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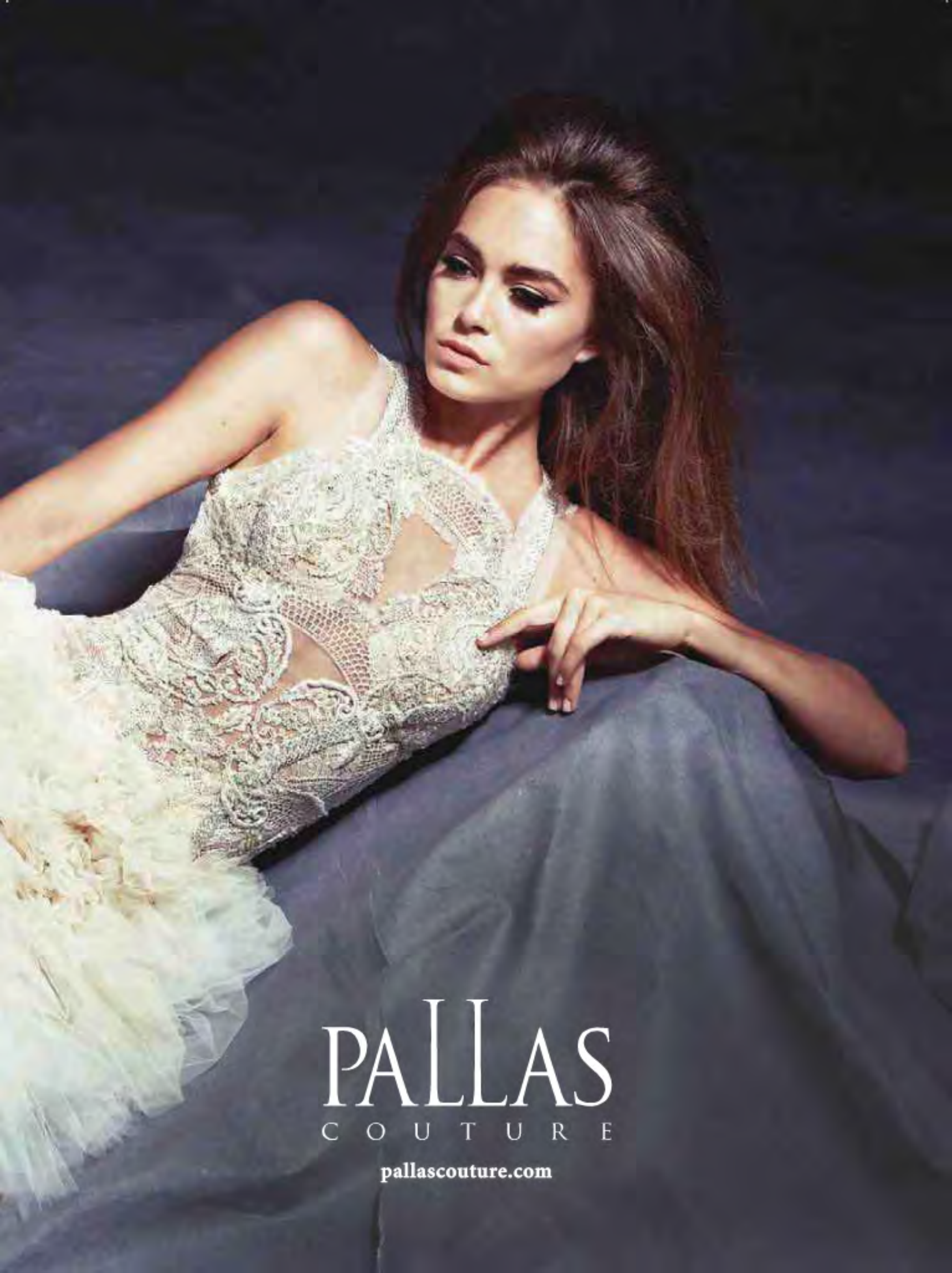
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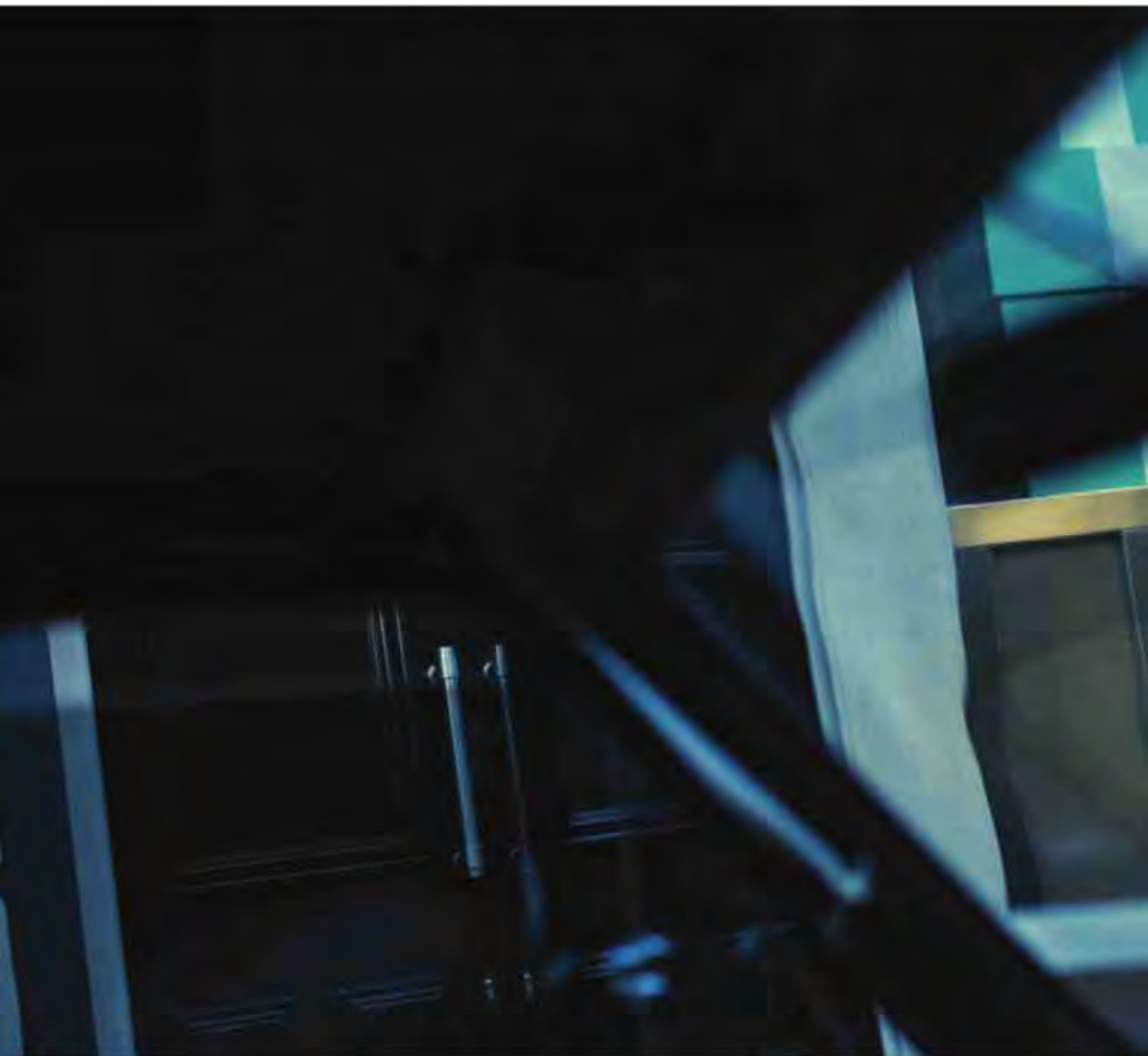


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## Editors letter

**W**elcome to yet another exciting issue. We had a tough act to follow, the bar was set high with edition 18 but in saying that I am sure that you will agree that this issue is every bit as inspiring. This issue is bursting at the seams with this season's latest fashion trends for you and your fiancé. The fashion is diverse, daring and teeming with Wow-factor!

This year's brides are gutsy! Opting for bold gown colours like black, red and blues, only not your ordinary blue, a cobalt movement has hit the fashion scene – the groom, the bridesmaids, mum and the guests are bluening crazy for it.

And while fashion goes wild, we are seeing the total opposite with the new beauty flavors of the season, it appears that we have done a full circle from current colour contrast and striking blush tones with full colourful lips to 'candour and purity' with a semi-nude subtle touch of the lips and eyes. Cast

aside the bold look of pulsating lipsticks and powders, gone is the dramatic eye makeup (see our beauty pgs. 85-105).

Perth Local talent, if your style is totally laid-back and casual, you will love the new rustic movement, we saw burlap hit the scene so of course "boho-chic Western style" makes sense. It's festive, colourful, fun and bigger than ever! Couples are utilising open space receptions with must-have elements like hand-drawn maps with your invitations and fun, not fussy, wording on your invites. For the fashion, a modern lucid take on the '70s, Woodstock vibe 'very cool' with intentionally mismatched bridesmaid dresses will keep the look effortless and easy.

With all of these bright fun reception ideas Venue Options has been a joy to put together; in this issue we feature over 80 of WA's best wedding venues, and a plethora of the world's best honeymoon and wedding destinations.

This issue offers some great prizes, we have two Betty Tran gowns for two lucky readers – enter online to WIN,

