as my favourite is impossible.

In an emotional sense, what do you think players will take away from having been part of Million Dollar Island?

Life on **Million Dollar Island** is packed with emotional life lessons for the players as well as the viewers at home. This experience gives everyone an understanding that life is for the taking and to never let an opportunity pass you by.

Psychologically, what do you consider has been the most challenging aspect of this experience for the players?

The fear of the unknown is the most challenging aspect on the island. People like structure and routine in life, and on **Million Dollar Island** you have none of that. You must always be thinking on your feet, and constantly adapting to your surroundings and the game.

Players were only allowed to bring very limited luggage with them. If you were one of them, what items would you bring?

You must set yourself up for success before you step foot on the island. Protective and warm clothes, and decent footwear, are a must. And always pack a positive mindset.

Personally, for you, what has been the most rewarding aspect of your involvement with the debut Australian season of Million Dollar Island?

The most rewarding aspect of my **Million Dollar Island** experience was going on the journey with 100 everyday Australians. We're emotional creatures and relatability is a special gift to have. I'm a people person and love it when people realize their full potential. These players grew right in front of my eyes.

What advice would you give to people aspiring to be part of the Million Dollar Island experience?

Just sign up already. Keep your head in the game and get after it.

What do you think audiences are going to enjoy most about Million Dollar Island?

This show has 100 everyday Australians, from all walks of life, living and working together to form a society in an extreme environment. All while competing against each other to stay in the game.

There's a mix of different cultures, personality types, backgrounds, occupations, religions and moral beliefs. Having to work together while competing against each other brings out both the best and the worst in humanity. Not only are they competing against each other, but they are also competing against their own physical and mental limits. It makes for an incredible watch.



KARLA POUND - 34 NT - EXPEDITION LEADER

Raised in Sydney, Karla left the city 12 years ago to experience life in the outback and hasn't looked back.

Equipped with some of the best survival skills on the island, Karla has spent the last decade travelling around Australia enjoying the outdoors, along with wildlife, bush tucker, Indigenous culture and hiking. She is currently working as an expedition leader taking high-end guests on tours to remote locations. Karla's adventurous career includes stints as a zookeeper, crocodile keeper, deckhand, wildlife presenter, ranger, cameleer, and more.

Her nomadic lifestyle doesn't lend itself to relationships and she's too independent to give up her career and freedom for somebody else.

She also admits to being self-critical and has a constant need for change as she can become easily bored.

Karla decided to try for **Million Dollar Island** to test her survival skills and will likely be one of the few people on the island adept at catching wildlife to eat. She is also keen to build friendships and win a life-changing amount of money to get out of the debt that she acquired while training to become a helicopter pilot, film a documentary and gain some financial security. Although she loves her work, it's not the world's highest paying profession.



SHARNIE COCKS - 30, QLD - PERSONAL TRAINER

Vibrant Sharnie is an online personal trainer. Passionate about helping her clients to challenge and better themselves, she radiates positivity and is always full of energy.

An early riser, Sharnie does weight training five to six times per week, is a yoga devotee, adores ice baths and has also started to incorporate cross-fit into her schedule.

Sharnie was raised in a small, rural Queensland town but loves city-life and pushing herself beyond her comfort zone. By participating in **Million Dollar Island**, she wants to show people that there's more to her than what they see on Instagram.

Mentally and physically driven, Sharnie is not one to give up easily and is determined to play hard. Although she is not looking forward to mosquitos and other bugs, she's keen to forge genuine connections with other contestants.

If she wins, she will spoil her father and nana, starting off with a car and a boat.

CONTESTANTS ONES TO WATCH

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BRETT KRAUSE - 45, QLD - ENVIRONMENTALIST

Tenacious, persistent and an out-of-the-box thinker, Brett is a philosophical, bearded forest creator who builds habitats for endangered species in Queensland. Passionate about nature, he's determined to create a legacy for Australia's native fauna.

Describing himself as a "non-practising, practising sociologist", Brett counts his strengths as being open-minded, adaptable and able to locate opportunity in most scenarios. He admits being impatient and finds computers and IT frustrating – particularly when they stop working. He also dislikes people who are lazy, superficial, egotistical and dismissive. Brett is a big believer in first impressions.

He lives with his long-term partner, with whom he shares one child, a Russian blue cat, three chickens, five ducks and all the native animals of the forest.

Should Brett win, he would buy a huge, degraded property and reforest 100+ acres. He also has plans to develop a Shinto eco resort to provide a revenue stream for additional forest building. No fast cars or extravagant splurges for this dedicated conservationist.



