

'We needed a police escort in Oz'

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Q&A

Vicky Pattison, 25, is one of the stars of hit MTV series *Geordie Shore*. She talks getting mobbed by fans, moving on from her ex and fighting the flab

VICKY'S TV HITS & MISSES



TURN ON

I'm obsessed with [US FBI drama] *Criminal Minds* at the moment. I'm also into E4, so I like *New Girl* and *The Big Bang Theory*.



TURN OFF

I don't really like any TV programmes about homes or properties, like *Location, Location, Location*. I also don't watch *The Valleys* - they're trying too hard to be like *Geordie Shore*!

The new series of *Geordie Shore* is back on our screens - and this time, the gang are *Down Under*! Did you have fun, Vicky?

Yes, it was amazing. I didn't want to come home. We filmed not far from Bondi Beach - we woke up to the sun shining. Everyone was always in a great mood because of this beautiful place.

What did the Australians make of you all?

I didn't realise how popular our show is over there. It was crazy - we had to get 24-hour security at our house, because people were breaking into our garden. They had to shut down the street and we had a police escort to places.

Blimey! Why do you think the show is so big over there?

I think Australians are the same as us - they don't take themselves too seriously and they love a drink. When we filmed in Cancun last year, as far as the Americans were concerned, we were just a cheap *Jersey Shore* - they just didn't get our sense of humour.

Could the Aussies understand the *Geordie* accent?

Sometimes, when I was talking to people, they'd just stare at my mouth, nodding and laughing. I'm thinking, "That wasn't a joke!"

But by the end we learnt to slow down our talking a bit.

Your ex, Ricci, won't be returning this series. Are you over him?

There are days I don't feel great and days I'm on cloud nine, when I think to myself, "How did I allow myself to be sad for so long when this is the real me?" But I'm going to be up and down - it's still fresh.

Have you got your eye on anyone?

I had a holiday fling in Oz. It was fleeting because he lives on the other side of the world. Now I'm in the UK and single again.

You lost 10lbs at a boot camp before you left for Oz, have you managed to keep it off?

Of course not! It's the drinking, but that's what *Geordie Shore* is all about - living to excess. It's about going out drinking, Jägerbombs and coming home and putting a pizza in the oven. It's the next day - when you're hungover and want carbs. So it's difficult to keep off the weight.

Would you ever go out without fake tan?

No, never. I'm rarely without my tan. I did get a bit of colour in Oz, but nothing compared to how dark I like to be. I need two weeks in Greece just lying flat!



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