

= Natasha Williams (Neighbours) =

Natasha " Tash " Williams is a fictional character from the Australian soap opera Neighbours , played by Valentina Novakovic . The role of Natasha is Novakovic 's first acting job and she relocated from Sydney to Melbourne for filming . Natasha was introduced to Neighbours along with her father , Michael Williams (Sandy Winton) and she made her debut screen appearance during the episode broadcast on 5 May 2010 . In November 2012 , Novakovic confirmed that she would be leaving Neighbours and she filmed her final scenes in December . Natasha departed on 29 March 2013 .

Natasha has been described as spirited , rebellious and having a burning desire to rule the school . She likes to have all the attention on her and often chooses to rebel so people will notice her . She can also be quite manipulative . Executive producer , Susan Bower said Natasha loves to gossip and wants to be a famous model . She often clashes with Summer Hoyland (Jordy Lucas) , who is a feminist and quite the opposite to her . Novakovic stated that Natasha and Summer are " frenemies . " The actress also explained that she finds playing Natasha challenging , as her persona is quite different from her own . Novakovic has said that she would like to see Natasha grow up , become nicer and turn over a new leaf . She expressed her desire to portray Natasha 's softer and funnier side during an interview with Digital Spy .

Natasha 's storylines have mainly focused on her relationship with Andrew Robinson (Jordan Smith) . Novakovic named this storyline as one of her favourites and said that Natasha and Andrew belong together as they bring out the worst in each other . Their relationship led to a complex love triangle involving Summer and later saw Natasha faking a pregnancy to keep Andrew . Natasha casually dates Ivan DeMarco (Ben Knight) and in a bid to appear more mature , she sends him naked photos of herself . They are leaked , causing a scandal amongst Natasha 's school friends . Other storylines have seen Natasha trying to achieve her dream of becoming a model , making sure she remains popular at school , coping with her father 's relationships and discovering the truth about her mother 's death .

= = Storylines = =

Natasha models for a PirateNet advertising campaign , where she meets Andrew Robinson and Summer Hoyland . Natasha gets into trouble with her father , Michael (Sandy Winton) , after he finds out she lied by saying she was eighteen on the consent form . He threatens to sue the station owner and Andrew 's father , Paul Robinson (Stefan Dennis) . Natasha and Andrew work together to change the posters , so they are no longer revealing . They then attend a concert together and kiss at the end of the night . Natasha clashes with Summer and starts a rumour that her boyfriend , Chris Pappas (James Mason) , bought the basketball team captaincy . Her relationship with her father is strained further when he learns she started the rumour . The schools English teacher , Libby Kennedy (Kym Valentine) , discovers Natasha is hiding her maths skills and makes her join the Mathletes as a punishment . Natasha wonders if Andrew is only with her because of her looks and she becomes insecure about their relationship .

Natasha and Andrew break up and Natasha briefly dates Kyle Canning . Natasha discovers that a student in her class is gay and tries to out them , the resulting rumours lead Chris to reveal he is gay . Michael starts dating Ruby Rogers (Yesse Spence) and Natasha tries to sabotage the relationship . She reveals that she does not want to see Michael get hurt . Natasha becomes head of the school social committee and she bullies the other members , in particular Sophie Ramsay (Kaiya Jones) , into voting for the things she wants . Natasha notices that Andrew is spending time with Summer and she steals the social money , causing the event to be cancelled . Natasha convinces Andrew to throw a party and they get back together . Michael discovers Natasha took the money and suspends her . Natasha later warns Summer to stay away from Andrew . When she notices Summer 's house is on fire , Natasha runs in to rescue her . Michael finds Natasha and they , along with Summer and Andrew , are rescued by firefighters .