COREY RYAN - 35, NSW - P.E. TEACHER

Corey is a kind and jovial family man with a heart of gold, who considers his wife and their two little girls to be his proudest achievement. He's a popular guy, with the ability to befriend anyone and a natural sense of humour.

Adopted into a warm, caring family at birth; Corey has never met his biological parents, although he has nothing but fond childhood memories and great love for his adoptive parents and siblings.

His passion, in keeping with his profession, is sports. He enjoys following Rugby League, in particular, the Newcastle Knights.

Corey is spiritual and adheres to the Chinese Zodiac. He can judge how to relate to people based on their Chinese year of birth. He is an Earth Dragon and, as such, doesn't get along with those born in the Year of the Dog.

He's looking forward to the challenges of island life, but not to being separated from his family. Should he win, he intends to establish a resilience camp in the coastal region where he lives, and set his kids up for the future.



JONATHAN JEFFREY - 36, NSW - DANCER

Jonathan applied for **Million Dollar Island** to test his personal limits and intends to put his best foot forward.

Raised in Darwin and now based in Sydney, he embraces a healthy lifestyle that involves daily functional training at the gym, along with regular hikes and a clean diet: he loves to cook.

Although he doesn't consider himself a fan of sports, Jonathan hails from a football-loving family – his father was an AFL player, as is his brother – so he supports their teams. Jonathan always dreamed of becoming a dancer, but sadly, a knee injury curtailed that passion. He's now happily working out of the spotlight as a production coordinator in the entertainment industry.

He describes himself as a true Gemini: funny and loving. He dislikes people who take advantage of his kindness or mistake it for weakness. His island game plan is to just be himself and take each day as it comes. He's looking forward to setting up space, having a laugh with fellow players, and tackling the challenges as they're revealed.

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TESS MCKENNA - 28, WA - MUM OF SIX

Tess is a super-mum and force to be reckoned with. Tess and her partner share a blended family of six children, including two-year-old twins.

A high achiever, Tess used to sing and teach classical violin, but her hectic schedule has temporarily put a pause on that. When not looking after her large family, Tess works as a personal trainer and an Auslan interpreter.

Tess takes health and fitness seriously by incorporating yoga and training sessions into her weekly routine. She's a vegetarian, as well as a huge advocate for mental health and baby positivity. Tess gained 25kgs when she was pregnant with her twins but chose

to love and accept her body for what it gave her rather than focus on the temporary weight gain.

Resilient, generous and adventurous – although occasionally emotional when self-doubt creeps in – Tess was drawn to **Million Dollar Island** because she wants to challenge herself and make her family proud. She's looking forward to the entire experience.

If she wins, she'd buy her family a home.



PAYTON ELLICOT - 24, QLD - RETAIL WORKER

Vivacious Payton is unassumingly funny with a great sense of humour. She's also very nurturing and is often the 'mother hen' in group situations.

Payton is the first to admit that neither camping nor roughing it outdoors is her forte but feels this will be an advantage on the island: as people won't view her as threat, they may let their guard down.

This glamorous retail manager runs a boutique for one of Australia's leading fashion labels, loves social media and cites dancing in a Disney Parade at 12 as one of her proudest moments.

Disarmingly honest and loyal to her friends, Payton dislikes liars and can be slow to trust others until they've proven themselves.

Payton considers being on **Million Dollar Island** as once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. She applied on the spur of the moment and is looking forward to proving to herself and her people that she can do anything she sets her mind to.



LOUISE DWYER - 54, NSW - BATTLER

Louise is a survivor. Passionate, lovable, caring and a go-getter, it's about time life gave her a break as the 2022 NSW floods left Louise, her husband and their teenage son homeless; taking everything apart from their pets and car.

Since then, the family have been forced to move many times, so a success on **Million Dollar Island** would allow Louise to create a new home for her family and give back to their local community who helped them during their time of need.

Louise, who is hearing-impaired and gets by through lip-reading, is one of life's optimists. She cites becoming a mother as one of her proudest achievements, as well as performing stand-up comedy at 50 for the first time.

She's looking forward to playing games on the island and making new friends, but not to eating raw fish or having to go without a shower or chocolate.



DOK MAMER - 28, NSW - INFLUENCER

Loveable refugee Dok became famous on TikTok by spreading love and kindness to his 2.9 million followers. Caring and affectionate with a fun and goofy side, Dok is certain to be an audience favourite.