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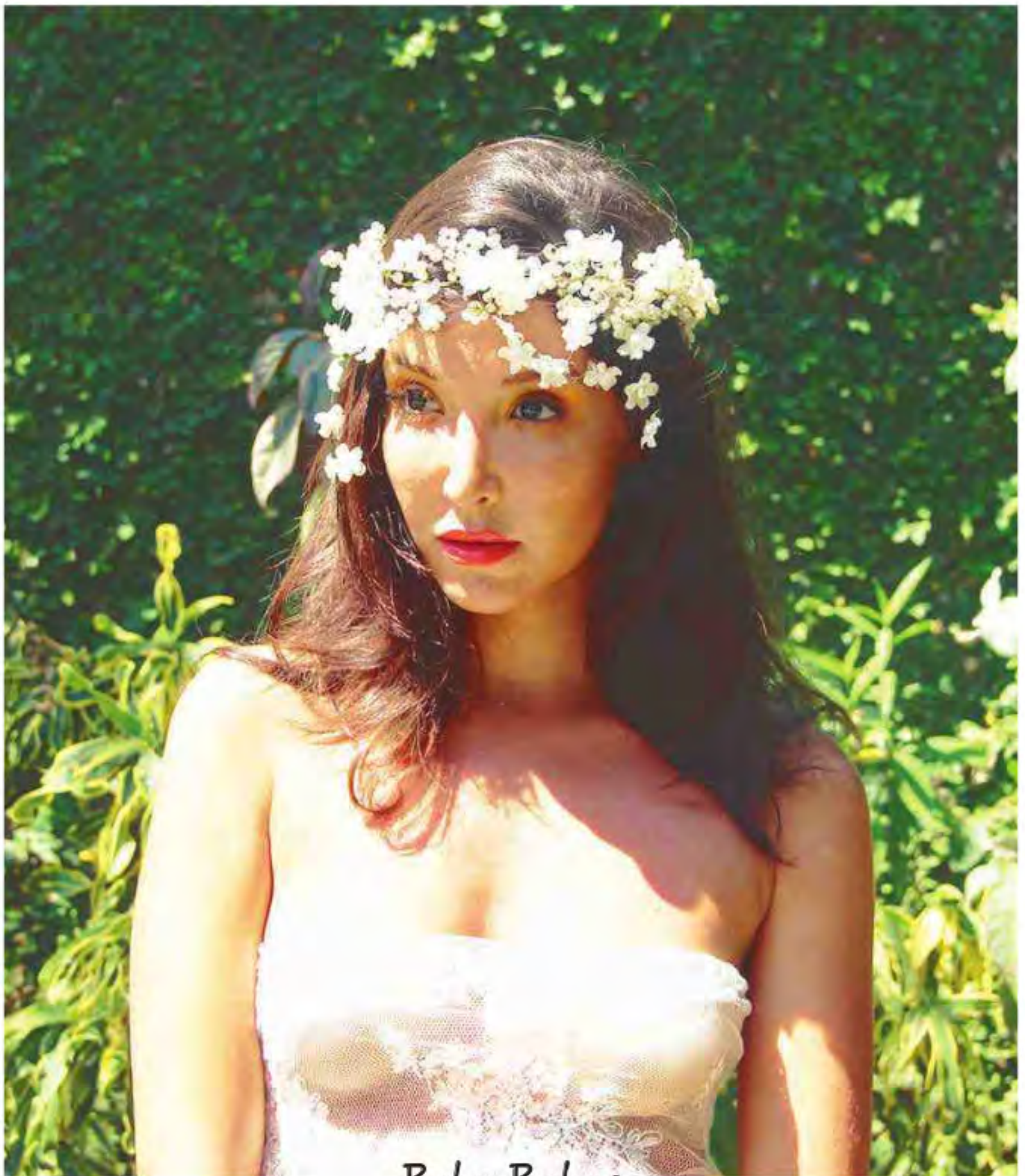
Most importantly, try to remember that this is a great time for you and your partner to revel in your big day plans, every moment may not be easy! So take your time and talk it thru and try to see the sunny side of any mishaps. The wedding suppliers in this issue are experts within their field and are more than capable of making your wedding a raving success as 'this is what they do best'.

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### Finding the one

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Whether you have or not had a clear picture of your perfect dress etched in your mind forever, the key to finding it is research.

So unless you are one of those girls that tries wedding gowns on for the hell of it when it comes to actually trying on different gowns, bear in mind that your dream dress may not actually suit your body type!

As with all fashion, certain styles suit certain body types better than others. Your aim is to highlight your best features and camouflage any imperfections.

To begin the search, look through magazines, websites and online blogs, when you see something you like, reference it, gather as many pictures as you can so that you can shortlist them later.

### Tips for making your shopping experience rewarding...

1. Make a shortlist of stores and designers to visit.
2. Choose three designers whose gowns appealed to you, and arrange a time to meet with them.
3. Shop with an open mind, and take advice from the designers, they are experts.
4. Never say never to trying a dress on that you wouldn't normally go for.
5. Take a couple of people with you, feedback is crucial.
6. Choose a dress colour that suits your skin tone.
7. Try your dress on with your shoes prior to purchasing.



**We have outlined a range of 'normal' body shapes, find your body shape to get an idea of the styles that were made for you...**

**Petite** - A petite body type best suits an A-line gown with a neckline that is either off-the-shoulder, scooped, or a gown with shoestring straps. However, steer away from a full-figure A-line gown, underskirts and gowns that have a lot of fabric and are flowing and elaborate in detail.





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**Voluptuous** - A voluptuous body type has a pronounced bust with proportionate hips and a defined waistline. The key in finding a perfect dress for this body type is the neckline. The most flattering necklines are strapless, sweetheart, off-the-shoulder, or something high so it takes the focus off your bust. The best silhouette for the skirt of the dress is A-line or ball gown.

**Pear** - If your body type is pear shape then an A-line or empire line gown will suit you the best and preferably strapless, as your aim is to shift the focus to your top half. You want to avoid anything that draws attention to your bottom half.

**Broad** - If you have broad shoulders your aim is to take the focus off them, so don't select necklines such as off-the-shoulder, halter and spaghetti straps. Try an empire or Basque style gown that is strapless or you can also select wide straps to narrow the look of your shoulders.

**Lean** - A lean body type can suit almost any dress style with the decision focusing on the neckline as it's more about covering any obvious imperfections in your collarbone and arms. You should avoid anything that showcases your upper body, like off-the-shoulder and halter styles and instead choose a dress with wide straps or a wrap.

**Full-figure** - If you are full-figured the most flattering silhouette is an A-line or ball gown style. Steer away from gowns that are sheath or mermaid and any necklines that have spaghetti straps.

## Gown Styles

**A-line** is the most versatile body type style. It is fitted around the bodice and it flares out into an 'A' shape as it falls to the ground.

### Basque Waist Silhouette -

A Basque waist is the whole focus of this silhouette as it's a bodice that finishes with a 'V' point at the front that is lower than the natural waistline.

### Empire Waist Silhouette -

An empire waist starts high, just beneath a fitted bust-line with a seam that falls directly below and forms a skirt with a slight flare.

### Ball Gown Silhouette -

A ball gown style is the most traditional and elaborate of gown styles. It has a full skirt and a fitted bodice which defines the waist. It is also referred to as 'Cinderella' style.

### Sheath Silhouette -

A sheath gown falls straight down from the neckline to the hem as it closely follows the shape of your body, accentuating your torso, waist and hips.

### Mermaid Silhouette -

A mermaid gown is figure hugging starting from the top going all the way down to your mid-thighs and then flares out.





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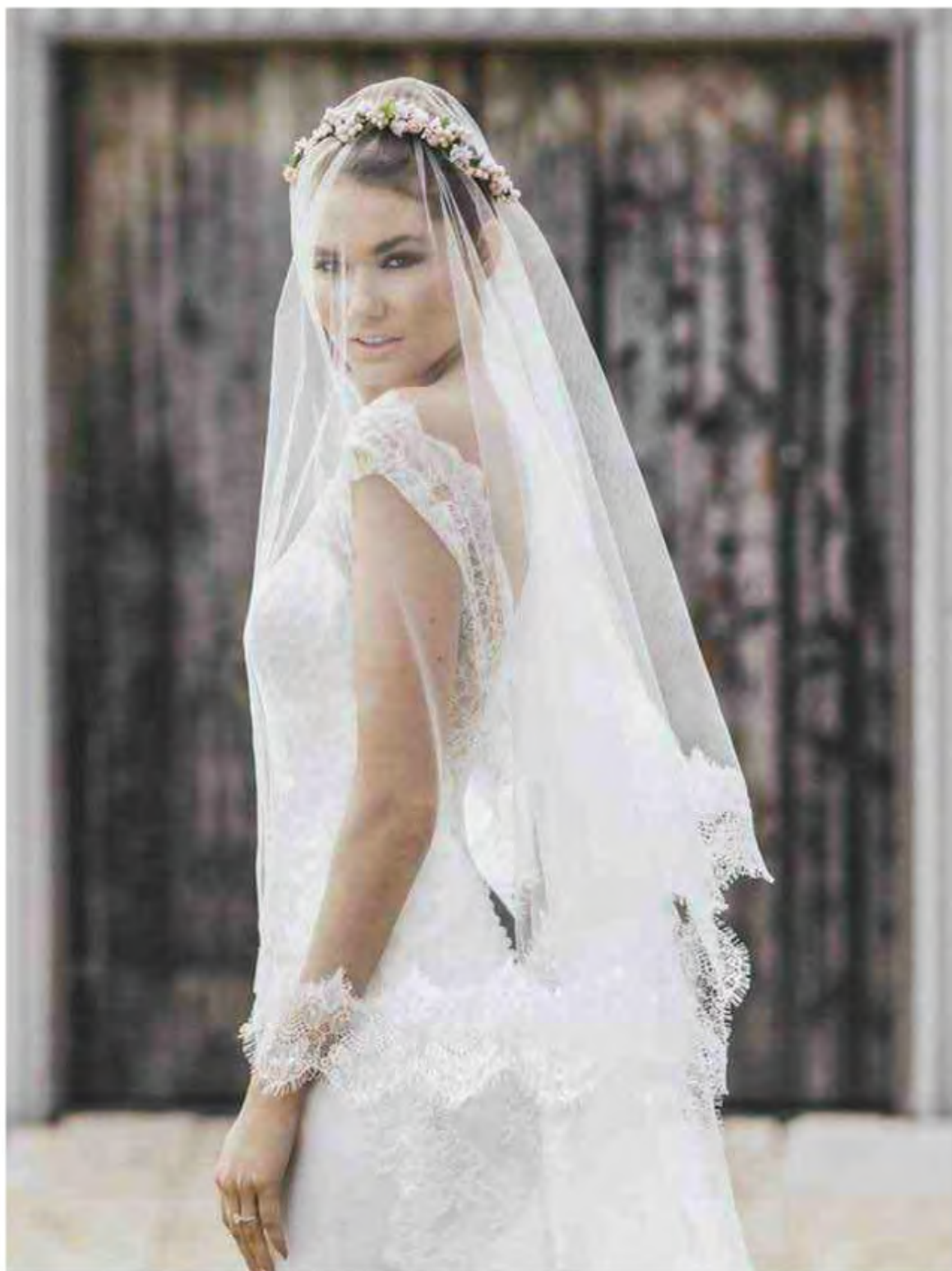
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## Who Sets the trends?

In an age of individuality, it's easy to forget our 'personal look'.

When you stop to think about it 'looks' are conjured up by complete strangers. So where along the line does 'the new thing' become our style?

Imagine trying to find the heartbeat of a movement that hasn't been even born yet. Yet it happens in fashion, music, décor, and even in food. One day this style thing just feels right and a trend is born.

Once upon a time, the trickle – down of trends were easy to trace, from haute couture to high street, new trends evolved and were handed down like the ten commandments.

I would think that most of us would agree that as far as wedding gowns are concerned, it is the fashion designers that still set the trends, and in lots of cases, mysteriously enough, designers will decide apparently

independent of one another, that a certain cut, style, length and even colour, will be the style and it gets pushed to the top of the trend list.

Fashion & trend forecasting is the prediction of mood, behaviour and buying habits of the consumer at a particular time of season. It is no longer a question of finding your markets or consumers by age, geography or income, but looking into how and what they buy, based on their culture, mood, beliefs, occasion and of course geographic locations. It is also dependent on fashion cycle and plays a major role in the introductory phase of recurring fashion cycles.

It makes sense that trends are formed by things that are all around us, like nature, colours, moods, and even our emotions.