Natasha sustains a burn on her neck and she becomes insecure about it . Natasha sees Andrew

and Summer kissing , which leaves her devastated . To stop Andrew from breaking up with her , Natasha tells him she is pregnant . Michael , though initially angry , tells his daughter that he will support her . Andrew books Natasha in for an ultrasound scan and after trying to get out of it , Natasha buys fake ultrasound images over the internet . She convinces Andrew not to come into the doctor 's office with her and she gives him the fake pictures . Summer reveals the images are fake and Natasha explains that she lied because Andrew cheated on her . Michael tells Natasha that he no longer trusts her and she becomes ostracised at school . Natasha is thrown off the Mathletes team and Lisa Devine (Sophie Tilson) takes her place as the most popular girl in the school . Chris befriends Natasha and she and Summer apologise to each other for their actions . Chris and Natasha try to get Summer and Andrew back together and Natasha successfully challenges Lisa for the Mathletes captaincy .

Feeling lonely , Natasha goes out clubbing and meets Ivan DeMarco (Ben Knight) , an older man . Michael discovers the relationship and bans Natasha from seeing Ivan . However , Natasha continues to see him in secret and when Ivan asks her for some naked pictures , she sends him some . Natasha learns Ivan has been showing the pictures to his friends and that they are on the internet . She initially lies to Michael about who took the photos , but Michael learns the truth from Ivan . Natasha becomes desperate to win her father 's favour back and she sprays the street with derogatory graffiti about herself . However , Michael discovers she was responsible for the graffiti and he disowns her . After she is taunted about her appearance , Natasha decides to get rhinoplasty and uses Michael 's credit card to pay the deposit . Natasha then sells some of her father 's records to raise the money and Michael decides to send her to a boarding school . He changes his mind after Natasha nearly drowns in the pool at Number 30 and their relationship begins to improve .

Natasha begins looking for information about her mother , Helena , and learns that her aunt Emilia lives in Australia . Without revealing her identity , Natasha meets Emilia at a fashion shoot . Emilia works out Natasha is her niece and comes to Erinsborough to talk to her . Natasha learns her mother drowned and she demands the truth about her death . Michael reveals that Helena was not a strong swimmer , but she went into the sea to save Natasha . When he became aware of what was happening , he could only save one of them . Michael reassures Natasha that Helena 's death was not her fault . Michael collapses and undergoes surgery for a perforated stomach ulcer , causing Natasha to blame herself for his condition . However , she learns that Michael caught Summer cheating on her exam the day he collapsed and falls out with her friends , as they let her blame herself for what happened . After receiving her exam results , Natasha decides to study Contemporary Arts at university .

Michael and Emilia reveal that they are dating and Natasha accepts their relationship . However , when she learns that they were having affair at the time Helena died , Natasha takes Michael 's panel van and sets it on fire . Natasha remains angry with her father and after asking him to leave her alone , she learns he has gone to Serbia with Emilia . Natasha throws a house party , but it gets out of control and the street is trashed . When Natasha is fined by the police , she is forced to seek employment to earn some money . She competes with Kate Ramsay (Ashleigh Brewer) for a job at Charlie 's and Celeste McIntyre (Cassandra Magrath) gives them both a two @-@ week trial . When Michael informs her that he is selling the house , Natasha tries to put off potential buyers and decides to sabotage Kate 's chances of getting the job at Charlie 's . Natasha becomes upset when Mason Reeves (Carter Doyle) tries to ask her out , revealing that he saw her pictures online . Jade Mitchell (Gemma Pranita) comforts Natasha and opens up to her about an abusive relationship that she was once in .

Celeste gives Natasha the waitressing job at Charlie 's and she moves in with Summer and Karl Kennedy (Alan Fletcher) , after her house is sold . Natasha also decides to drop out of her university course , upon realising that it is not right for her . Natasha meets Ed Lee (Sebastian Gregory) at Charlie 's and offers to help him solve a maths equation , but he dismisses her . When she solves the problem , he invites her to a maths club . Natasha later transfers to his calculus course and Ed helps her with conditional probability , which they use to predict the outcome of a game of cards . They decide to play a game of Blackjack with a group of guys at Charlie 's , but are forced to stop when a couple of police officers walks in . Natasha convinces Ed to hold a game at

the Men 's Shed , so they can continue to test the theory and make some money . Andrew comes up with an idea to use the theory to make an odds calculator mobile app . When Natasha goes to asks Ed about the idea , he introduces her to the hobby of LARPing , before agreeing to sign Andrew 's contract .