Raised in South Sudan, Dok took to social media because he wanted to stand up to racism and show people that just because he is black and from North-eastern Africa, it doesn't make him a thief or a violent person.

Dok moved to Australia as a refugee when he was a child. He derives joy from the daily realisation of his good fortune in having food, water, safety and freedom. Growing up, Dok experienced war, so he's passionate about bringing a change to South Sudan, particularly for repressed women.

Should Dok win, he intends to help his family and start something that will benefit others back in his home country.



YASMINE LINTVELT - 31, SA - CHIROPRACTOR

Multi-talented, with a wicked sense of humour, Yasmine is a staunch vegan and an animal lover who relaxes by hiking, reading, walking her dogs and poi twirling, although she says there's room for improvement.

Recently married to her long-time boyfriend, Yasmine's humorous side was evident at their wedding when her bridesmaids glided down the aisle to The Imperial March (Darth Vader's theme) and showered the newlyweds with environmentally friendly confetti in the shape of male genitalia.

A chiropractor by profession, Yasmine has also dabbled in personal training and modelling over the years. She was a national finalist for Miss World Australia, state finalist for Miss Universe Australia and in 2019, made the top 10 for Miss Earth Australia.

The lure of \$1 million, plus the chance of an awesome adventure inspired Yasmine to apply for Million Dollar Island.

If Yasmine wins, she will use the money to pay for Animal Biomechanical Medicine (ABM), allowing her to spend time helping both domestic and rescue animals and undertake unpaid work. She'll also love to be able to buy a home for herself, her husband, and their four fur babies.



JACK CARMINE - 39, QLD - PAINTER

Jack's forthright nature and tendency to tell it like it is will certainly enliven island proceedings. Deeply competitive, he describes himself as a "bloody good bloke who doesn't get too stressed about life and tries to and enjoy himself", but suspects that friends would describe him as a "dead-set cockhead".

Jack worked as a professional lifeguard before gaining trade qualifications as a carpenter and a printer. He also spent five years offshore in Western Australia working in oil and gas industry. Wanting a new challenge, he returned home and started his own painting company.

He's on the island to win and says: "I don't want fame or followers. I want the million, so I'll do whatever I have to do while I'm on that island to win it. I want to be the last man standing."

Urging him to apply for a reality TV show for quite some time, Jack's niece and nephew prompted him to try his luck on **Million Dollar Island**. If he wins, he just hopes that after inflation and tax there's enough left over for an Uber ride home from the airport.



CHELSEA CAMPBELL - 31, NSW - P.E. TEACHER

Athletic Chelsea describes herself as a yes person, who'll accept every challenge, as she feels that, "every no is a missed opportunity".

Loud, outgoing and passionate about soccer, Chelsea has travelled to 48 countries; worked as a high-school teacher in London, UK and Vancouver, Canada; and captained a Women's Premier Soccer Team to be league champions and grand final winners in 2022.

Chelsea loves adventure: her lifestyle incorporates fishing, hiking and bushwalking. Prior to coming on **Million Dollar Island**, her daily routine included running more than five kilometres, followed by weight training, supplemented with several weekly cardio-based sessions during soccer season. She also cares deeply about the environment.

Chelsea believes that her strengths are her motivation and determination. She's flexible, adapts quickly, loves meeting people and forming new relationships. She aims to give everything her best effort and always looks for the positive, even in tough situations.

Should Chelsea win, she'd buy a house, take her mother to Mexico for a holiday, help her brother and his family, and start one of her own with long-term partner Jordy.



DEAN CLARE - 29, VIC - CARPENTER

Muscular Dean may have a tough facade, but he's a softie at heart who usually puts the needs of others before his own.

A skilled carpenter by trade, Dean is a devoted son and father to his five-year-old-son from his previous relationship: "Being a father has taught me more in life than I could ever reciprocate. My son is the most gentle, caring soul on Earth and he fills me with pride."

Dean's life is work, gym, dad, repeat. He's not adverse to finding love on the island, but he's also keen to form some genuine friendships and memories that money can't buy.

The desire to challenge himself along with the opportunity to change his family's life, inspired Dean to apply for **Million Dollar Island**. Should he win, he'd help his parents, put a deposit on a house and maybe treat himself and his friends to a holiday in Bali.



MIKE CHAPMAN - 40, NSW - PERSONAL TRAINER

Athletic, competitive and driven, Mike is an adrenaline junkie who has little to fear. He also has a strong moral compass and will play the Million Dollar Island game with honesty and integrity.

