

# Valentine's Day ... February 14



## Love on the big screen

Valentine's Day always coincides with the release of some romantic offerings on the big screen.

Ready to share the love this Valentine's Day are *Are We Officially Dating?*, starring Zac Efron (pictured right), Imogen Poots, Michael B. Jordan and Miles Teller, and *Endless Love* starring Gabriella Wilde, Emma Rigby and Alex Pettyfer.

They're very different stories, with very different ideas about love, but both bring a romantic tone to the screen.



## Say it with words

When you're struggling to find the right words to say "I love you", you could try getting your point across by using someone else's words. There are so many romantic novels out there, and they make the perfect Valentine's Day gift. One book doing the rounds at the moment is *The Rosie Project* by Aussie writer Graeme Simsion. It's quirky, it's light and it's fun and there's every chance you'll find a little bit of yourself in the novel's hero.

# Saint responsible for day of love

Valentine's Day will be celebrated across the country on February 14 with people giving gifts of the sweet and fragrant sort.

While the day is not officially a public holiday in Australia, it is an observance that sees restaurants and theatres booked out, and newsagents and shops stock their shelves with Valentine's Day gifts, cards and merchandise.

However, the exact history of Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery.

February has long been celebrated as the month of romance and St Valentine's Day, as we know it, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

The most popularly believed origin story of Valentine's Day is that of the Christian Saint Valentine who was persecuted and interrogated by the Roman emperor Claudius II.

Claudius attempted to convert Saint Valentine to paganism to try to save his life, an offer Valentine refused.



It is said that Valentine performed a miracle healing on the daughter of his jailer and is said to have performed clandestine Christian weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

Today Valentine's Day is a tradition many use as a time to share a special moment with their loved one and to take part in traditions that show their love.

Picnics, chocolates, flowers and romantic meals are all

things that people do to celebrate their love for each other.

Some people choose Valentine's Day to propose to their partner while others set February 14 as their wedding day. But Valentine's Day isn't just for those in love.

Many organisations and charities hold special events, such as Valentine's Day balls, to raise funds for worthy causes and to help those in need.

## More to special day than tradition

VALENTINE'S Day is an opportunity to get the one you love or admire a gift that will keep on giving.

The traditional gift of Valentine's Day is a bunch of long-stemmed roses which will never go out of fashion - after all, who can resist the perfume and beauty of roses.

There are also chocolates, of course, a lovely piece of jewellery or, for the

uber romantics, a self-penned ditty lovingly sung at the perfect moment during your Valentine's Day date.

If your singing voice isn't up to scratch, you could load your lover's iPod with sappy love songs and sit back and listen as you indulge in bubbles and cuddles on the lounge.

Really, there are endless ways to show your love.



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or

Satay Chicken Skewers  
Served with Jasmin rice.

Main

BEER BATTERED TIGER PRAWN SKEWERS with Sweet Soy Chilli dipping sauce on a Fresh Garden Salad	or	300G NEW YORK STRIPLOIN served with Paris Mash and Broccolini with your choice of sauce	or	ARTESIAN CHICKEN Roasted Chicken filled with Camembert and wrapped in prosciutto with garlic cream sauce served with Potato Gratin and Gilled Asparagus
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Dessert

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