



**BASIC BLACK:** All cars would be black if Louise Fitness had her way.

# It's better in black

**WHAT IS your name?**

Louise Fitness, alias Wig.

**Where do you live?**

Kerikeri.

**Where do you work?**

I have a shop in Kerikeri called Contempo.

**What is your occupation?**

Whip cracker.

**What type of car do you drive?**

A Toyota Hilux in black. If I had my way, all cars would be black.

**What do you like about your car?**

It's big! It's really handy for the shop, picking products up, delivering things and of course the dogs can come too.

**What do you dislike about your car?**

It's diesel. My husband Regan would say

## ME & MY WHEELS

with Louise Fitness

it's economical and good for towing the boat, but I prefer a petrol any day.

**What type of car would you like to drive?**

Give me a long open road, no kids and a Maserati Grantourismo in black - of course - I've put some thought into this! Who wouldn't want to drive one? It's free to dream.

**How many miles do you travel in your car each week?**

It varies. Sometimes I just potter around town. Other weeks I do full-on trips hunting down things for the shop.

**What is your favourite road journey?**

The trip to Marsden Estate for the pinot gris.

**What is your least favourite road journey?**

The trip to the airport when I drop Regan off to fly out for work.

**What is the Far North's most dangerous road, bridge or intersection?**

The trip home from Marsden estate. Only joking! All roads are dangerous, depending on who is driving them.

**How do you amuse yourself on long road trips?**

I love The Edge in the mornings. It makes the school run more fun. Otherwise, I like to listen to my iPod which has a huge selection of music. I am loving Paulo Nut-

tini. My four-year-old is a James Blunt fanatic so we have to listen to that over and over and over again...

**What sort of a driver are you?**

Since I have had the sign-writing done, I am very considerate to other road users. Seriously, I am a careful driver having spent many years as a paramedic attending motor vehicle accidents. It makes you appreciate how suddenly life can change.

**What irritates you most about the way other people drive?**

People who wait for a written invitation before making a decision and idiots who have no respect for other road users.

**What is your favourite petrol station in the Far North?**

BP at Kerikeri has heaps of room for the boat. Regan and I love to get out and feed the fish. Caltex is great too. The staff are always friendly.

**What do you keep in your glove compartment?**

A toy soldier, a polly pocket, baby wipes and an emergency lolly stash for those long trips with kids.

**How have you accessorised your car? Fluffy dice? Nodding dog?**

I have two nodding dogs that like to travel with me, our rottie Rogue and retriever Cleo. I guess you could call the signwriting an accessory too. I never really got into fluffy dice, though I did have frogs in my more youthful days.

# IT'S HAPPENING HERE IN KERIKERI!

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- Clay
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