A personal trainer and ex-stuntman, Mike has collaborated with NRL superstar Billy Slater on a family-friendly fitness book called Move, which details 32 workouts designed to be fun and undertaken without the need for expensive equipment.

In the past, he's played rugby league for Cronulla Sharks, Canberra Raiders and Manley Sea Eagles, but injuries prevented first grade appearances.

The challenge aspect of **Million Dollar Island** appealed, in addition to the chance of discovering a personal weakness he was not aware of. Pragmatic and straight-forward, he's looking forward to starting the island experience, but not to leaving. If he wins, he will gift the money to his mother.



ADRIAN MOWAT - 51, QLD - SURVIVAL ENTHUSIAST

Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, Adrian's family moved around a lot. He went to five different schools and finished Year 10 before moving to Australia by himself at age 15.

Despite a rocky start on arrival, Adrian was a driven kid and determined not to turn to drugs and alcohol like so many of the youngsters he grew up with.

He's had an eclectic career as a gym instructor, male dancer, fire performer and body builder. Adrian also served in the Australian Army for five years, which has equipped him with excellent survival skills. He currently works in the gold mining industry.

A passionate person, Adrian is confident that he has the potential to win **Million Dollar Island**. He's always conquered any challenges that life has thrown his way. People may think that Adrian is full of himself, but he's just proud of who he is.

If he did succeed, he'd open his own training school in order to teach life-skills that would equip people with self-confidence and motivation.



GEORGIE BALLAS - 47, NSW - SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Spirited Georgie was born in Sydney and moved with her family to Dallas, Texas, at the age of 14. A trained speech pathologist and rehabilitation advisor for major injuries, Georgie – currently on a career break – is an eternal "glass half full" person. This optimism saw Georgie and her husband sell their Texas home and relocate to Sydney in 2006, with little more than their suitcases and a porta cot. They've never looked back.

This bubbly mother of two thrives on connections and believes everything happens for a reason. She loves to "take something good and make it great." Her decision to apply for **Million Dollar Island**

was prompted by her desire to be an example of "strength and courage for her daughters and show them that anything is possible." Georgie also wants to know that she's lived life to the fullest and taken every opportunity that's come her way.

In terms of a game plan, Georgie's tactic is to be herself and to play-up her weaknesses – i.e., "city girl goes bush."



NATE GODFREY - 45, SA - MARATHON RUNNER

Totally unstoppable, Nate was born to compete and is a natural leader searching for his next adventure.

A commerce and education graduate with a major in business administration, Nate has held senior administrative roles for a range of high-profile sporting institutions and is the founder of the Kangaroo Island Marathon.

A die-hard romantic, Nate proposed to his wife atop a mountain in Africa with 360-degree view of the valley.

Born in Australia but raised in New Zealand, one of his proudest achievements to date is having run seven marathons in seven continents. This was the culmination of a 10-year goal that less than 1,000 runners have achieved.

As he gets older, this father of two wants to keep testing himself physically and mentally, which is why **Million Dollar Island** appealed. His strategy is to adopt a professional sports approach and build a team of like-minded players.

If he wins, he will donate every dollar to charity. His dream is to establish a foundation, with a suitable partner, dedicated to eliminating single-use plastic in Australia.



SHERWIN DJAMIL - 39, NSW - PUBLIC SPEAKER

Family man Sherwin is a sought-after emcee and public speaker. Charismatic, energetic and naturally friendly, he prides himself on having situational awareness, along with an astute understanding of both verbal and physical body language.

A computer architecture graduate, Sherwin held a variety of corporate roles before becoming a full-time emcee and keynote speaker.

He first met his wife as a 16-year-old when they went on group date. The pair married when they were 23 and are now the proud parents of four children. It was his wife who applied for **Million Dollar Island** on his behalf as she wanted to gift him an experience outside of their home.

On the island, Sherwin intends to play an honest game and trust his instincts, rather than relying on a specific strategy. Should he go all the way, he will donate a portion to the community, contribute to his mortgage and spend just a little.



DANIEL BRIGGS - 23, NSW - STUDENT

Daniel was raised by his grandparents and currently lives with his sister and their three dogs. He's recently come out of a long relationship.

Daniel is a lovable joker who describes himself as energetic, loud and silly but also loving, caring and hard-working. He's passionate about mixed martial arts and dreams of competing in the near future. His daily fitness regime incorporates 100 chin-ups, 100 sit-ups, 100 squats, an hour of weight training, cardio for 45 minutes, and 30 minutes punching a boxing bag.

