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Tunnel of love.

Marcus Shingles made his girlfriend's dreams come true last month, proving that love really is in the...water, making a deep sea proposal in UnderWater World's Tunnel.

The young Sunshine Coast Manager got down on bended knee in front of over 4000 of the aquarium's marine animals, asking Leah to marry him in the privately booked setting.

The high school sweet hearts have been dating for four years and their trip to UnderWater World was a cleverly planned surprise for their anniversary.

Marcus's fiancée Leah Tunley, 20 was completely shocked when she arrived at the aquarium late on Saturday night to find that their favourite place was not only open, but waiting for their arrival.

"Keeping it a secret wasn't easy; I even had to create a new email account so she wouldn't stumble across my preparation," jokes Marcus, 18.

"But when she saw our table in front of the coral tanks she was astounded and had a big smile on her face, so it was totally worth it."

Marcus timed his proposal to perfection waiting until the ring arrived on the Tunnel's conveyor belt before he popped the question.

"As the ring came around to Leah I said 'I've got a gift for you,' and then I grabbed the ring got down on one knee and asked her to marry me," Marcus says.

"I was so nervous waiting for her reply, but then she said 'Are you serious?...Yes!' and it was the perfect ending to our special night."

"UnderWater World made our special night that much more special and we'll definitely never forget it!"

Leah's love of fish and aquariums has made UnderWater World a special place for the couple, who are considering a wedding in Maleny followed by a honeymoon in Thailand.

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