

# [***Shorty star's Barbie-themed bachelorette bash***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BNV-D4J1-F12B-J186-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Shortland Street star Courtenay Louise turned Soul Bar and Bistro pink for her fabulous ***Barbie***-themed bachelorette bash last weekend.

Even her fiance, Chris Read, CFO of The Pure Food Co, gave his best "Kenergy", donning a blonde wig and surprising the bride-to-be with flowers.

Read then posed as Ken, with Louise's pink-clad posse of girlfriends all holding up masks of his face.

Louise, who plays Monique Strutter on Shorty, had her co-star Rebekah Randell in attendance as well as her 2022 Celebrity Treasure Island co-star, former Boss Babes' star Iyia Liu.

Louise wore a mini white dress and veil at the pink-themed lunch, which included a pink table setting with pink posies, a pink cake and ***Barbie***-packaged sunglasses for each guest.

There was also a pink "Burn Book" for Louise, channelling the infamous gossip and rumours' book from the 2004 movie Mean Girls.

The champagne flowed as Louise and her pink posse cruised in a jumbo white limousine, with the party ending up at drag queen dinner theatre Caluzzi Cabaret on K Rd.

The wedding is understood to be taking place next month at Tu Ngutu Villa, a clifftop home in Mahurangi, just north of Auckland, nearly 10 years after the pair met when Read interviewed Louise for a bartending job at a Britomart bar.

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