A quick learner and super-competitive, Daniel works hard to achieve his goals. He likes fun, energetic people and dislikes arrogant, disrespectful people who lack humour and those who can "dish it out but can't take it".

If Daniel wins, he'd help his family and move to the USA so he could train with the best MMA competitors.



JASON RAJA - 23, NSW - SUPERMARKET DUTY MANAGER

Jason is the senior – by one minute – of "The Raja Twins" – identical brothers who happily admit to having played identity tricks on people as kids.

Highly competitive, especially with each other, Jason and his brother Jayden frequently finish each other's sentences and haven't spent more than two days apart in their entire lives.

Both are TikTok stars, having amassed more than 1.8 million followers who tune-in to their comedy skits. When he's not filming content, or working out at the gym, Jason loves being amongst nature and camping. Of Sri Lankan/Indian heritage, Jason and his brother's chief **Million Dollar Island** motivation was the chance to help provide for their parents who the boys say, "sacrificed everything to move countries to give us a better future."



JAYDEN RAJA - 23, NSW - SUPERMARKET SHELF STACKER

Jayden is the younger of "The Raja Twins" – by one minute! Funny, easy-going and always ready to seek new adventures, Jayden is as strong as his brother – he also goes to the gym five days per week – and is very proud that the two of them have hit the one million mark with TikTok after two years of hard work.

In line with Jason, Jayden intends to follow a "twin" strategy on the island which includes building as many connections as possible. Although he has no hesitation in stating that he will target anybody who, "goes for his brother."

He's looking forward to forging meaningful connections and honing his survival skills, but not so enthused about the lack of showers... or survival toilets. If Jayden won, he'd also want to look after their parents, as along with his Jason, he's deeply grateful to them for having the courage to leave their homeland in the quest to give their family a brighter life.



KYLE LINAHAN - 37, NSW - MUSICIAN/MODEL

Kyle is passionate about music and expressing himself through songs. He's also very mindful of wellness and nutrition.

Currently in a committed relationship, Kyle has walked at Australian Fashion Week, once hosted a TV show on Channel V and Nickelodeon, and models in his spare time.

He considers himself to be easy-going, outgoing and an enthusiastic people person, who can be very determined when the situation warrants.

Like most of **Million Dollar Island's** competitors, the prize money was a powerful factor in his decision to apply, and he's also looking forward to bonding with his fellow contestants – but lack of food, potential confrontation and discomfort, not so much.

As far as his game plan goes, Kyle's strategy is to work hard and, "kill people with kindness." He's willing to do what it takes to succeed.



JORDAN BUTLER - 21, NSW - CONCRETE PUMP OPERATOR

Cheeky, funny and honest, Jordan is another of **Million Dollar Island**'s youngest competitors. His mother says that "he was the type of kid, who you knew would be in a good mood when he awoke," and that's pretty much still the case.

Jordan loves to play poker and likes to win. He has always been a swimmer and competed in surf lifesaving as a youngster, which has helped mould his competitive nature. He also has a wicked sense of humour and a tendency to say what he's thinking which can sometimes land him in trouble.

For the last two years, Jordan has worked six days a week to try and save for his own home. He felt he'd earned a break from work and wanted "the experience of a lifetime," so he applied for Million Dollar Island – potentially winning money was an incentive too. As for his game plan, Jordan intends to do everything in his power to keep his promises but acknowledges that if it comes down to his word and getting himself further along, he may have to make some tough decisions.

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KRUPI KAPADIA - 32, NSW - FASHION DESIGNER

Krupi is passionate about fashion. She's a professional fashion designer who expresses herself through her clothing and dreams of launching her own label. Super fit, Krupi needs to do something active every day – whether swimming, power walking, boxing, a gym workout or salsa session – otherwise, she feels "stale in the brain."

This creative dynamo describes herself as "a raw, unfiltered personality, with a fiery, free-spirited temperament, who's not afraid to speak her mind." She also loves a good laugh and prides herself on being able to get along with anyone, but won't be played with.

She enjoys encouraging and empowering people to be the best versions of themselves and dislikes those who manipulate, gossip, are rude, controlling or belittle others for having a different opinion.



KYLIE FERRIDAY - 40, QLD - ARTIST

For the last 10 years, Kylie has been self-employed. A visual arts and art educator, she paints and sells online to galleries and has her prints featured in homeware stores. She also donates her art for charitable auctions and occasionally contributes profit from her sales to the charities she supports.