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## Angela and Patrick

**Channel Seven, Perth Weather Promoter: Angela Tsun and Western Force: Patrick Dellits Wedding**

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### How the West Was Wed

The blushing bride wore not 'one' but two gowns at her auspicious occasion; both gowns were chosen from renowned local supplier Tuscan Bridal. Angela fell in love with both dresses and just couldn't decide which one to choose, so she had to have both, there were no set plans on the day as when to change that decision would be made when the moment felt right 'we love that' and as trends go the bride wearing two gowns is fast becoming normal.

### And the Bride Wore

The first gown was a stunning yet simple slimline beaded ivory dress that had a hint of gold thread running thru the tulle that added a nice touch as it shimmered in the sunlight. It had a

low cut back it was a good choice for Angela's petit build. The second gown again was full length, ivory chiffon that fitted her like perfectly.

Patrick looked dapper and was on trend, wearing a narrow leg blue MJ Bale Scofield suit paired with an ivory shirt and a shade darker ivory bow tie, he looked every bit the dashing groom.

### The Proposal:

One day three years ago, Angela didn't think anything of it when Patrick suggested they go to City Beach for a picnic, it was the day after Valentine's so love was in the air; Angela said that we were relaxing and chatting when he totally surprised me when I found the words "will you marry me" inside a Chinese fortune cookie, as I opened up the cookie, Patrick got down on one knee and presented a diamond solitaire

in a box to me, that we later designed together and had made at solid Gold Jewellers. The couple were married nine months later on the 14th of November 2014, a date that they both agreed 'felt right' given that they met on the 14th on Valentine's Day.

Being a couple that are often in the limelight they tend to lead live a fast paced life; with that in mind they both agreed to take the same option of a select intimate wedding so that they could enjoy the occasion and their special moment with their guests of which was made up of a colourful list of media personalities that attended the ceremony at Gilbert Fraser Reserve in North Fremantle before heading to Applecross for the reception at the South of Perth Yacht Club.





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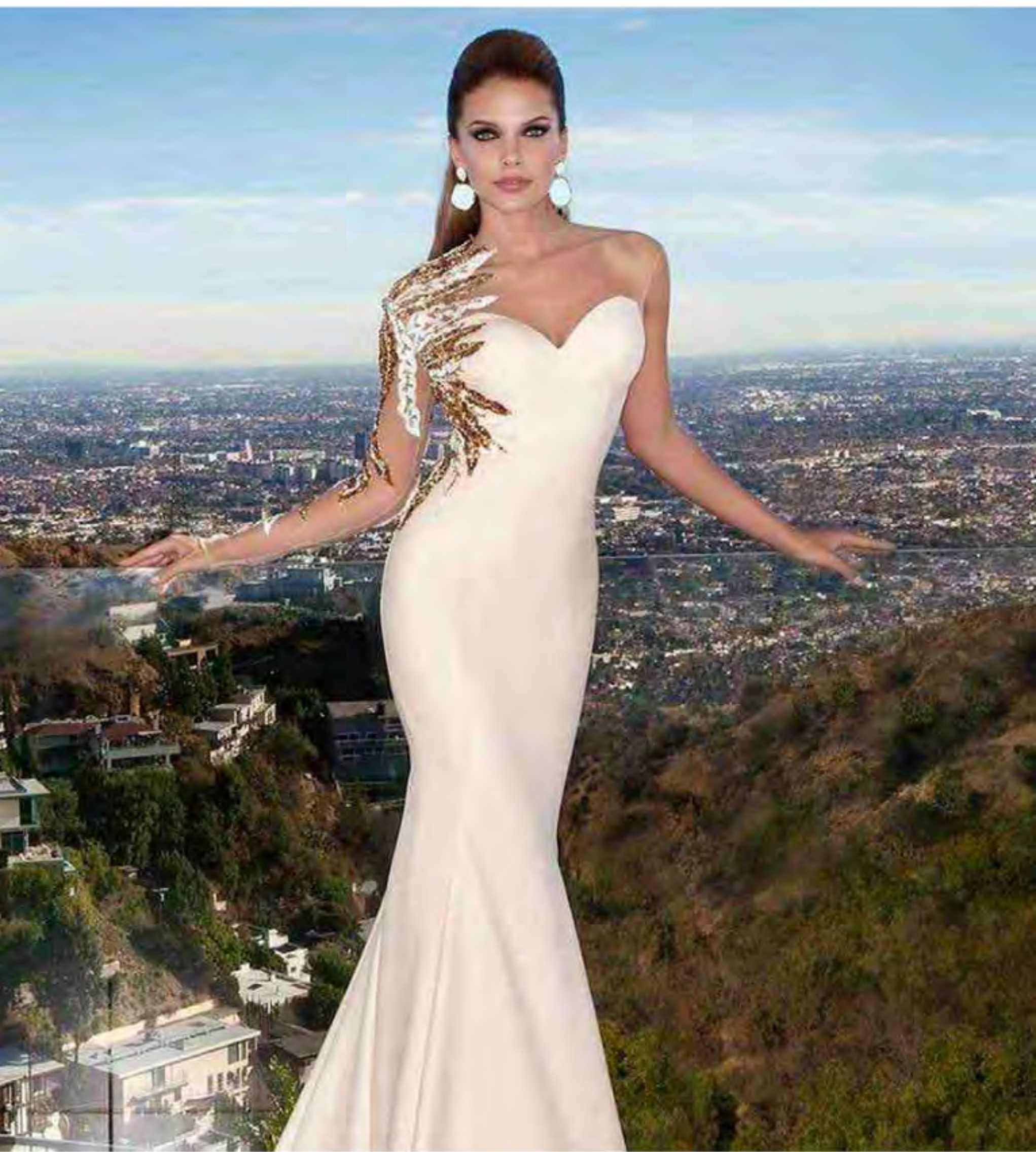














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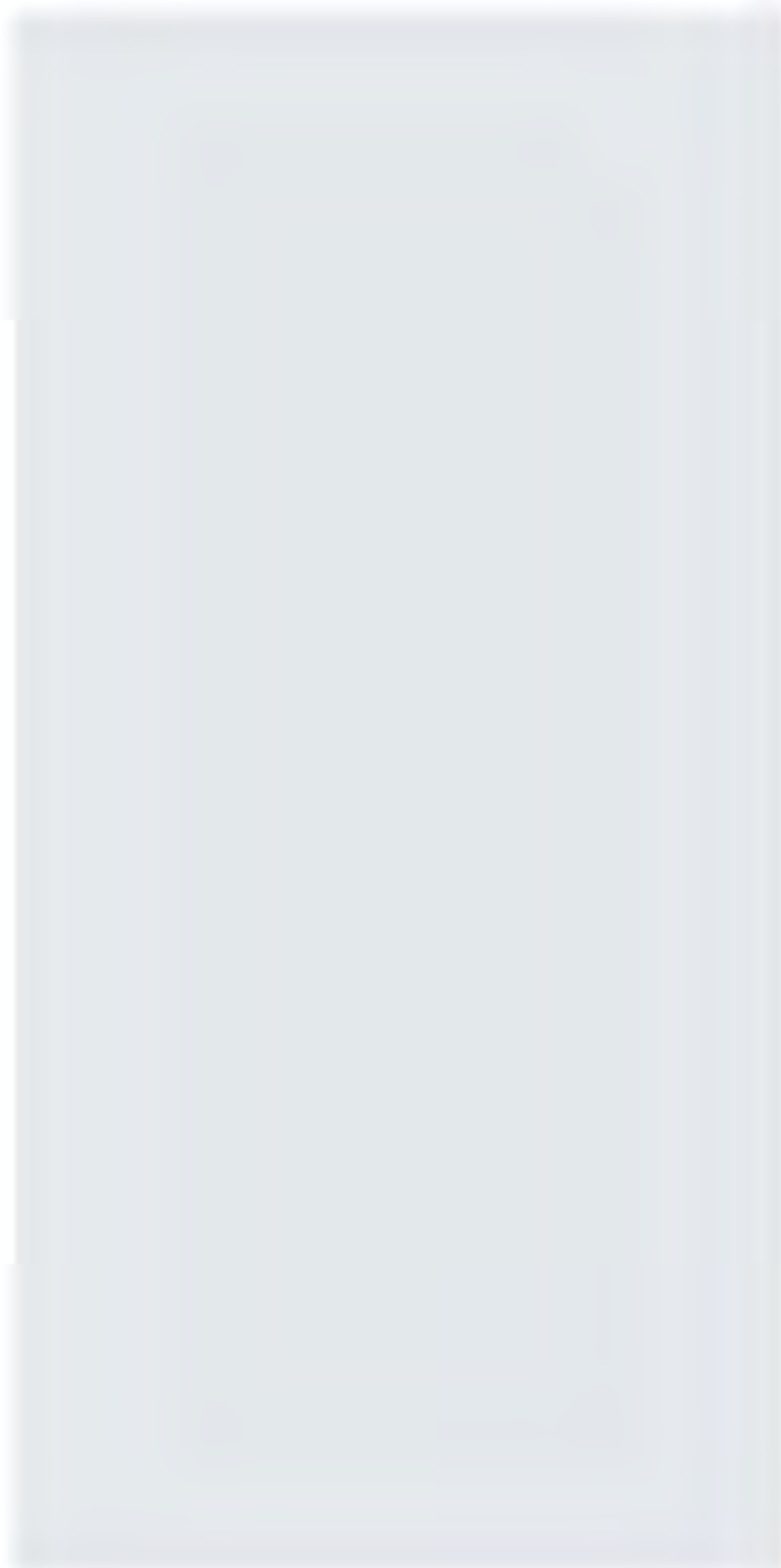








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The recognised yardstick against which diamonds are compared against is the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). GIA, an independent and non-profit organisation, is considered the final word on a diamond's authenticity and quality. They developed the 'Four Cs' and the International Diamond Grading System and many jewellery professionals world-wide are adopting their grading standards.

The 'Four Cs' are namely Colour, Clarity, Cut and Carat weight. The colour grades range from D to Z, D being the best colourless grade and G being the good average standard colour for the stones. In reality, it is very rare to get truly colourless diamonds. Most diamonds are near colourless with slight tints (invisible to the naked eye) of yellow or brown. As diamonds are formed under immense heat and pressure, imperfections result within the stone itself. However, such internal and external blemishes cannot be seen easily, unless subject to viewing under the microscope. The categories for clarity of a diamond include having inclusions to that of being flawless, the latter being exceptionally difficult to obtain.

