

Love App-tually

BT speaks with users of dating apps to suss out the mobile dating scene in Singapore. **BY JACQUELYN CHEOK**

Stigma

A 31-year-old food entrepreneur met her same-aged boyfriend, an executive at a German bank, through **Coffee Meets Bagel**. When asked by friends, the couple would say they were introduced by a mutual friend. "Why? Shy lah!", the boyfriend said. They have been dating for eight months.

Companionship

A 28-year-old creative designer has been a user of **Tinder** since he started work at 25. Of his 30 successful matches, he met five girls in person, two of whom he seriously dated, and the other three became his buddies. "It's a good way to make new friends. We meet regularly for coffee or lunch now."

Die-hard romantic

A female university programme manager likes how **OkCupid** determines match rankings between users by their answers to a series of questions. The 29-year-old has answered at least 50 questions - from politics and religion to relationships and hygiene. Though none of the 20 male dates she had met worked out, she is still looking. "My skin has become thick," she said.

Hook-up

A surgeon in his early-thirties swears by **Grindr** whenever he desires a casual sexual encounter. "There's no chatting or getting to know people. Usually within 30 minutes, something can be arranged; 10 mins if you're not fussy."



Options

A senior executive at a statutory board first used **Skout** when he was an undergraduate, and had met his then-girlfriend, a junior at the same local university, through the app. Their relationship lasted eight months, and he has not met another girlfriend through an app. "I'd still use dating apps. But maybe I got to rely on more traditional ways. These apps are just to keep my options open."