

# SEA LEGS

Treasure Island Extreme's Jacqui Rickards will make you weak at the knees

**S**HE'S only 20, but way-tall Gold Coast babe Jacqui Rickards already has an international modelling career and a gig hosting a TV show. The girl who once wore 10 million dollars' worth of lingerie also has some useful underwear tips.

We found her roughing it in Fiji, where she was missing her junk food – and most of her clothes.

**What TV show are you hosting?**

It's a New Zealand show, called *Treasure Island Extreme* – a *Survivor*-type show. The contestants are from the armed forces and emergency services. They compete for treasure.

**Are you really on a desert island?**

Yeah. They've built a command-centre type thing and there's basically just one phone.

**What are you missing most?**

Oh God – Kentucky Fried Chicken.

**What?**

I will go straight to KFC when I leave the airport.

**That's all you miss?**

And I miss my puppy.

**What do the contestants have to do?**

Swim 3km to an island, climb cliffs,

abseil down cliffs, eat cockroaches...

**Have you had to do any of this, or do you just look good and present?**

*[Laughs]* I do both – look good *and* do physical activity. No, really, if they go up the cliff, I go up the cliff. But I don't swim, I take the boat.

They have a survival day when they gather food – kill, skin, everything. There's goats on the island, so they've been living on goats for about a month.

**But no KFC.**

No KFC. Goat and fish, that's it.

**Have they cooked you something?**

No. I would have to refuse. I'm not the most exotic eater.

**What else do they get up to?**

They have to do another challenge to win more water. They're not given water – they have to win it.

**If they die of dehydration, are they kicked off the show?**

We'll make sure they don't die, but they've been very close to serious dehydration.

**You were discovered by a modelling agency at 13. You must've always been a spunk...**

I wasn't a tomboy, but I always hung around boys, so I never

thought I was attractive. And none of the boys told me I was pretty.

**What was their reaction when you said you were going to be a model?**

I didn't tell them. Until an article came out in the paper one day. Then laughter. Lots of laughter.

**Have they changed their tune?**

I still don't think *they* think I'm pretty. They still see me as the 13-year-old girl.

**How did they react when they heard you're going in *RALPH*?**

I haven't told anybody.

**You can't be embarrassed, surely?**

I've told a couple of girlfriends. But they all read *RALPH*, so they'll find out sooner or later. I'm more worried about the pictures. I've got one of those complexes about my body.

**But you're a model.**

No. Honestly – when I'm clothed and someone says you look great, I believe them. I'll accept it. But when it's to do with itty-bitty bikinis or nakedness, that's when all my... you know... I'm very shy and I get a complex then.

**If *RALPH* readers write in and say you look great, will that help?**

Yes... but if I see the pictures and

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