

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

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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