When asked why she applied for **Million Dollar Island**, she responded, "Why not? Anything that scares me and makes me a little uncomfortable, I need to do. I don't want to get to the end of my life and think, 'well that was bland'! I want it to be lit! I'm also looking forward to having a kick-arse story to tell my grandchildren one day!"

As a busy single mum – she lives with her three young children and their two pet cavoodles – Kylie keeps fit from running around after her kids but also finds time to visit the gym four times a week and tries to walk daily.

She tries to see the good in most situations and people and dislikes those who judge others. Dishonesty and bullying don't sit well with her either. If she won, she would buy a house for herself and her children, help her family and create an art school for kids and teens.



MATT APPS - 22, ACT - NURSE

A strapping six-foot-three, Matt describes himself as a late bloomer who suddenly shot up a few inches when he 17. "I was always insecure about how my body looked," he recalled, "so I started training and eating like a horse and slowly built a physique. As I progressed, my confidence increased dramatically, leading to new opportunities."

A fun and genuine young guy who thrives on keeping active, Matt loves the gym, sport, outdoor activities and being with his friends and family. He enjoys self-funding his trips around the world and has spent extended time in Europe, worked for a summer on Hamilton Island and undertaken a basketball trip to the USA.

Matt is aware that some people assume he's a "jock" because of his appearance and love of competitive sport, but he's a sweet and sensitive young man who would do anything for his close friends and family. He currently works as a phlebotomist, extracting blood samples via a needle.



MICK BENDER - 25, QLD - WILDLIFE BUSINESS OWNER

Mick was raised on a 45-acre bush property in Kingston, Tasmania before moving to Queensland when he was 15. Although just 25 years-old, Mick has achieved many things, with a career that revolves around his passion for wildlife conservation.

He was feeding crocodiles in front of 5,000 people when just 22, and by the age of 23, had starred in three seasons of Aussie Snake Wranglers for National Geographic. He met his wife when they were both working at Australia Zoo and together, they own and operate Wildlife Unleashed – a company that seeks to educate youngsters about wildlife.

They also care for 55 animals, including two dogs and a mini horse named Apollo. Equipped to face some of the toughest challenges on the island, Mick trains at the gym from 5am most weekdays and enjoys bushwalking, camping, scuba diving and snorkelling.



OLIVIA GODER - 34, VIC - SPORTS TEACHER

Loveable and energetic, Olivia is proud of her mental and physical strength. She aims to always maintain a positive viewpoint, but like many of her fellow contestants, she is not looking forward to being hungry or dealing with conflicts that may arise.

The eldest of five siblings, athletic Olivia comes from a keen sporting family. She has competed in state and national championships for long jump, triple jump and heptathlon and time permitting, still participates.

Keeping fit is Olivia's passion – she's been a PE teacher for the last nine years and is currently head of sports at the school where she works. She also teaches yoga to children and hopes to one day run her own business in kids' wellness.

A healthy lifestyle has always been important to Olivia and her weekly fitness routine includes running five days a week, athletics and yoga. Self-development is also key, which is why she applied for **Million Dollar Island**. Should she win the jackpot, she'd share it with her family.



SIMON KHALIL - 37, NSW - DENTIST

Passionate about improving people's quality of life via dental health, Sydney dentist Simon enjoys outdoor activities and generally has a sunrise swim and workout before his daily routine commences.

Funny, generous but easily bored, Simon likes to have fun, as he feels life is too short to do otherwise.

Currently single, **Million Dollar Island** appealed to his sense of adventure and love of excitement – although he suspects he may be a little shy until he forgets about being on camera.

He intends to be himself and not keep secrets, besides his phobia for rodents, which he describes as "pretty bad." Any money he may win would be shared amongst his staff as a gift because he, "loves them." He would also create a not-for-profit to stop dental disease and infection, as he's adamant that it is preventable.



SARAH GREEN - 22, NSW - HORSE WRANGLER

Sarah's soft and pretty appearance belies a tough interior. Raised on a farm and accustomed to "getting her hands dirty," she will surprise people with her super-competitive and gritty nature.

Riding horses – she owns three – is her chief passion, along with skiing, diving, snorkelling, swimming, surfing and running. She also enjoys sewing, designing and drawing.

Sarah is passionate about equal rights for women. She is angered by people who think that women are inferior to men, particularly when underestimating how strong and powerful, they can be.

People often make assumptions based on Sarah's appearance – which is her chief reason for participating in **Million Dollar Island**, as she views it as an opportunity to prove what she's made of and stop the stereotyping.



