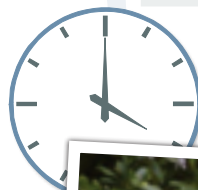


# Five minutes with...

## Gail Cleland



**Family:** Husband David

**Describe yourself in three words:** Dog loving blonde.

**Likes:** Old men, old dogs, old cars.

**Dislikes:** Inequality, injustice, hypocrites.

**Best thing about your job:** I can do in my own time.

**Worst thing about your job:** Not paid.

**Pet hate:** People not cleaning up after their dog.

**I couldn't live without:** An Irish Setter, and a screw pull bottle opener.

**What are you reading:** *Cuisine* – a New Zealand food magazine.

**Favourite restaurant:** I have a few – but all have good food, inviting atmosphere and friendly service. I don't like stark and noisy places.

**What three things would you take with you if you were stranded on a desert island:** A bottle of champagne.. a COLD bottle of champagne (is that counted as two things?), and an inflatable raft (I could use the empty bottles as oars maybe?).

**Favourite TV show:** Tend to watch movies but love *House*, *The Good Wife*, *Top Gear* and football.

**Which movie always makes you cry:** Video of my old dog... (sniff).

**Biggest fear:** Fire – I don't even want to be cremated.

**Favourite pastime:** Gardening

**Secret talent:** Soups... I make interesting soups.

**Best conversation icebreaker:** Love your shoes.

**Favourite saying:** (1) Where else can you spend \$14 for a whole day's entertainment but at a dog show? Admittedly some days I think I deserve a refund! (2) Who wants a drink?

**Favourite joke:** Nice feet... (it's a private joke).

**Most embarrassing moment:** While checking where the lead had fallen, having the group judge call 'take the Irish around' many times and I didn't hear. The next day I ordered my hearing aids.

**Victoria's best kept secret is:** There are still some great BYO restaurants around.

**Best thing to do on the weekend:** Friday – bath dogs and cards with friends in evening. Saturday – dog show – dinner with friends. Sunday – watch replay of Brisbane Lions win and dinner with family in evening.

**Best holiday spot:** Not big on travelling, somewhere the dogs could come too.

**What others say about you:** Honest, reliable, loyal and definitely stubborn.

**What makes you laugh:** Almost everything.

**Biggest waste of time:** Cheats and liars.

**Best thing to spend money on:** Fresh flowers, good wine, great food produce (may as well get some friends around for dinner).

**Most memorable moment:** Saying goodbye to dad.

**What is your favourite website:** [www.irishsettersaustralia.com](http://www.irishsettersaustralia.com)

**Who would you most like to sit next to on a plane:** Parachute instructor.

**The song you never want to hear again:** Collingwood theme song.

**What would you never do again:** Trust someone who says 'trust me'.

**Who do you find inspiring:** Edyth Langham-Goodwin OAM – she's had breast cancer, bone cancer of the spine twice and two brain tumour operations. She is a survivor who lives life with enthusiasm, elegance and grace. She's my hero.

**Who would you most like to meet:** The person who would love to set up my canopy/show gear and take it all down again at the end.

**What do you want more of:** Pleasant memories.

**What would you be doing if you weren't at a dog show:** Preparing for a 'candlelit supper'.

**Tell us something we don't know about you:** I'm probably smarter than you think.



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## Colouring In Competition

**Congratulations to the colouring comp winners of Dogs should be praised when they are good.**

**Junior winner: Angela Couper of Mardan**

**Senior winner: Chelsea O'Reilly of Tallangatta**

