

# Mother of the Bride

## makeovers

**You might not be aware, but Macarthur has its own styling team you can hire to oversee your fashion purchases, teach you and maintain your look ongoing.**

Antoinette and Kirsty met at a networking meeting about four years ago when Antoinette was launching her 'All About Style' business. Kirsty originally booked Antoinette for a wardrobe edit and then a shopping trip, keeping in contact through networking they soon realised they would make a great team.

Kirsty is a make-up artist who works in bridal but also runs instruction classes. The duo

started running style shows and workshops locally two years ago.

It's through these workshops and work they did independently, that they realised there are a lot of women in their 50s having difficulty finding outfits for special occasions. Many too, didn't know how to best do their own make-up as they started to enter the "age of elegance" as Kirsty puts it. Antoinette said that many women she came into contact with were buying clothes that hid their figures. The girls decided to have a serious crack at addressing these ladies' frustrations. A styling team was born.



Our local styling team - Kirsty and Antoinette - photo Jeff McGill

In this edition I asked the girls to offer some tips to potential 'Mother of the Bride' ladies. Antoinette's background in fashion design and many years of passionate interest has produced in her, an innate sense of what works. Like most of us in one profession all our lives, we become experts by default. Antoinette is an expert and her advice has changed the lives of women all over Sydney.

The girls asked Kylie Lyons to shoot our mums in her Handprint Photography studio at Narellan. The lovely girls at 'Strands of

Colour 'Campbelltown offered their services and Kirsty took over makeup duties. We had an article.

We had a few model dramas as unexpected life dramas interrupted but we ended up with three ladies willing to throw themselves into the hands of the style team. Simona, Kay and Sandra stepped up to the plate and all were delighted with the results. They also had a lot of fun and all learnt some valuable information. Read on for their shoots and comments from everyone involved.

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## Simona

Simona is wearing a blue and black lace dress from Diana Ferrari, Macarthur Square. The deep 'V' neckline is very flattering.

The placement of the lace design highlights the waist and elongates the body. The colour combination works beautifully with her hair and skin.

Even though her hair is an upstyle, it is loose and soft around her face. It looks elegant and pulls the look together.

Simona already shopped at Diana Ferrari so she loved her outfit choice. She was particularly happy with her hair.

### Antoinette's Tips:

If you have great legs, show them off! Have your dress length on or above the knee. Wear a comfortable pair of heels as it is a long day and you want to be able to dance late into the evening.

### Kirsty's Tips:

When choosing your dress and make-up colours, you want the colours to complement your skintone. The right colour choices will give you a radiant glow. If you are getting someone to do your make-up, always have a trial done first.

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## Sandra

Sandra is wearing Diana Ferrari, Macarthur Square. The soft 'V' neckline is flattering and elegant, the scalloped edge and unlined sleeve gives coverage without adding bulk.

The semi-fitted dress skims her body shape beautifully.

The colours highlight her eyes and brighten the skin giving a younger classy look.

### Antoinette's Tips:

Choose an outfit that suits the style of the wedding:

*Cocktail* - Dress on or above the knee. When in doubt, the classic fit and flair is perfect and suits most body shapes.

*Garden* - Play with colour and florals. A 'floaty' dress works well. Remember to choose a wedge or box heel for ease of walking on grassed areas.

*Formal* - Long, elegant with embellishments.

Kirsty's Tip: Experiment with colour. Sandra was not naturally drawn to the lipstick colour but it complemented her outfit beautifully and really made her eyes sparkle.

When doing your own make-up remember your brows, they shape your face. Try doing one and you will notice the difference when you look in the mirror!

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## Kay

Embellished blue jersey dress from Diana Ferrari Macarthur Square. The cowl neckline highlights the bust line, the soft gathers and flounce defines the waist. This is definitely her wow colour and works perfectly with the dramatic hair colour. The embellishment pulls it altogether.

Kay said she would never have tried that dress if she had seen it in the shop, but felt fantastic with colour, fit and style. She wears very little make-up normally and although it was not what she would wear herself, "it felt so natural."

This was an experience Kay won't forget our photographer Kylie made her feel at ease and made her feel young again.

### Antoinette's Tips:

This style of dress is great for anyone self conscious about a having a tummy. When choosing a dress ask yourself, "what do I like best about my body?" Do you have toned arms, great legs, a waistline or fuller bust? Show them off by selecting garments that highlight not hide your body shape.

### Kirsty's Tips,

If you wear glasses and struggle to do your eye make-up without wearing them, work on your features that you can see while wearing your glasses. You will have to do your foundation with them off but after that pop them on, concentrate on your brows, cheeks and lips (go for a bold colour).

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