Natasha spends more time with Ed and attends a comic swap with him . Shortly before a press conference for the app , Ed finds an error and he and Natasha work together to fix it . While they are celebrating , Natasha and Ed almost kiss . Andrew asks Natasha to talk to a blogger about the app without Ed , which she thinks is wrong . When Ed learns what has happened , he accuses Natasha and Andrew of using him . Natasha tries to apologise , but Ed insists that she and Andrew pay him for his help and then they can go their separate ways . Ed and Natasha eventually make up and she asks him out on a date . Andrew reveals that an offer as been made for the app , but Natasha refuses to sell it . During a car journey to the city with her friends , Natasha learns that Andrew faked her signature to sell the app behind her back and an argument breaks out . Andrew tries to stop Natasha from calling the police and he bumps Chris ' arm , causing him to lose control of the car and crash . Natasha frees herself from the car , before pulling Ed from the wreckage .

At the hospital , Natasha blames Andrew for the crash . She learns Ed has a fractured collarbone and sits with him until he wakes up . When he does , Natasha kisses him . They begin dating , but Natasha worries that they do not have much in common . Natasha helps organise a ball for the university and takes an immediate dislike to Ed 's vintage suit . She spills coffee on it and then lends Ed a nicer one that she found . Ed realises what she has done and they fight . After apologising to each other , Natasha decides to break up with Ed , as they are too different . When Natasha finds Andrew having a fit in Charlie 's , she learns that he has epilepsy . She agrees to keep it a secret . After he collapses , Natasha encourages Andrew to go to the hospital for tests . Before he can leave , he suffers a fit in front of Paul . Andrew initially blames Natasha for causing the fit when Paul takes Charlie 's away from him . She then helps him to convince Paul to change his mind . Natasha and Andrew begin dating again in secret . They later decide to tell everyone and Summer reveals that she already knew and does not mind . Natasha later finds an old email from Andrew proclaiming his love for Summer and she begins to worry about her relationship with him . However , Andrew reassures her that he loves her and their relationship is different this time around . Natasha asks Andrew to take a month of celibacy , but they end up breaking it early . Natasha quits university and tells Andrew that she is leaving Erinsborough to travel around Europe . She asks Andrew to come with her and he agrees . They leave the following day with Paul 's blessing .

= = Casting = =

In early 2010 , it was announced that three new characters ; Doug Harris (Mahesh Jadu) , Michael Williams (Sandy Winton) and Natasha Williams were to join Neighbours in the following months . Novakovic , a performing arts college graduate , was cast in the role of Natasha . The actress had been studying architecture at university , before she chose to move into acting . Shortly after her casting was announced , Novakovic revealed that the role of Natasha was her first acting job and that while she would always be interested in architecture , she really wanted to enjoy the experience on Neighbours . Novakovic moved from Sydney to Melbourne , where Neighbours is filmed , for the role . She is three years older than the character she portrays . In 2011 , Novakovic revealed she is still happy with the career choice she made , stating " I enjoy what I 'm doing now a lot more than studying , because this is where I want to be . [...] The best thing for me is that I enjoy going to work every day and have some great friends there , including the crew . It 's awesome to do something you love every single day . "

= = Development = =

= = Characterisation = =

Before she entered Neighbours , Natasha was described as being " spirited , rebellious and conniving " . Channel Five 's Holy Soap website described her as being a " teen rebel " . After she entered the show , Network Ten described Natasha as having a " major attitude " and a " burning desire to rule the school . " They also go on to explain that Natasha never misses an opportunity to be the centre of attention and does whatever it takes to be noticed . However , Natasha really wants to get her father 's attention and she chooses to rebel , so that he notices her . TV Soap called Natasha a vixen and Novakovic describes Natasha as being " manipulative " and knowing what she wants .