The cut of the diamond is one of the most important factors in choosing a diamond as an excellently cut diamond will reflect more light and look dazzling when set in an engagement ring. A

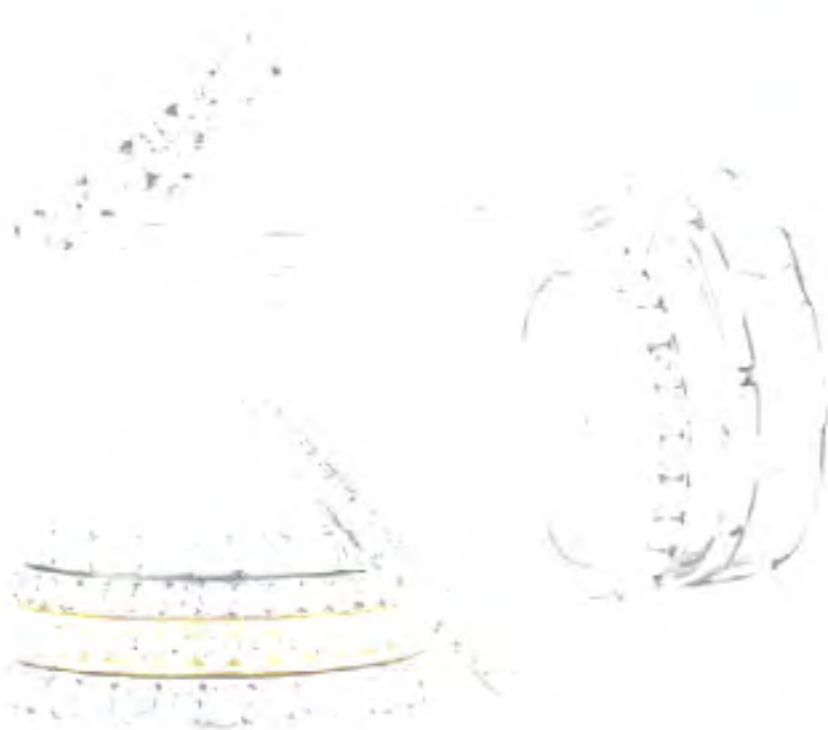
large diamond, say 1 carat big, on the other hand, if poorly cut, would pale in comparison to a smaller diamond with a better cut.

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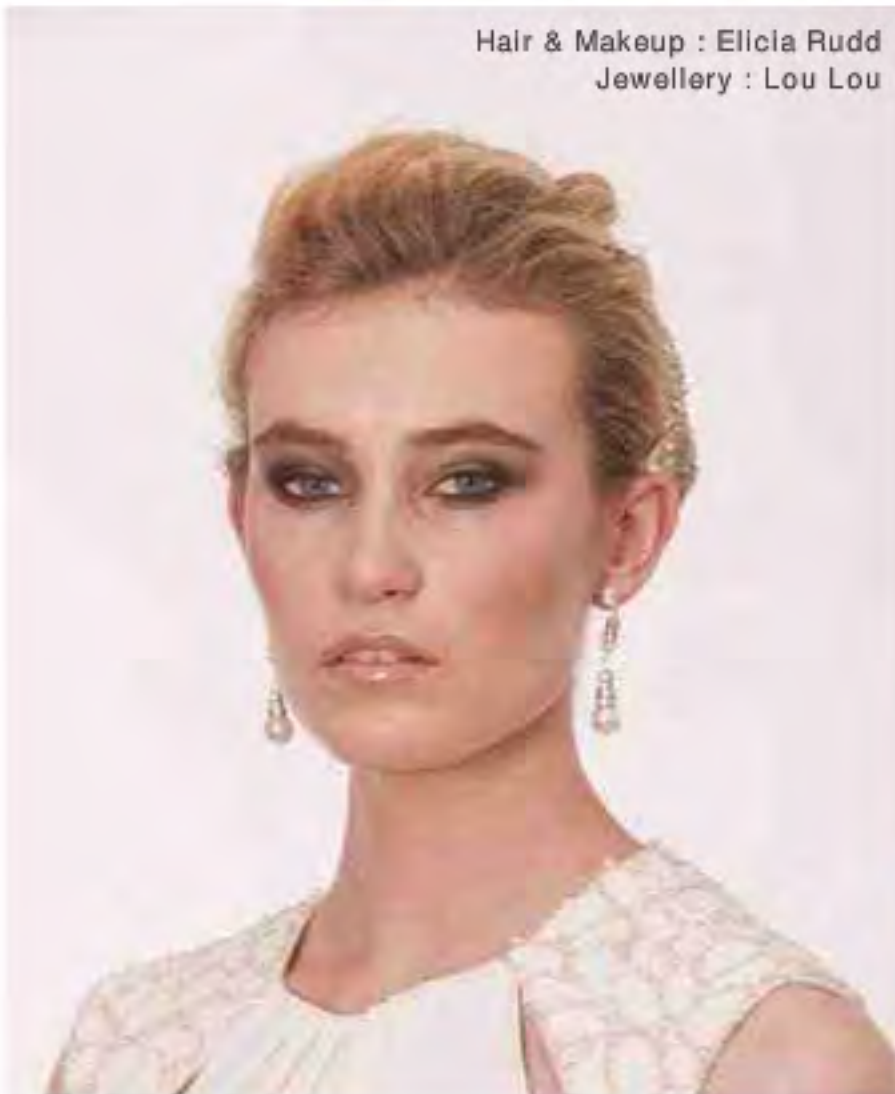
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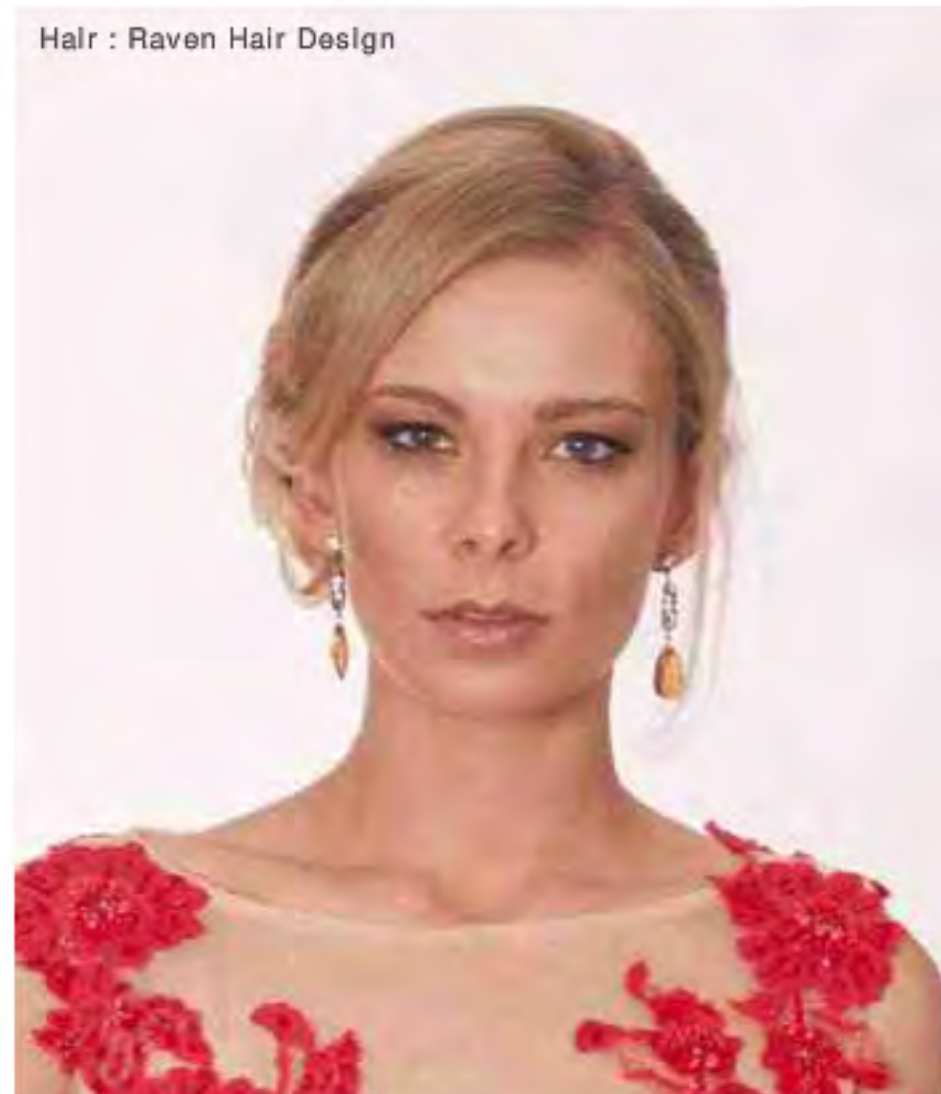
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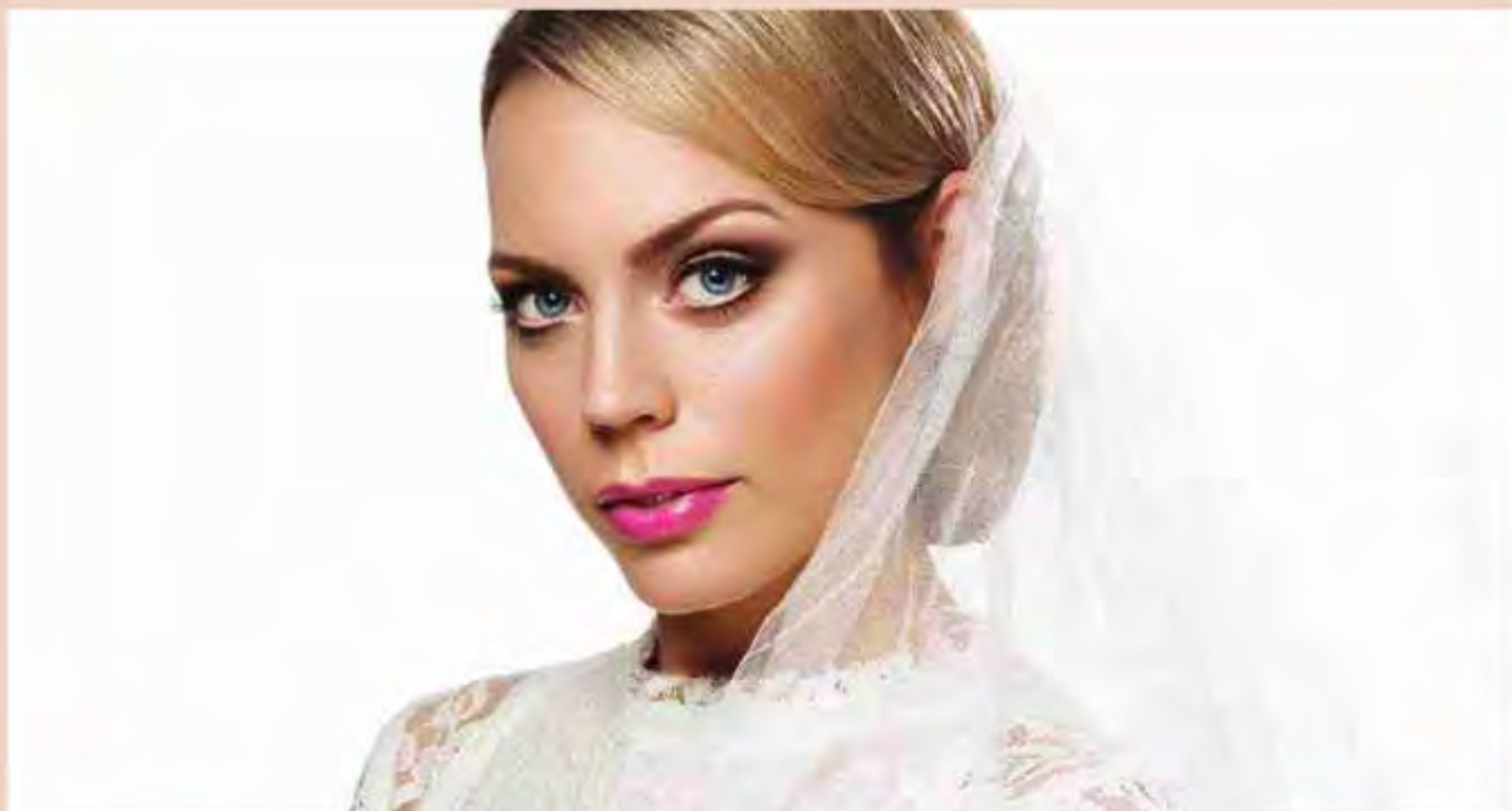




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## Browlicious

### How to get perfect brows for your big day

**W**ell defined brows will make a big difference to a finished face. You can achieve good brow shape by planning it into your daily lead up beauty regime; for the best results begin brow therapy 2-3 months prior to your wedding day. The 'on trend' brow is thick with a slight untamed look, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it is the best fit for your face or your style, it's best to have your brows tailored to you the individual.

