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## OUTBACK BEAUTY WITH TRADITIONAL VALUES

### NATASHA PERRY MAY BE THE NEXT TOP MODEL

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**USPA NEWS** - "Just be yourself, ignore everyone else's judgements on what a perfect body is or what perfect hair is. If you look through the "perfect body" shapes throughout the decades it has all changed so much. It is cheesy but you're perfect the way you are." [?] Says Australian model Natasha Perry.

Northampton is a town 52 kilometres (32 mi) north of Geraldton, in the Mid West region of Western Australia. In 2006 Northampton's population recorded as 3,302 and at the 2011 census, the town had a population of just 868. There have been no updates to the town population. The Shire is extremely diverse from the coastal lifestyle of Kalbarri to the heritage trails through Northampton. Tourism is a growing industry within the Shire of Northampton and one that receives support from the Northampton Shire Council.

Lead ore was first discovered by explorer Pemberton Walcott in 1848 in the bed of the Murchison River. By 1877 over 4,000 tons of copper and lead were being produced each year. The town was left under water by flooding in 1900 following torrential rainfall. The bridge over Nokanena Brook was swamped with extensive damage resulting, in the highest water levels recorded in ten years. In 1936, 4,628 tons of lead was produced from the Northampton field followed by 6,163 tons in 1937. Most of this came from the Grand Junction mine which was closed in 1938. The Northampton State Battery opened in 1954 and operated for about 30 years leaving large amount of tailings stockpiled. Locals removed the waste to use in buildings and other construction works. The battery was demolished in 2010 with the examining tailings being sealed in a containment cell. An investigation into lead contamination in the town commenced in 2013 and still continues but for the outback town connected by the "World Wide Web", one teen has grown into one of the most sought after new face of modelling. Natasha Perry 19 was born in Orange, New South Wales but her family now call Northampton home. "I wanted to get involved in modelling at the age of 16. Fashion is always changing and there are so many cool and funky things around these days and with the internet I can be anywhere I want," [?] said Perry.

I asked Natasha what we would expect her to be wearing if we saw her walking down the main street of town? "I live in t-shirts and singlets, denim shorts, genie pants and casual shoes. You don't often catch me wearing something else as that is what I am most comfortable in. I would love to walk a cat walk for a fashion designer! Each year mum and I watch Australia's Next Top Model and the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show. I'm definitely a country girl to the bone. I have always wanted to visit London and Paris, they look like such amazing places." [?] Smiled Perry. Living at home with her parents and younger brother she says she is country through and through. "My favourite music is definitely country, can't go past it! Country girl at heart and always will be. I work as a receptionist for a local security company, I answer the phone, do the invoicing, interacting with clients but I'm crossing my fingers for a promotion to works supervisor where I will be booking in jobs for technicians and ordering parts." [?] Said Perry.

Natasha you have a great attitude to life, if you were to offer a word of advice to young girls thinking about getting into modelling what advice would you give to them, what should they look out for and what should they do to protect themselves whilst gaining experience, I asked.

"Surround yourself with positive people and positive vibes and you will have a positive life. Secondly - be wary of who contacts you for modelling. Do your research on them as there have been a few bad ones around who are just sleazes. Take someone with you to photoshoots if you want to, whatever makes you feel safe and comfortable as you should never feel uncomfortable. You're the model and you have the right to say no!" [?]

I asked Perry how she finds living in a remote area of Australia and has she found herself spending more time online surfing or do you make regular trips to the city? "Definitely online surfing. I don't get to the city much as I have such a busy life here as it is with work, netball and helping around the house. Most weekends are full of catch ups on stuff missed during the week. Since my Honda Shop Photoshoot I have had a few modelling pages follow me on Instagram but nothing has come from it yet." [?] said Perry.

I asked Natasha how she has found social media in the country but unlike many her own age in cities I found her answer very humbling.

"Netball keeps me fit and it's the only sport/exercise I do as I work 38 hours a week in an office and it takes up a huge chunk of time. I'm not a huge one for social media. I have my Facebook, Instagram and snapchat but with only my friends on their mainly. I don't accept friend requests from strangers as it is getting more and more dangerous these days with more predators out there. Mum and dad bought me up to be positive and enjoy life with good morals too." [?] Said Perry.

Spending a few hours with this amazing woman you soon see she is wise beyond her years, a true beauty with the world at her feet. If we see Perry strutting the catwalk in the future wearing a fashion designers 'Haute Couture' we will always remember the country girl with traditional values.

Ellen DeGeneres once said, "Here are the values that I stand for: honesty, equality, kindness, compassion, treating people the way you want to be treated and helping those in need. To me, those are traditional values."... Namaste

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