During an interview , executive producer Susan Bower explained that Natasha is " a teenage troublemaker who is actually really , really clever " . Natasha wants to be a famous model , she loves to gossip and she knows how to get the boy 's attentions . Bower also added that Natasha and Summer Hoyland (Jordy Lucas) clash because Summer is a feminist who fights for causes , while Natasha is the opposite . Novakovic is fond of the love @-@ hate relationship Natasha shares with Summer and said that they were " frenemies . " She further explained , " They 're in the same social group at school , and despite the fact that they have so many differences , they 're similar in a lot of ways . And Summer is Natasha 's only female friend , don 't forget . "

Natasha 's personality began to change and in October 2010 , Novakovic said " When she arrived she was full @-@ on , and that was all a part of getting the attention she loves . It 's all about knowing that she 's liked . But she 's more settled now " . Novakovic also explained that it is " quite challenging " to play someone so different from herself , but it is fun . She also hoped that she is not as irritating as Natasha in real life and added " I 'm not a manipulative teenage girl who 's forever wanting everything her own way . " In March 2011 , Novakovic revealed that she would like to see Natasha become a nicer person , grow up and turn over a new leaf . She said " There are glimpses of the nice girl in Tash . " She later said that as she has played the villain for over a year , she would like to show Natasha 's " softer , funnier side . " Novakovic also hoped that her future storylines could see Natasha 's background and her relationship with her mother explored and developed .

In November 2012 , Novakovic proclaimed that Natasha was still herself , despite how much she had grown . She explained " It 's so much fun to playing such a free spirited character . I like that she 's matured and thinks a little clearer now that she is older , but I don 't think Tash could ever become boring , no matter how much she matures . "

= = = Family = = =

In order to form the father @-@ daughter bond needed for their respective roles , both Novakovic and Winton introduced each other to their families . The actors spent a lot of time together , to ensure they were comfortable together on and off screen . Natasha 's father , Michael , is a widower and she is his only child . Bower revealed Natasha has her father wrapped around her finger . Michael dotes upon Natasha and Bower opined Natasha causes havoc because he is not strict with her . Winton said he thinks Michael is not handling things with Natasha " too poorly " , but she does make things difficult for him . During a 2011 interview with Channel 5 , Winton said that Michael and Natasha 's relationship had become tortured . Winton stated that Michael wishes Natasha would stop lying to him and hoped she would get her act together , so they could have some semblance of a father / daughter relationship . Winton wanted Michael to build a better relationship with Natasha in the future as he loves her , despite the things she has done .

Following an incident in which Natasha sprays graffiti around Ramsay Street , Michael disowns his daughter and ignores her attempts to get back in his good books . Natasha finds the situation weird and she is hurt by her father 's actions . Novakovic said Natasha is disappointed in herself for hurting Michael so much . Natasha responds by taking advantage of her new independence to try to get Michael 's attention . She also tries to get back on her father 's good side , by doing some housekeeping , but Michael brushes it all aside . Of how Natasha feels about this , Novakovic said " She knows how much her father loves her which is why this is even more jarring , as she realises it must be killing her father to act this way . " Natasha and Michael eventually make amends , but it is not an easy journey and they have a lot to work through . Novakovic told Daniel Kilkelly of Digital

Spy that the storyline would change Natasha and she would become more sensitive and less self @-@ absorbed .

Bower later teased an upcoming storyline which shows the beginning of Natasha wanting to find out more about her late mother . Bower told Kilkelly that the secret would be revealed in three parts , which would change Natasha and Michael 's lives forever . " In July 2011 , it was announced Natasha 's long lost aunt , Emilia (played by Freya Stafford) , would be introduced . The Neighbours official website said Emilia 's arrival would dig up a lot of secrets and she plays a " pivotal role in Natasha 's teenage angst . " Novakovic revealed Natasha and Emilia had met before , but Natasha was a toddler and does not remember her . The actress said Natasha and Emilia begin meeting each other in secret and get along well . Novakovic added " Although when Tash mentions her mother , Emilia 's reaction is quite strange . But there is so much coming up between these two that all this could change ! "