There are specialists for everything, brows are no different, they know their stuff so if you really want to achieve amazing brows then the specialist is your best option, and they will also teach you how to maintain your beautiful brow. If you intend to visit a brow specialist let your brows grow out for about 3-4 weeks prior to your visit. If the specialist isn't for you, try these tips.

### Our Tips:

- To shape and style eyebrows the more hair you have the better, so if your brows are lacking you need to grow them out it will take approximately 1 to 2 months.
- Brushing your eyebrows stimulates blood flow to the area, helping to encourage new growth to fill in gaps – make a point of brushing them morning and in the evening.
- When you are filling gaps always use brow pencils and powders a shade lighter than your brows.
- Never pluck out white hairs. Have them tinted instead and avoid plucking long, coarse hairs, and have them trimmed. This all helps to avoid gaps in your brows.
- Use a combination of pencil, brow powder and gel to create flawless brows.

### Step-by-step guide:

- 1.** Brush brows upwards and with a pencil, create a line at the bottom of the brow from start to finish.
- 2.** Brush hairs downwards and create a line from start to finish at the top of the brow.
- 3.** Then fill in the middle part of the brow with powder, making sure you blend both the pencil lines and powder with a brush, to give a soft and natural look.
- 4.** Brush through brow gel to hold them in place and use a highlighter on the brow bone to emphasise your arch.







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## The Look



your day book yourself a regular Microdermabrasion, they are designed to get your skin glowing. We recommend having 3 or 4 of those types of treatments prior to your event.

If it's in your budget we recommend investing in a few regular facials. This is great for deeper cleansing of the skin and will serve you as a relaxing break from the wedding chaos!

## Make up Bible

By : Angela Skinner  
Sparkling Belle Makeup Artistry

### Do I really need a pre-wedding consultation with my artists?

Absolutely, a pre-wedding consultation offers you the opportunity to trial the look that you want to achieve on your big day, so that you can replicate that same look when the time comes, as well as give you confidence in your artist. It should take no less than 1.5 hours; during that time you should discuss the following:

- Your required beauty regime from the get-go, leading up to the day.
- The look you want to achieve on the day.
- Your preparation and schedule for on the day.

It is wise to ask your artist what they will do on the day 'at the consultation' inclusive of all the preparations to the skin and hair, so that you can see for yourself the longevity of your look.

### Things to ask know and tell your artist / stylist;

- Is your hair, oily, dry, and limp,
- What shampoo and conditioner you use?
- Does your hair curl well?
- How will your hair be the day after you have washed it?
- Do you have a hair piece or accessory you're adding?

### Makeup:

- What products are right for your skin?
- Know your skin – Is it Oily, dry, combination
- What skin finish do you want? Dewy, matte?
- Should you go liquid look or Airbrush?
- Do the artists use setting powders or sprays?
- Tell the artists about any features you want to enhance or hide?

Sparkling Belle artists have a set preparation guide for all clients to ensure that your look is amazing and lasts for your whole day...

## Beauty Tips From The Top

### Skin Prep

By : Michelle Wright  
Living Dolls makeup artistry

It's never too soon to begin a healthy skincare regimen, even months before your wedding. Your makeup will not only sit better on your skin, it will last throughout your day.

**Hydrate** - A healthy and clean diet needs to be on the top of your priorities list if you want beautiful glowing skin. Water is your new best friend, I can't stress enough how important water is to ensure that you achieve a dewy soft younger look. Make sure you drink at least 2-3 liters a day. Water will assist to flush out any roaming toxins.

**Your Diet** - will play a big part in your skins overall look; eat lots of fruit and vegetables that are high in fiber; they help with circulation, support skin's elasticity and will assist you with essential antioxidants to kill any free radicals, they also add to giving you that feel good factor.

**Ditch The Junk** - or at least cut back on the things that dehydrate and toxicate your body, like alcohol, caffeine, smoking and processed foods. Focus on eating clean fresh food - lots of fruit and veggies and avoid processed sugar! What you put on the inside will definitely reflect on the outside.

**Skin Products** - Use a moisturizer morning and night. Again, this will help with skin hydration and skin texture. Be sure to clean your skin properly at night. Blocked pores will create black heads and blemishes- and 'murphy's law' if it's going to happen, it will on such an important occasion; it's worth investing in a good cleanser.

### There are plenty of products out there that you can use at home...

We recommend exfoliating your face at least twice a week. If you'd like to step it up a notch leading up to





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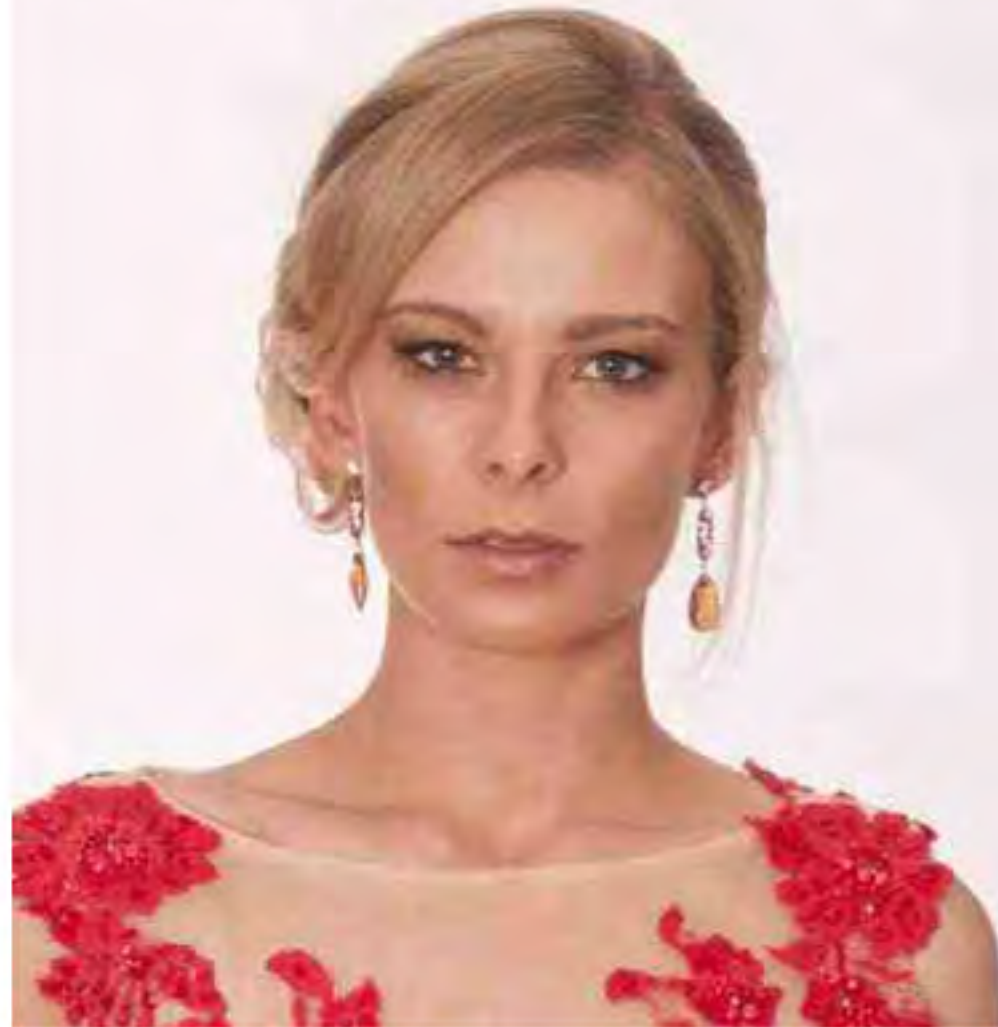




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## Crowning Glory

**2**015 is the year of the hair accessory on the big day, but the question is what? A floral garland would fit nicely if your theme has a rustic feel, but if it's not it could be a little too festival.

Floral crowns are a romantic, feminine and whimsical alternative to the traditional bridal veil and a bohemian bride's best friend and are very now!

Headpieces and jewelled clips are also having their moment right now, but striking the balance between decadent and bling can be tricky. Once you have decided on your hair style choosing your piece hair piece will be easier.

The Boho bandana is a hip and an easy option, given that you only wrap or tie it around the crown of your

head, you can apply additional flowers or a nice touch is a family heirloom in the form of a piece of jewellery, like a broche a necklace or a string of pearls, try entwining them or sew them to the bandana.





### Are you, a traditional bride?

**H**ands up if you've planned every detail of your wedding since you were a little girl? Sure as you've gotten older the details might have changed. All the same, stand up and be counted girls because you are traditional brides.

Traditional brides relish all the fun and excitement that goes into the lead up for the wedding day. They know every tradition from something old, new, borrowed and blue to the father giving his daughter away on her big day. And they want them all! The perfect, carefully planned traditional brides dream day.

The traditional brides have been known to spend months picking out their dream dress and usually have a large wedding party to accommodate their closest and dearest friends. And ladies, this takes true dedication because not only does the traditional bride have to find a dress style that everybody likes, but often these girls set the bar just that little bit higher and pick out every detail for their big day based on theme colour or style.

### Non Traditional

Fast tracking non-traditionalists are a new breed of bride. Like a breath of fresh air on wedding fevered brows comes the non-traditional bride. These girls are excited to be getting married, sure but they certainly haven't planned every tiny specific detail. But don't mistake these girls for girls who don't care. They want everything to go well but won't have a breakdown if the florist can't get roses in the exact precise same shade of pink as the bridesmaid's dresses in the middle of July!

These girls have been known to buy their wedding dresses in their lunch break. They're more likely to have a chic cocktail style reception than a formal dinner and they often limit their guest list to those they really care about, rather than inviting second cousins twice removed because somebody will be offended if they don't go.



Non-traditional brides often have a very small or even non-existent wedding party and they're more likely to pick a less traditional wedding- such as a civil ceremony in a garden or on the beach. They might pick a rock song to walk down the aisle to rather than a 'Celine Dion'.