ALFA ALKARAM - 29, VIC - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Alfa and his family fled from North Sudan when he was just six years old. When he was 11, his parents separated. Tragedy followed when his older brother suffered a severe stroke which left him disabled, so Alfa has always been the financial mainstay for him and their elderly mother.

He applied for Million Dollar Island hoping to win sufficient money to buy them all a house of their own.

Alfa's in touch with his emotions and isn't afraid to show them. He's a loyal friend and a fierce defender of his family and can sometimes be too honest to his detriment.

As much as Alfa hopes to win **Million Dollar Island**, he would not break his word to advance further in the game and in terms of strategy, just plans on being himself and keeping it, "real."



ALICE LITZOW - 24, QLD - GO KARTER

Fast-paced Alice is an enigma – soft on the outside, but a highly competitive adrenaline junkie on the inside. Driven to win at all costs, she intends to race to the end. Working in administration at her family's hydraulic business, she's also a part-time model, a program manager at Super Car Events and a ferocious go-karter.

She has won Face of Origin twice, Miss Fit Bikini Model and was hand-picked to represent Australia in the 2018 Miss Tourism Queen International Pageant in Bangkok.

Competing against men, she also took top honours in the 4SS Senior Light Category in the Queensland State Championship in Bundaberg in 2021.

The outdoors is her happy place and she enjoys hiking, softball, the beach and the occasional modelling gig. If she were first to zoom past the **Million Dollar Island** flag, she would buy a house, launch her own swimwear line and would also love to race a car. Alice is in a long-term relationship with her partner, a racing car driver, who shares her love for speed and adventure.



BROCK BRIFFA - 23, NSW - HARDWARE STORE MANAGER

With his zingy one-liners and “take me or leave me” attitude, Brock will add a dash of humour to island life.

An out-going, larger-than-life personality, Brock is a natural storyteller who loves his job as a manager at a large hardware and garden centre retailer and counts aliens, spirits and skincare – (he has a 10-step daily regime) – amongst his hobbies.

He’s a one-of-a-kind person who’s not afraid to be seen and heard. Easy to speak with and good at forming connections, Brock can be a leader or a team player. He’s also adept at reading people, which will serve him well on this journey.

Brock dislikes cheaters and fakes and those that pick on others. Should he win, much of his prize money would go to his mother. He decided to apply for **Million Dollar Island** as he was after a new experience and hopes to meet some like-minded people.



PETER PALMER - 37, NSW - RUGBY COACH

Upbeat, energetic and unfailingly generous, Peter is a proud Indigenous man, whose mother was part of the Stolen Generation.

He was born in Mackay, North Queensland and learned to fish and go crabbing from the time he could first walk – so sourcing food on the island should present no difficulties for him.

He arrived in Sydney as a young man with nothing but a bag of clothes in a garbage bag, spending the first few weeks sleeping in his car, determined to achieve his dream of one day working in rugby league, “I had small-town syndrome,” he explains, “and took the plunge to move to a big city and live the life I do today, of which I am very proud.”

Peter has now been a Rugby League coach – his ideal job – for several years, and is a devoted family man who lives with his partner and their two young children. Family is everything to Peter and the reason he applied for **Million Dollar Island**. If he won, he would pay off his parents’ house and buy property for his two kids – he would consider that a job well done.



TAIZE TAYLOR - 29, NSW - PILOT

Taize is a flight instructor and will soon be a commercial airline pilot. His proudest moment has been graduating from the Qantas Group Pilot Academy and receiving the Qantas Group Award.

Engaged to his partner, Taize presents as out-going and humorous, but also enjoys solitude and is equally happy being "surrounded by 30 friends or locking himself away."

For Taize, there is no in-between. Equipped with high emotional intelligence, he's quick to see through bullsh*t and will always call out what he perceives to be injustice, as he's not afraid to speak his mind, which he admits can be off-putting for some people.

Although he loves swimming, Taize is not naturally drawn to the outdoors, so at first glance **Million Dollar Island** might not have seemed like a natural fit. But he's looking forward to time on the island – and isolation from social media – to prove that he can do anything he sets his mind to. He also has a massive student/pilot debt, so a million dollars would definitely come in handy!



BREANNA JACKSON - 27, NSW - SOLICITOR

A teen mum at just 16 years of age, Breanna pushed herself to go back to school and then on to university where against all odds, she scored an ATAR of 90 and completed a double degree in Business and Law (plus Masters) and made the Dean's List – all the time whilst raising her daughter.