= = Relationship with Andrew Robinson = =

Natasha starts dating Andrew Robinson (Jordan Smith) and she believes that they are perfect for each other . Novakovic said that they " bring out the worst in each other " and added " I don 't think she could find a guy that would tolerate her like Andrew does . She thinks he 's the only guy she could possibly be with . " Natasha thinks that school and studying is not cool and is happy that Andrew feels the same , until Summer Hoyland joins their class and Andrew becomes interested in his studies . Natasha fears that she could lose her control over Andrew . Summer later asks Natasha if there is anything else , other than the physical aspect , to her relationship with Andrew . Novakovic says that " Natasha is furious , but it does make her stop and think about what she is doing . " Natasha does begin to have her doubts about the relationship and she decides to test Andrew , by telling him she wants their relationship to have to be about communicating and understanding each other . Andrew does not take the new direction of the relationship well . Novakovic said that Natasha believes the relationship between her neighbours , Susan (Jackie Woodburne) and Karl Kennedy (Alan Fletcher) , is something to be inspired by . She added " That 's what she wants to look forward to , but she 's getting way ahead of herself . Andrew likes her but he isn 't as serious as she is . " Novakovic opined that Andrew and Natasha " bring out the worst in each other " and that Natasha 's relationship with Andrew had been one of her favourite storylines .

Andrew and Natasha briefly split and she starts dating Kyle Canning (Chris Milligan) . Natasha decides to break off the relationship , but Kyle dumps her first . TV Soap said " She 's usually the one calling the shots and doing the dumping , but young Natasha is about to find out what it 's like on the other side of the fence " . They add that Natasha rarely thinks before dropping one guy and moving onto another . Natasha grows bored of Kyle 's company , but Kyle also becomes bored with his younger girlfriend and he ends their relationship . Natasha is embarrassed and she lies to Andrew about who ended the relationship first . Natasha and Andrew eventually get back together and Adelaide Now said that thrills Natasha " as she 's completely obsessed " with Andrew .

A love triangle between Natasha , Andrew and Summer is formed . Natasha 's feelings for Andrew grow when they organise a party together , but she notices Andrew 's concern for Summer when she collapses and warns Summer away from Andrew . Natasha later asks Andrew if he loves her , but he does not reply . In December 2010 , Summer and Andrew give into their feelings for each other and have sex . Novakovic said Natasha would be " devastated " if she knew what had happened and that she would not let Andrew and Summer off lightly . Andrew tells Natasha that he is going to business meeting , but he meets Summer instead . While they are together in Summer 's house , a fire breaks out . Natasha sees the smoke and calls her father and the emergency services before entering the house to rescue Summer , unaware Andrew is also there . Novakovic explained Natasha 's ordeal : " Natasha is pulled from the fire by her dad , Michael . Andrew and Summer are rescued separately , and Natasha has no idea of the reason why Andrew was in the house - he was cheating on her with Summer ! " After the rescue , Natasha has to come to terms with the fact she will be scarred from a burn she sustains on her neck . Novakovic said that it is a " big deal " for Natasha , as she aspires to be a model and this could ruin her chances . Novakovic also opines that

Summer wants nothing more than to be with Andrew , but how can she take him when Natasha tried to save her ? Novakovic believed Natasha was blasé to their feelings adding " Deep down , I think Natasha knows that there 's something going on , but she doesn 't want to admit it to herself . But sooner or later , I reckon she 'll have to face the inevitable . "

= = = Fake pregnancy = = =

A couple of months later , Natasha discovers Andrew is cheating on her with Summer . Natasha is hurt and angry and she lies to Andrew about being pregnant . Of Natasha 's rash decision , Novakovic explained " She is hurt and the whole cheating thing has really crushed her . She feels like the fool , no one goes behind her back . And she feels they are pitying her because of her injury [the burn she sustained in the fire] and [she] really hates that . " Natasha wants Andrew and Summer to feel guilty about betraying her and she wants Andrew for herself . Andrew believes Natasha is pregnant and instead of being with Summer , he decides to stick by Natasha and their baby . Novakovic said that the new storyline is " very exciting " and she could not wait to discover the new developments . Novakovic insisted that Natasha is making the plan up as she goes along . She has not thought it out or how the whole situation might end . Her main goal is to keep Andrew and Summer apart because they betrayed and hurt her . Natasha and Andrew attend a pre @-@ natal class together and they get on quite well . During an interview with Digital Spy , Novakovic explained that Natasha is reminded of why she fell for Andrew in the first place , especially when she sees his gentle side . Because Natasha is getting along well Andrew , there are times when she feels guilty for what she is doing . Natasha does not have any sort of plan to admit the truth as she knows Andrew will be angry .