### Is one way better than the other?

With two such drastically different ways of planning the details for the big day, the question has to be asked. Is one way better than the other? And the

blissful answer is no. Don't lose sight of the fact that you're getting married and not wedding but aside from that everything goes. And as it should- as long as the wedding day has total meaning for you both ultimately, no other opinion counts.

In all the fuss and details that goes into planning a wedding it can be easy to lose sight of what's actually going on. Whether you choose to say 'I do' with every tradition in the book, or take your vows before skydiving from a plane, the main objective to getting married is being happy with your choice and each other.





Dress - Donna Tobin  
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## The Unveiling

**N**owadays, wedding veils have no real meaning or symbolization to them aside from being a fabulous accessory. Once upon a time they were designed to cover the bride's face when she walked down the aisle to disguise and protect her from evil spirits on her wedding day.

As that is highly unlikely today! Their traditional value and the 'look' is what gives wedding veils meaning to some

people – and not just brides, but also to the father-of-the-bride and groom, too. Lifting the veil when giving their daughter away or when the groom kisses the bride is a special moment for him.

So before you write off your veil as a silly piece of fabric that you'll wear for 15 minutes! Consider how it can improve your look, your photos and will put a smile on your soon-to-be husband's face.





### Prenup > Pros And Cons

**T**he truth is, marriage is not only a romantic relationship, but also a sort of business relationship. This dual nature and purpose of marriage has led to the increased acknowledgment that a prenuptial agreement (also called a prenup, for short) can be useful to protect each spouse's financial interests.

A prenuptial agreement in simple legal terms is "a written contract between two people who are about to marry, setting out the terms of possession of assets, treatment of future earnings, control of the property of each, and potential division if the marriage is later dissolved". It can give some the feeling of mistrust. Most people share this view, as the agreement insinuates that perhaps one or both partners worry about the marriage ending abruptly; therefore do not trust in their bond. As a marriage is also a financial union, the financial security of a relationship is something to be valued. But perhaps a couple can do this without the use of a "set in stone" agreement such.

As this? Another negative element people see in the legal agreement is that in a marriage nothing should be divided. This derives from the main principal of the agreement, which is dividing wealth and property to their original owners.

Some believe that a marriage is a union of two people and everything in their lives, to come together in one unity. Dividing anything between people in a marriage is seen as a blemish on the original principal of the relationship entering the union.

However, in modern times, people's views have changed and times have changed. The reasons for entering in the agreement have also changed. Some believed it was a sign of greed with wealth, however in recent years others reasons for the agreement have surfaced. Like a partner having a large amount of debt, the ownership of a business, wealthy assets or perhaps one partner is leaving their work to take care of your children.



These reasons might bring peace of mind to those worried that their partner does not trust them. Some don't see the prenuptial decision as something that goes against trust; perhaps it is the ultimate sign of trust and respect to ask your partner about the agreement and the respect their decisions on the security of their wealth?

Take a look at some of the pros and cons.

#### PROS

1. A premarital agreement can address more than the financial aspects of marriage, and can cover any of the details of decision-making and responsibility sharing to which the parties agree in advance.
2. A premarital agreement can limit the amount of spousal support that one spouse will have to pay the other upon divorce.
3. A premarital agreement can protect the financial interests of older persons, persons who are entering into second or subsequent marriages, and persons with substantial wealth.

#### CONS

1. The agreement may require you to give up your right to inherit from your spouse's estate when he or she dies. Under the law, you are entitled to a portion of the estate even if your spouse does not include such a provision in his or her will.
2. If you contribute to the continuing success and growth of your spouse's business or professional practice by entertaining clients or taking care of the home, you may not be entitled to claim a share of the increase in value, if you agree otherwise in a premarital agreement. Under the laws of many states, this increase in value would be considered divisible marital property.
3. Starting a relationship with a contract that sets forth the particulars of what will happen upon death or divorce can engender a sense of lack of trust. However, in the end the decision you make, must be the right one for your marriage.



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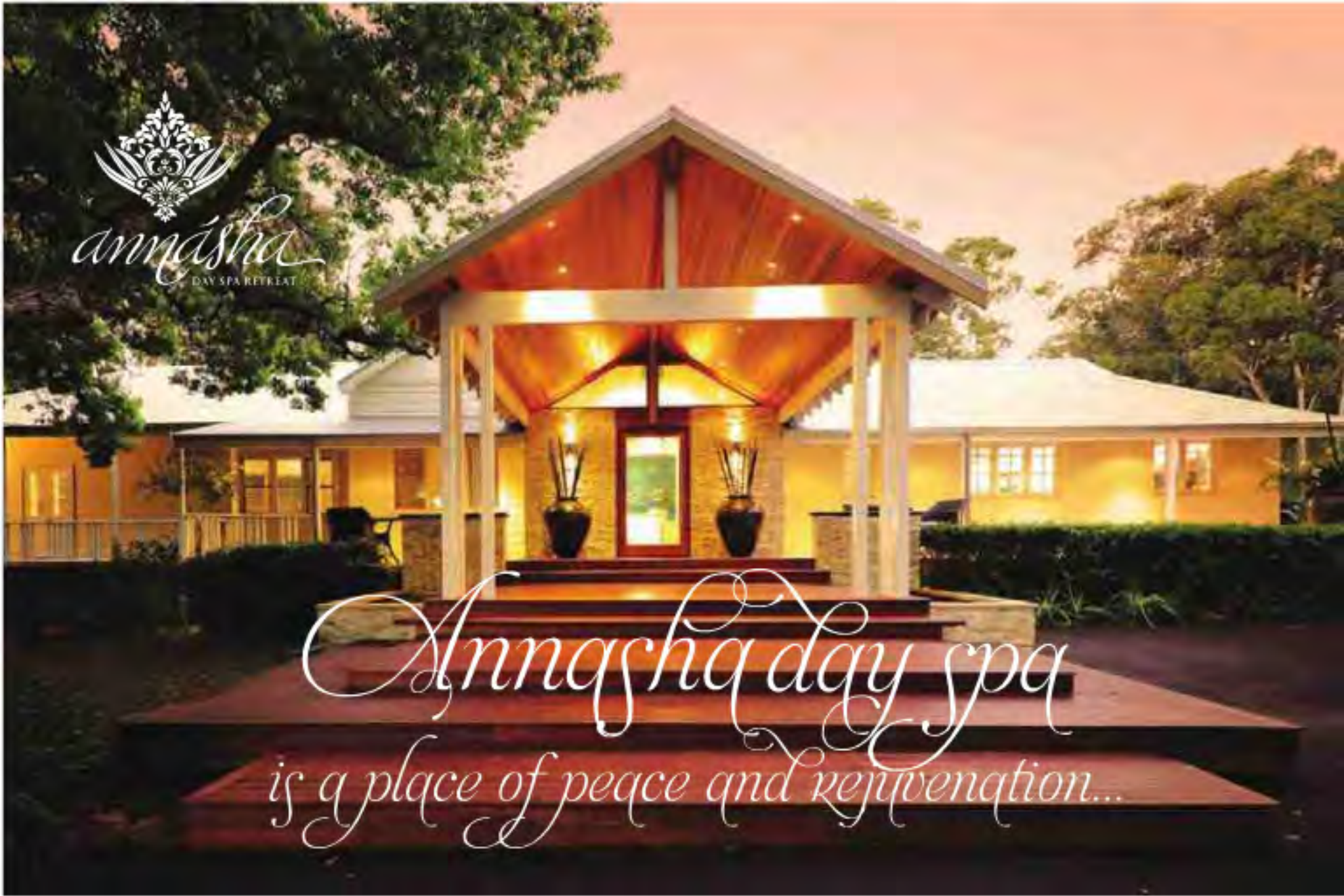
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A true act of romance requires creativity and sincerity, often inspired by love (either its present or its possibility) By doing something different, and something that she wouldn't expect, could make you both very happy, and the more out of the norm for you, the better!





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## Kids at wedding

**L**et's face it children really up the cuteness factor of any bridal party! and the photos!

More often at weddings we are seeing boys, girls and youngsters taking on responsibilities that are usually held by adults. In the 'old days' children sprinkled the joy of herbs on the bride's path to promote fertility. Today, flower girls usually precede the bride and may throw petals as a token gesture or carry a small bouquet of flowers or wreath.

Boys take on roles of ring bearers or junior groomsmen. Often by giving kids and toddlers a task on the day they are enthusiastic and might just go with the flow, just bear in mind that they are children and although they may be pleasing to the eye unexpected behavior and emotions can cause mishaps and delays therefore careful planning is required as well as a back-up plan or a big bag of jelly beans!

### **Start by deciding if your wedding is going to be children friendly?**

- 1.** For instance what time of day are the ceremony and the reception taking place? If it is a late wedding that goes into the evening, will the children get tired and irritable?
- 2.** Are you going to provide kids meals and what can you do to minimize boredom?





Denise Teo Photography

**3.** Is there a children's area with a table with activities such as colouring books, pencils and games. Disposable cameras for budding photographers are another popular way to pass time.

In some churches, there are soundproof children's rooms with windows where they can view the proceedings while playing with toys provided. You may consider a children's retreat at the reception with hired babysitter's.

It will give you and your guests the opportunity to enjoy yourself knowing the younger contingent are safe and in good hands.

If you have decided to include kid's the next hurdle will be considering a child or children in the bridal party. Speak to the parents first. As they know their child best! Once you have decided who to include, ask them personally and explain the details of what will be expected. Most kids will burst with Excitement and will be grateful.

Treat children in the bridal party the same as you would the adults. Kids respond to responsibility. Explain everything to them including traditions and walk through everything they should and should not do. If they are fully aware of what they are to do they will be confident and less inclined to be overly nervous on the day. If they are to stand in a special spot mark an X with tape. Ensure they attend all rehearsals and get to know the rest of the bridal party.





## Bridesmaids Alert!

**B**eing chosen to be your friend's bridesmaid is a huge honour and the highest level of Sista-hood! You have been selected to share a precious journey that only happens once in a lifetime. It's the next best thing to being the bride. Your role will involve commitment, love and support; there will be moments of frustration and times of joy.

The bride's choice of bridesmaids indicates the love, respect and faith that she has for you as a friend. If ever there is a time for you to be brilliantly supportive 'it's now'. Prior to accepting your very exciting offer to be her bridesmaid, it's best that you find out what your financial obligation is before you say yes so that you can be sure that you can fulfil your role without becoming resentful.

Talk to your friend 'the bride' to clarify the costs involved in being there for her. Because depending on the bride and what she is prepared to pay for the bridesmaid role can come with a fairly hefty price tag when you way up the cost of the dress, the shoes, hair and makeup, the hens party, possible travel to the location, accommodation, food and the inevitable gift.

These are the traditional costs that the Bride would normally cover:

- Bridesmaid's flowers
- Accommodation for out of town weddings
- Transportation for the bridal party to ceremony and reception
- Thank you gift to her bridesmaids.
- Bridesmaids' luncheon, tea, or party (if hosted by bride)
- Hair and makeup - if the bride requires it done by professional stylists.

