

Shopping dilemmas solved

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THE proof is in the Christmas pudding. Australians are terrible gift givers. Figures from a survey conducted by Galaxy Research on behalf of the National Australia Bank show that 72 per cent of Australians receive a gift they don't like, yet 69 per cent of us rate ourselves as being above average gift givers.

Here are some bright ideas to make your presents stand out among the rest.

GRANDPARENTS

GRANDPARENTS were rated the worst gift givers at 37 per cent, with mum a close second. Dads came in lucky last at 14 per cent.

For the granddads, try a bottle of Chivas Regal, \$159.99. It's a blend of whisky that has been aged in oak casks for 18 years.

Look for it at Vintage Cellars Double Bay, 396 New South Head Rd (phone 9327 1333 or visit www.vintagecellars.com.au).

BOYS

MORE than one in three boys hated the thought of receiving a book from their parents. Instead, try a ZM925 charm necklace.

ZM925 sells some seriously cool charms to funk up any outfit. The charms are sold separately so you can pick and choose which charm suits your taste.

Visit www.zm925.com to find a distributor in the Eastern Suburbs.

GIRLS

HALF the girls surveyed didn't like receiving clothes from their parents.

Give them a Blackberry Storm, on Vodafone's \$69 Internet Cap plan for 24 months.

The latest Blackberry has a clickable touchscreen and lots of added extras. This is one phone that will keep your girl talking, and talking, and talking.

Drop in to Vodafone Bondi Junction, at Shop 1012, 500 Oxford St, Bondi. Phone 8753 3302 or visit www.vodafone.com.au.

THAT SPECIAL LADY

WIVES and girlfriends won the vote for most difficult to buy for.

For the girlfriend, try a Belvoir Street Theatre Season Ticket, RRP \$322. It may not be the typical bloke's idea of a good time, but Company B and Belvoir Street Theatre are famous for their fabulous plays. Visit www.belvoir.com.au for details.

Instead of buying a kitchen appliance for your wife, try a Manzoni Leather Clutch, RRP \$179.95. It's the perfect accessory for any outfit. And remember, black is always safe!

Find it at Manzoni. Phone 8569 5555 or visit www.manzoni.com.



Chivas Regal



Potato man and rubber ducky charms for a ZM925 charm necklace



Manzoni Leather Clutch



BlackBerry Storm



Belvoir Street Theatre Season Pass

**Bellevue Hill
Public School**
Birriga Road, Bellevue Hill



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Sunday 21st December