Novakovic enjoyed filming the storyline because there was so much drama . When she was asked if she had any sympathy for Natasha during filming , she told Digital Spy that she had to because she needed to understand how her character is feeling . Novakovic also hoped viewers would have sympathy for Natasha too . The lie starts to grow out of control and Natasha is forced to make up stories about why she does not want to go to the doctor . She later buys fake ultrasound scan photos over the internet , but Summer becomes suspicious about them and discovers they are from overseas and are fake . Summer realises that Natasha has been lying about being pregnant and reveals the truth in front of Andrew and Natasha 's father , shocking Natasha . Andrew does not take the news well and Michael blames himself for his daughter 's actions . Novakovic hoped the experience would change Natasha and she would start to grow up . The actress added that Natasha cannot cope by herself and if she continues lying to everyone , they may turn against her .

= = = Photo scandal = = =

In June 2011 , Inside Soap reported that Natasha would " hook up " with Ivan DeMarco (Ben Knight) , an older man she meets while out clubbing . A source told the magazine : " Tash sets her sights on somebody who isn 't necessarily good for her . " They added that Natasha is in a reckless frame of mind , which leads to more conflict with her father . In an attempt to impress Ivan and to show how mature she is , Natasha sends him " raunchy photos " of herself . The Daily Star reported that Ivan would then betray Natasha by showing the pictures to his friends . Natasha 's pictures go viral after her " act of recklessness " and TV Week said that her situation should be a lesson to anyone thinking of doing the same . Natasha 's classmates find out about the pictures and it causes a scandal at her school . Of the situation , a Neighbours insider told the paper " Tash doesn 't think of the consequences when she takes a series of very naughty pictures of herself to send to Ivan . He 's more than ten years older than her and she 's desperate to keep him interested . "

Natasha 's father , Michael , discovers what has happened and he is disgusted when he hears the boys at school talking about his daughter . He confronts Ivan , thinking he made Natasha take the pictures , but he is " gutted " when he learns that it was all Natasha 's idea . Natasha tries to win her father 's favour back and she sprays some unpleasant graffiti about herself around the street , before playing the victim . Natasha enjoys the attention she receives , but when Michael realises

what she did , he chooses to disown his daughter and tells her that he does not care what she gets up to . Natasha is left shocked by Michael 's decision and does not know what to do about it . Natasha becomes insecure following the photo scandal and Michael 's rejection of her and she begins to obsess about improving her appearance . Natasha searches for nose jobs online , before stealing her father 's credit card and booking herself in for a procedure .

= = = Ed Lee = = =

A writer for Channel 5 revealed in March 2012 , that Natasha would be introduced to the hobby of LARPing , by a new guy who has " a surprising impact on her " . The following month , it was announced that Sebastian Gregory had joined the cast of Neighbours as " maths genius " Ed Lee , Natasha 's new love interest . Shortly after she drops out of her arts course at university , Natasha meets Ed in Charlie 's . She initially believes he is trying to ask her out on a date , but is embarrassed when she realises that she has misread the signals . Natasha apologises and offers to help him out with a difficult maths equation he has been trying to solve . A writer for All About Soap explained " judgemental Ed dismisses her , assuming the waitress hasn 't got much in the brains department ! " . Natasha solves Ed 's equation , proving him wrong and forcing him to apologise to her . Ed then invites Natasha to attend a university maths club , but she leaves at the last minute " refusing to be labelled a nerd . " Natasha , Andrew and Ed make an anti @-@ gambling phone app using a maths probability theory and Natasha develops feelings for Ed . While they are celebrating the completion of the phone app , Natasha and Ed embrace and almost share a kiss . However , the moment is ruined when Andrew calls Natasha . Jackie Brygel of TV Week commented " Will beauty and the geek , Tash and Ed , ever get to lock lips ? "