However, this may not always be the case, on occasion some bridesmaids are expected to pay for their own hair and makeup; so it's best to have further discussion.

Other things to consider:

The Dress, Shoes, matching accessories including purse. And although there can be a hefty cost factor being a bridesmaid, we must not lose sight that it is a very special

occasion supporting very special friend and that you will have an amazing time.

### Who has the final say on the dress?

While ultimately the bride has the final say, the bridesmaids should be able to offer considerable opinion especially if they are footing the bill for their dress, shoes and accessories. Obviously pre negotiation of the costs amongst the maids and bride-to-be should take place prior to shopping.

Just be prepared to visit an endless stream of department stores and boutiques on a mission to find a stylish, appropriately priced, perfect dress in a wide array of colours.

If the bride is somewhat a 'fashionista-sista' the task may be easier as she will already have her heart set on a dress in one of the latest colours, which is easier to find than a colour that isn't on trend. Also depending on how traditional the bride is will determine the magnitude of how many versions of frack's you will have to hunt down and try on. The style of the wedding also plays a part in the fashion stakes! What with the increase in backyard, barnyard and beach wedding's the iconic long fitted conventional bridesmaids dresses are a dying art.

I shouldn't worry though with the multitude of awesome designers and suppliers in WA, you have a huge variety of dresses to choose from, it shouldn't be too hard to find something suitable and that pleases everyone. The bridesmaids' dresses can of course all be the same style and colour, or the same colour but all different styles - this is very common nowadays, it's a sensible way to complement and flatter a bevy of individual body types within the party.

**Buying Tips when shopping** - A bridesmaid should aim to make the most of her purchases for future wear. Ideally a dress that can be worn again at another formal event or cocktail party, or a glam night out-on-the-town with the girls! Same applies to the shoes and accessories although they need to complement the bridesmaid's dress and style they can also be extremely versatile for everyday wear.



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There's no point in spending all that money on something that will never be worn again - after all dresses, shoes and accessories were made for wearing over and over again! Best of all, with everyone looking so glam and gorgeous, everyone will have beautiful photographs as keepsakes for many years to come. It's truly a day when very special friends can have a lot of fun together and treasure the memories for ever.









## Maids Do's & Don'ts

**B**eing a bridesmaid can be hard work, so if you aren't willing to put in time and effort leading up to the wedding day, then it is best to politely decline the offer.

Traditionally - The bride will choose one Maid of Honour and up to 10 bridesmaids, a tad excessive you might say! But not totally unheard of. The Maid of Honour's duty is to coordinate the other bridesmaids and ensure that everything flows smoothly, from the bridal shower through to the end of the wedding day.

### What's expected of you?

**1.** In days gone past the bridal parties role was extensive and pretty much set in stone, today's modern weddings are less demanding and

have no hard set rules beyond the basics. Being courteous and attending all dressmaking fittings is imperative. You have accepted this role and there should be no excuses for running late, forgetting the date, or not being able to make it.

Also remember to make an extra effort to be reasonable when choosing dress styles and accessories, no-body wants an unhappy bridesmaid who constantly complains that she doesn't like this or that.

**2.** The good bits ...The Girly Gatherings' Bridal Shower/ Kitchen Tea - Not all brides care for a bridal shower also known as a kitchen tea; this is usually the first gathering of the 'girls' It's a great excuse to schmooze with guests

you haven't met before, and excellent for the ladies to attend that aren't quite up to the all night hens party. Whilst most brides are happy to make these arrangements themselves, it's best that you get in there and lend a hand. Some shower ideas below: The very important hen's party - for bullet proof planning tips go to page 127.

**3.** Crafty girls - Invitations and Bonbonniere - As bridesmaid the bride may like your help in organising the invitations and bonbonniere for the wedding. This may include helping her choose designs, getting quotes as well as helping write and post the invitations. If your bride is a DIY queen you may well be expected to assist her to make invitations. Be mindful of the bride's budget, as this will limit the choice.





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**4.** Here comes the bride – Some bridesmaids are expected to stay with the bride the evening prior to the wedding; if that isn't the case you will be expected to meet at the bride's house or designated venue to get ready together on the day. The hair and make-up appointments should be booked early enough to ensure that you all make it to the ceremony on time. Expect that the bride, and especially the bride's mother, will be quite stressed about the whole event. It's imperative that you keep your cool, today is the day you put your astute counselling skills into practice wherever you can, to make sure everyone is happy. You may also have to be a stylist, waitress, tailor, pack mule, shoe shining flower holding personal

assistant, which adds up to 'best friend' to the bride and whomever else needs help. And most importantly remember to smile throughout the day and give lots of compliments to the bride.

**5.** Cheers! - Making a bridesmaid speech may take place at the ceremony or at the reception and is a chance to let everyone in on a few 'dirty secrets' from the bride's past. The aim of any speech is to make it fun and light hearted with a touch of sentiment. You can reflect on the bride's life before, as a married couple and in the future. Or you may wish to try something creative like writing a song, playing videotape or coming up with a play. Bridesmaid speeches are usually done together, but really anything goes. If you're a little bit shy and slightly

petrified of the thought of speeches, don't worry there are plenty of organisations to help you improve your speaking skills, such as Toastmasters ([www.toastmasters.org.au](http://www.toastmasters.org.au)).

**Best-ever Bridesmaid** - While the 'big day' is all about the bride, as a bridesmaid you still get to enjoy the pre-wedding and the big day excitement, you will endure the highs and lows and will be seen by just as many people and in the spotlight just as often as the bride and groom. Therefore, you too must ensure you look your best. I'm not suggesting you go on a soup diet for 8 months or book into the dentist to have your teeth whitened although it's not a bad idea, milk it while you can!



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## Bridesmaids





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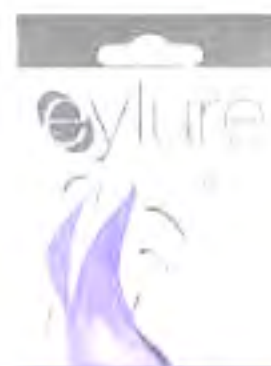
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## The Big Girls Gig Ready Set Party

If you've never arranged a hen's party, it may sound like a fairly simple task. If you have, however, you will know that trying to get a group of girls to agree on what to do and where to go is nearly impossible, and that the politics of who to invite and who to exclude can make or break your friendship with the bride to be. Take some tips from someone that knows.

### Who should be invited?

Always ask the hen who she wants to invite to the party, unless you are planning a surprise hen party in which case you could ask her sister or fiancée. If possible ask the hen to split the guests into various categories.

- The best mates - they need to be there so check their schedules as soon as possible.
- The acquaintances - invite them but only if there is room, but don't worry if they can't make it.
- The in-laws - if the hen thinks she will have a better time without them attending then don't invite them, you can always arrange a second event for in-laws and other peeps like mums and

Granma's. Because if they're invited and not wanted, basically you've failed as a friend and bridesmaid!

The practice of giving a party to honour the bride-to-be goes back for centuries, obviously it wasn't a hoot like they are today! Back then it involved morning or afternoon tea with your relatives and close friends. Since then the modern form of the bachelorette party actually began during the sexual revolution of the 1960s, in the era that totally changed the dynamics of societies, when women got empowered and let loose from the shackles of their male counterparts, they started enjoying life, as they wanted.

So as you see the bachelorette party's cultural significance was largely tied to concepts of gender equality. Hence the phrase 'Hen Party' mirrors the male 'Stag Party'!

Parties in honour of the bride-to-be that were labelled as bachelorette parties often involved displays of sexual freedom, such as trading intimate secrets, getting drunk, and enjoying

male strippers. Parties that honoured the bride-to-be without these elements avoided that label.

How things change, now the term 'hen's party' is used for a wide variety of parties and events. The simple type of hen party was soon shunned by modern women and trends. They didn't want to have another afternoon tea and cake with their friends and relatives, and that is when hen's parties became so much more fun.

When you're deciding where to go for your event, ask some of the hen's best friends to get an idea, and like planning any event you need to work out a budget.

Most guests today are prepared to pay per head to attend the hen party. If Travel and accommodation have to be considered it will really bump up the cost of the hen party, so you should only look at going away for a hen weekend if everyone can afford it.





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## Hens party Ideas!

**H**en's gatherings are no longer just an evening event, nowadays the hens gather morning, noon or night... you will know your friend better than anyone, and work with what works best for her.

- Morning - Champagne breakfast at home a restaurant, or in a park.
- Morning or afternoon High Tea at home or at restaurant
- Extended Lunch - at the hens favourite restaurant, winery, or brewery
- Mid- Afternoon - pamper parlour, pre- drinks and nibbles then off to a home, venue or club location.

1. Sun downer at the Breakwater Hotel Hillarys or Matisse beach club - Scarborough or to the hens favourite bar or beach location.
2. Float away and pamper day, or sunset drinks and party into the evening on the Capella - [charter1.com.au](http://charter1.com.au)
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Hiring a vehicle and driver is the way to go, what you hire depends on the size of your group, you may want to book a bus that can arrange the tour for you, they are the experts after all. For smaller groups, travel in style and book a limousine and choose your preferred wineries. There are more than 50 wineries in the Swan Valley to choose from, all offering a taste of their winemaking skills. Go to page/ to find your perfect chauffeur.

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## Fake Bake

### Hens Parties

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Fake Bake Hair and Beauty Boutique is your one stop destination salon for all your bridal beauty needs. The spacious surroundings provide a beautiful environment for you to relax with your wedding party and allow the highly professional and experience beauty and styling team to take care of all your bridal needs. With a complimentary champagne breakfast provided with each group booking, the team will ensure that you relax and enjoy every moment of the lead up to the main event.





## Hens Spa Parties in Bali

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## The Bride Wore Black

The tradition of wearing white dates back to the 1840s when Queen Victoria wed Prince Albert. She chose a white satin wedding gown for the day. Women in America and England decided to follow the trend and white soon became the go-to colour for a brides' wedding dress.

Fast-forward 173 years and designers are becoming privy to brides wanting something a little different, there is only one thing to remember - your wedding is about you, therefore you do what you want.





## Say Cheese

**W**edding photos have the incredible power to capture the charm, humour and excitement of your big day, and that outcome is totally determined by you and who you choose to shoot your wedding.

If there was only one decision that you have to get right for this day, it is your photographer and or videographer, or you could end up with no or very little wedding memories, it happens all the time.

Your photographer and videographer are the absolute key to everlasting memories of your special day, and they aren't there to take some photos, they need to be amongst the action and ready to take those instant seconds of glee that are taking place all over

your event, because at the end of the day, month and years later they are the photos that make all the difference, and they are the difference between a professional photographer and uncle Tom taking your photos!

A decent photographer will also take the time to assist you and your bridal party with your poses, as well as will work quietly in the background to ensure that they snap-up those natural endearing no fuss shots. Posed, traditional photos can come off looking harsh and awkward when realistically your bridal party photos should reflect the special bond that you share with your closest friends.

