

Boys' toys

Philips Cool Skin HQ5615, \$279

IT LOOKS like a quarter of a blue cucumber and it sounds like a dentist's drill, but it shaves like a porn star. The gimmick here is the click-in cartridge of Nivea For Men moisturiser, which pumps onto the face to smooth things along. There's no charge indicator and the trimmer needs to be snapped on, which can be a bit fiddly. Four stars for a great shave, but take away one for being too fussy and, let's face it, slightly girly. ★★★



Power cuts

the great electric-razor shave-off

THERE is nothing worse than a bad shave. If someone were to slowly push a hot nail into your eye, it would all be a better feeling than rogue stubble on your jaws nine in the morning. And it'll be your girlfriend with the nails out if you dare go anywhere near her delicate parts with a spiky scone.

Electric shavers have been guilty of many bad shaves in the past, but the current crop beat the crap out of our dad's clogged-up house brick with its million easy-to-loose parts and high electrocution risk. Just don't try shaving your tongue with one.

Philips Quadra Action HQ6885, \$369

THE three independently sprung heads drape themselves over a large part of your face in a slightly disconcerting way. It feeds and moves on, leaving a surprisingly close shave with very little burn. The pop-up trimmer is convenient, but a little fragile, and the charge indicator tells you exactly how much shave time you have left. To clean, just rinse under the tap. ★★★