This smart lawyer – who's had alopecia since she was 15 – has a great attitude. She's super positive, determined, and considers herself to be extremely competitive, albeit in a "friendly way."

Breanna is an over-achiever who constantly tries to juggle too many balls, hates asking for help and accepting it. She's stubborn, bubbly and quirky and utterly inspirational. She loves camping and sports, has played, umpired and coached netball all her life, and enjoys being in control and centre court.

Breanna met her husband at a rugby match when her daughter was 11 months old and they became engaged after her graduation in 2017. Happily married, with another two children, they all live on 100 acres which they're currently converting into a working farm.



MAXINE CHAMPION - 27, NSW - DANCER/MODEL/RECORDING ARTIST

Vibrant Maxine exudes confidence and won't give up without a fight. When the situation warrants, she has no issue with speaking her mind.

On the island, she's looking forward to challenging herself physically, mentally and emotionally and is hungry for "new conversations and challenges," as she wants to spend her life being fearless.

Currently in a relationship, Maxine has performed as a professional dancer for acts like Timomatic, and in musicals like Madima the Musical and Bring it On, but a spinal sprain whilst touring with Bring it On and the subsequent painful recovery, has seen her shift her focus to singing and songwriting; she's looking forward to releasing a double EP soon, which an island win would help her achieve.

Passionate by nature, Maxine is mentally strong and not averse to risk-taking. Although overly emotional at times, she considers herself laid-back and easy to get along with.



RYAN WEEPERS - 36, QLD - YOUTUBE ENTREPRENEUR

Ryan is a former tradie who, four years ago, packed up his life, sold everything, and - with no sailing experience - bought a boat in Europe. He just decided to "go for it." Materialistic things and wealth are of no consequence to him - his goal is to spread "love, good vibes and live life to the max."

A warm, fiercely independent man with a laid-back demeanour, Ryan and his girlfriend - who met in Vancouver as teenagers whilst playing ice hockey - travel the world by sea to rescue animals, accompanied by Jason, their five-year-old German shepherd/husky, a rescue dog from Australia. At one point, they had seven rescue animals running around their yacht!

Thoughtful by nature, Ryan strives to make a positive impact and, along with animal welfare, is passionate about spearfishing, free diving and filmmaking - he and his partner have a popular YouTube channel called Sailing Sunday where they regularly document their adventures.

Ryan applied for **Million Dollar Island** to try and raise funds to expand their animal rescue operations and save more street animals from around the world.



KARL DI FALCO - 31, VIC - STRENGTH COACH

Karl describes himself as a "Tarzan who gets along with everyone." He has endless resilience and never loses. He regularly goes camping, loves the outdoors and often wants to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

A strength coach, who lives with his sister and pet spider and scorpion, Karl is an "alpha male" with a sensitive side whose proudest achievement is breaking the world squat record in 2020 – 240kg under 69kg.

As he puts it, "amongst the darkness of the Covid lockdown, I achieved one of my biggest goals." Karl is highly motivated and brims with positive energy and mental strength that matches his physical. He loved the concept of Million Dollar Island and is looking forward to the calm and potential chaos.

If he won, Karl would create a movement within the fitness and health industry that would "make it acceptable to people from all walks of life."

MILLION DOLLAR ISLAND IN NUMBERS

- Filming took place on one of the **104** islands in the archipelago of Langkawi off the mainland coast of western Malaysia.
- The players split themselves into **four camps** – Log, Rock, Top and Vine
- The players were only allowed to bring **10 kgs** of luggage on the island
- The players ranged between ages **19-64** at the time of filming
- The players competed in **25 challenges** across the series: 15 arena challenges and 10 survivor challenges
- During the filming, the temperature ranged between **25-38°C** with the humidity ranging from 70% to 90%
- The series was filmed over **32 days**
- It took **90 days** to prepare the island for habitation before the filming began
- **Two-hundred-and-seventy** Australian and international crew worked across the series
- The players used **445** bottles of sunscreen during the filming

INTERESTING FACTS

- The players built their own shelters and organised their own meals by foraging on the island and utilising the limited supplies provided at the start of the series.
- There were no flushing or portable toilets, residents of each camp had to share pit-latrines.
- The players were supported by a team of international paramedics, local doctors and first-aiders 24/7.
- The players learnt which plants or marine life to avoid, and which were edible during their stay on the island.
- The players had to navigate encounters with native wildlife including venomous snakes, macaques and wild boar.