It's a good idea to let your bridal party know that there is no pressure on them

to be the best model ever, and being a once in a lifetime opportunity, they want them to relax and have a good time with you during the shoot

Should anyone be shy or unable to relax encourage them with fun, make them laugh. The bridal party photo shoot generally follows a good part of the day, so it wouldn't hurt to arrange a couple of pre-shoot drinks to get them in the mood prior to starting.





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Lots of wonderful things happen around us all the time; being able to see is easy, but being able to capture that very moment is probably the hardest part. A good photo is comprised of many things, not only you must hit the shutter at the right time and moment, the perspective, composition and colour coordination plays a big role too.



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**MEDIUM** – What method of photography do they use? Film, digital or both.

**SHOOTERS** – Do they employ a second shooter or would they be prepared to work with an independent one?

**EXPERIENCE** – How many weddings of a similar size to yours have they worked on?

**OWNERSHIP** – Are you able to buy the negatives or digital files? Does the fee for this include post production?

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### Ahh.. Weddings!

**W**hat guy doesn't groan when that big invitation arrives? Between the tuxes, toasts, strange guests and truck loads of relatives, it can all get a bit much for a regular guy!

What you wear to a wedding doesn't just depend on the season. You also need to consider the location, theme and the crowd. Like, if we are talking for instance in the peak of summer, beach wedding or on a tropical island, or a formal reception centre, or you're invited to a wedding smack bang in the middle of winter, here is a guide to looking your sharpest for that moment, wherever you end up on the wedding circuit!

### The Casual Wedding

The last thing you want to be doing is sweating your butt off in a heavy suit. Consider an ultra-breathable linen suit. Or lose the jacket and try on a more casual breed of tux shirt. Dress shorts are ok but forget the boardies they aren't going to cut it. And if the bride and groom are walking the aisle barefoot, you don't want to be thumping around in a chunky pair of wing-tips. Go for a pair of sharp, simple sneakers or leather sandals will do the trick.

### The Formal Wedding

The suit is the cornerstone of men's wedding fashion. As a general rule-of-thumb, if you're in the wedding party, you're going to wear a tuxedo. If you're a guest, however, you'll be good in a suit. The style and colour of the suit you wear depends on the type of attire that was specified in the wedding invitation and how game you are.





♥ Groomtime





## The 10 Commandments .. To Up Your Style!

**T**here seems like there is so much to think about prior to getting married and you're right there is so.. So giddy up!

Without a doubt your girl will go to great lengths, she will have the professional stylists working to ensure that she is peaking with radiance on the big day.. To be sure that you too fit the bill .Be Mr wonderful and take one step further to blow her mind.

### 1. Begin from within!

For great skin, you must drink plenty of water, no less than 5 glasses a day, it flushes out the toxins; did you know that much of your body is made up of water, and not drinking enough water will leave you under-hydrated or even dehydrated, and that makes you not only look older but also feeling lethargic.

### 2. Send Fat Packing

And workout – if you're not already pumping iron or doing some sort of sport you really need to get to it at least six months prior to your wedding day, the longer the better.. You don't have to join a gym you can train at home, at the beach or at a park; Think about it because chances are one of your mates has a home gym, working out together is rewarding you can assist and push each other for real results. Any physical training is excellent for mental, physical and shape.

Regular weight training will increase muscle growth and give you shape. If you have a bit of pud to lose, begin your workout with some cardio exercise. It doesn't matter what it is, running, skipping, surfing, push bike riding, they are all fast fat burners.

### 3. Whisker tips

The perfect shave is what all men strive for so why is it so difficult to achieve.. Because proper shaving has become a lost art. Shaving is one of those glorious male traditions that used to be passed down from father to son, but somewhere along the line, when shaving became more about cheap, disposable razors than a nice, precision-made metal tool in your hand, it became a brainless routine to rush through without even thinking about it. To achieve the perfect shave you need the tools.

- Use pre-shaving oil every day to soften the hair, regardless if you're shaving that day or not.
- Don't be tempted to shave with soap, get yourself a shaving cream or gel you will be amazed at the difference it makes.





- The hottest trend right now in male grooming is a return to the traditional wet shave. The shaving brush is back with a vengeance

- Using the wet brush shave technique - A good badger-hair shaving brush is the single most important ingredient in getting the perfect shave -- if you change no part of your shaving routine except to add a good shaving brush to the mix, you'll be astounded at how much better and more enjoyable your shaves become.

#### 4. Slap it on

Apart from the products that are needed for basic hygiene, a moisturiser is a must for the skin to function properly. With these nourishing products applied regularly, you are basically delaying aging. Remember, it is much easier to delay wrinkles than to eliminate them.

#### 5. Winners Vows

Making your own wedding vows is the kind of gesture that will make your woman melt and get her all worked up for the honeymoon. Why not add some spice and creative vocabulary to personalize and fill it with meaning. Throw in some inside comments to really make it your own.

#### 6. Honey-mood

The long awaited honeymoon night serves as the time when couples consummate their marriage. Needless to say, that many have probably given in to their pleasures way before that. - Setting the romantic mood with candles, flowers, music, and the right ambiance are all memories that your wife will cherish forever. Pick out an exotic and inviting locale to take your better half to, preferably walking distance from a crystal clear beach.

#### 7. The Ride

Before the wedding kicks into gear, arriving to the church in style is every guy's dream. The woman might want to wear the snazziest dress to show off to her girlfriends, but the man wants to show up in a classic Rolls Royce convertible. So do your home-work and make a point of arranging the ride!

#### 8. Get a Hair Cut

Unless you have very short hair you would want to get a haircut at least one week before the wedding. Guys with aggressively short hair, do it 2 or 3 days before. This will give the hair time to relax a bit before the wedding.

#### 9. The Crusoe look will not do on this day

While facial hair is very appealing and very now, a clean-shaven face, more often than not, typifies sophistication. If you normally sport a clean shaven or a scruffy look, go with the clean shave. However, if a beard is part of your normal look, keep it - just make sure its professionally trimmed and shaped and that you've got a clean shave on the cheeks and neck. Because you know that it's going to be all eyes on you

#### 10. Get Help

Now if you have read all of our good information and you're not ready to put in the time and effort (and if your future wife has a rich dad), you might want to look into getting some help. There are professional wedding coordinators that will take care of everything from the making and sending of the invitations, to making sure the band never stops playing and everyone has gulped down enough food to keep them full for an entire week.

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## Create an exceptional look to get the most out of your special day.

Events celebrating milestones in our lives, provide an opportunity to consider our relationship with style, refinement and character.

It is a chance to reacquaint ourselves with what delights us and to explore the unfamiliar. Decisions on attire will also follow from the setting and theme of the event.

Regardless of whether you plan a bold statement or indulge in understated sophistication, wedding events afford us the opportunity to create an expression unique from everyday convention and to invest in garments that will continue to look their finest for years to come.

An investment consideration for your special day is Made to Measure suiting and shirting, an experience that is both creative and passionate. For instance, the groom's initials embellished in the shirt's cuff, a gesture that is both personal and enduring.

In the pages that follow, we present looks inspired by the rich diversity that encapsulates the modern wedding.













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## Speech!

**P**ublic speaking can leave the best of people shaking in their boots! Being the groom you are expected to do a speech at your own wedding as well as thank all of those that participated and attended.

Your best man is also high on the list for a speech. So best that you both prepare yourself prior to the wedding and not on the day! As the best man try and open with a funny story or two from times gone by, when you were growing up with the groom, don't forget that you must include all the formalities such as toasting the bridesmaids, and of course you write your speech down and you test it out in front of a few mates beforehand, and if they laugh, you're all set!

So now you're at the wedding and the MC announces you, it's time to deliver your speech. Your palms start sweating, your heart rate jumps and you feel like you are going to pass out – and that's before you even stand up in front of all those wedding guests and

start speaking. The best thing to do is to take a deep breath and imagine them all naked... Because delivering a speech needn't be stressful.

### Tips

#### **Be prepared and practice**

These two are carried out by even the most seasoned of speaker's. Knowing what you are going to say beforehand gives you a finely honed focus. Having practiced your delivery a number of times will assist you in staying calm because you know it so well, practice as many times as possible. Take your time, speak slowly and clearly, and pause when it suits you. You don't want your audience to miss what you have said because you spoke too softly or too fast for them to hear you.

#### **Try focusing on a smaller group**

If you feel the weight of addressing an audience in excess of 100 people, then lighten your burden and choose just two people to focus on amongst the crowd that you know really well. The bride

and groom are ideal as what you are saying will be about them or for their benefit at least. Let the guests fade into the background and just be an audience to your heart-felt words that are directed to the happy couple.

**Be kind and keep it short** – you don't want to put your audience to sleep. Decide what you really want to say and just say it. Don't feel you need to pad out your delivery for the benefit of others, and put yourself in the audience's position and remember how it feels to listen to an inexperienced speaker rambling on. You will make people happy the most by delivering a short, succinct and sincere toast.

**Be yourself** – avoid trying to sound like someone you're not. Convoluting words and grandiose phrasing will just confuse and ultimately hinder you. Stick with what you know, and simply use everyday lingo that you are comfortable with. So when asked to propose a toast, relish the honour and be the best you alone can be.





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## The Boys Bucket List before your big day

**T**he Bucks party is what most people in Australia call it, and in other countries it's often referred to as the bachelors' party or Stag night. The major task of organising a bucks party is generally left to the male sibling, more often the younger brother because he is yet to be married, or to the best man. We have come up with some bromance ideas below for you to consider!

**1. Hit the CAS** – The obvious choice is Vegas, but if you can't spare the time then think no further and hit the Crown Casino in Burwood. The Crown is a cool place to party with lots happening, and nothing beats the excitement of the Casino floor. Grab a bunch of mates, jump in a cab, and make sure you win big to get yourself in the future wife's good books! Try to steer away from Ken Jeong's shenanigans like in *The Hangover* movie, and always gamble responsibly of course!

**2. Swingers Club** – Round up the guys and book yourself 18 holes of man fun!

Make sure you rent a car or two so that you can fill your Esky! You could even check out a weekend package; around in the morning, relax in the pool in the arvo and then hit the clubhouse in the evening!

**3. Take a Booze Cruise** – If the weather is good, you can guarantee that a cruise will be too. If you don't have a boat, you could charter a yacht or get yourselves on board a Catamaran like Capella (visit pages 4 and 5 for more information) and cruise down the river, or better yet, book a power boat or a Cat for the weekend and head to Rotta. Cats like Capella offer on-board accommodation, they don't mind you partying, they can organise your food, and you can bring all your favourite drinks on board with you; same with the 'Alegria' a stunning and exquisitely appointed 56 ft motor vessel, great for deep sea fishing; go for the day, overnight or the weekend. What more could a man want, booze, fish n cruise!

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**4. Road Trip** – Load up the for-bee with all the essentials, round up a group of mates and throw caution to the wind and drive! Stop, sleep and eat at places that you would never normally sleep and eat, pack your swag and spend a night or two under the stars.

**5. Real men Sky Dive** – Let's face it, most men are commitment phobes! So to agree to jump out of a plane from 8000kms in the sky is one of the highest ranks of commitment in a man's world. If you can do this, then walking down the aisle will be a breeze, and your fiancé will think you are so the Man.





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