



he's going to be. And I understand that and so does he, but the reality is, at the minute, we don't know. We don't know what we're doing yet. It's frustrating because you'll answer the question but people keep asking, so it doesn't go away, and that's annoying.

J Would you move to the Gold Coast?
L Whatever decision he makes is his decision and I 100 per cent support him in that. Like in my career, he supports me in every decision I make. But I suppose, regardless of what he does, I will be based in Melbourne. I have a university degree to finish, I've got great jobs, I've got a lot happening here and he would never want to be a hindrance to my career, just as I would never want to be a hindrance to his. At the moment, he lives in Torquay and I live in Melbourne, so we're not living together, or out of each other's back pockets, so regardless of what happens that's not going to change. I'm still going to be based in Melbourne, so we'll see.

J You'll just make it work?
L Yeah, I think if you want to be with someone you support them in whatever they want to do and you make it work. You've got two options, you either make it work or you don't ... I don't work a standard Monday-to-Friday job. Sometimes I work four days a week then I'll have three days at

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Torquay. Some days I'll work 10 days in a row then have one day down there or he's up here.

J It sounds like you also really love being in Melbourne.
L Well, besides the fact that I've grown up here and all my family's here, my friends are here, I just think it's the best city in the world. Really, I've been lucky enough to do a lot of travelling and I love New York and I love London, but I could never see myself living anywhere but Melbourne. We have so many great things. We've got amazing fashion, amazing food ... we get the best sporting events.

J Speaking of sporting events, we've got the Spring Racing Carnival coming up. What will you be doing this year and what do you love about the carnival?

L With Channel Nine, I have commitments with Caulfield and Moonee Valley, and with Myer it's Flemington. So I've got the whole whammy ... it's going to be busy. But what do I love about it? It's that one week in November at Flemington that's special. Great people there ... amazing fashion, I love spring racing fashion — the colours and millinery.

J Does Gary enjoy it too?
L Yeah, he loves it. We always go on Derby Day and Cup Day

together. It's such a fun week. I'm learning more about horses, so I like to put a bet on.

J Do you tell Gary what to wear?
L No, never. Oh, occasionally I'll go with him to pick a suit or a tie ... but we're not one of those “matchy-matchy” couples.

J You've been together for a long time. What is it about Gary you love the most — the qualities that drew you to him in the first place?

L We met when we were kids, so we grew up together and we know each other very well. And he's just ... he's honestly the nicest person I've ever met in my life. I love how he's so passionate about everything he does, whether it's football, his family or a game of Scrabble. He's so competitive and passionate, sometimes it drives me insane. You can never win an argument with him, but he wears his heart on his sleeve. He says it how it is. He's got a great sense of humour and he's great fun and just loves his family and his friends.

J He plays Scrabble?
L Yeah, he's obsessed. Words-with-Friends on his iPhone — it's almost ruined our lives. I say, “What are you doing?” He says, “Playing Scrabble”. All the time. Arghhh! Unbelievable.

J Any other trivial annoying habits you want to share?

L Oh, how much time have you got? He slurps his tea, because he has herbal tea with boiling water but he won't wait five minutes for it to cool down. Slurp, slurp. So there's that, and he sings and dances in the bathroom and it irritates me. But it's always when I'm trying to concentrate, like putting on eye make-up, and I see this little munchkin dancing on the side and I'm like — why? (laughs). But he's generally pretty good. I mean, he's the one who cooks in our house.

J Has success changed him at all?
L No. He's very modest, in terms of his success and everything he's achieved. I'm obviously very proud of him for all of that, but I'm most proud of him for being true to himself and he's stayed exactly who he was from the day I met him. And with success some people let it change their lives and think they're better than everyone else, but he would never do that.

J And he hasn't succumbed to pressure with people wanting him to hurry up and make a decision about going to the Gold Coast?

L No. As I said, he's true to himself. And that's sometimes a difficult thing to do, when you've got that much pressure and attention on you. I admire that. He's just a really good person.