= = = Departure = = =

On 1 November 2012 , Novakovic confirmed that she would be leaving Neighbours to pursue acting opportunities in the United States . Of her decision to leave the serial , Novakovic stated " Australia is small compared to what else is out there , especially in Los Angeles . I love acting and it 's what I want to do , so why not be in the thick of it all ? I certainly love to do more Aussie things but , being realistic , there is nowhere near as much opportunity here . " During her first interview since announcing her departure , Novakovic explained that her main reasons for leaving Neighbours were to try other things and explore different characters . The actress said that she had wanted to do two years with the show , but when the time came , she decided to stay for another year to prepare herself to leave .

Novakovic told Kilkelly that she did not have the full details of how Natasha would leave , but said that it would involve " a drive off in a car " . She did not mind Natasha leaving the show without a dramatic exit , stating that leaving on good terms would be good . The actress commented that she had loved her character 's transition from " bratty " to " almost nice " and believed that Natasha was still herself no matter what she had gone through . Novakovic was pleased that she got to explore every aspect of Natasha and go through every emotion with her . She added that she wanted Natasha to be remembered by the viewers . Novakovic filmed her final scenes in December , but Natasha continued to appear on @-@ screen until 29 March 2013 .

= = = Reception = = =

For her portrayal of Natasha , Novakovic was included on the long list for the 2011 Most Popular New Talent Logie Award . A writer for Holy Soap said Natasha 's most memorable moment was " Showing she could be a heroine as she rushed to rescue her friends from the Ramsay Street fire . " Virginia Blackburn of the Daily Express nicknamed Natasha and Andrew " The Swot and The Slug " after learning about Natasha 's talent for Maths . A reporter from The Sun @-@ Herald branded Natasha a " teen rebel " , while a TV Soap columnist stated that she was the new Izzy Hoyland of Neighbours . Michelle Duff of The Dominion Post called Natasha a " blonde @-@ haired vixen . "

Duff also used Natasha 's fake pregnancy storyline as an example of how life in Ramsay Street is more " melodramatic " than life in a real street . Jaci Stephen of the Daily Mail also commented on Natasha 's pregnancy lie , saying " As plans go , Tash 's seem to be right down there with building an ark in Las Vegas . " Stephen later advised Natasha that there were other ways to hold on to a bloke , like using handcuffs . Laura Morgan from All About Soap said she enjoyed Natasha 's fake pregnancy storyline , saying " We love nothing more than a fake pregnancy to shake things up a bit ! " A writer for Channel 5 proclaimed the storyline was " arguably one of the soap 's most jaw @-@ dropping revenge plots . "

Holy Soap ran a poll on who Andrew should be with and 16 @,@ 000 votes were cast , with 92 % of viewers choosing Summer over Natasha . In June 2011 , a Daily Record reporter called Natasha a " wayward teen " and said her relationship with Ivan was likely to end in tears . In August 2011 , Anthony D. Langford of AfterElton commented " the show really needs a new direction for Tash . Her endless stunts and tricks are kind of boring at this point . Tash is a likeable character , and I love her friendship with Chris . But this character needs some growth and a new direction . And perhaps a love interest as well . " Langford later said Natasha just simply asking Aidan Foster (Bobby Morley) if he was gay or straight was " so in character that you weren 't shocked when she did it . " All About Soap 's Claire Crick praised Natasha 's reaction to finding out that Michael and Emilia were having an affair at the time of her mother 's death , saying " we can 't help but love her rebellious revenge ! " Crick explained " After being in the dark about her mum 's death all her life , you can 't blame Tash for lashing out , especially when she assumed that her dad was keeping things secret to protect her ... when in actual fact he was just protecting his own sordid secret ! " She added that she could not wait to see what happens next , " especially if it involves more from the tearaway teen ? go , Tash ! " A Channel 5 website writer commented that Natasha was " one of Neighbours ' most colourful and controversial characters " .