

TASS & JOHN

Lace & Flowers

WHO Tass Alex, 28, salon manager, and John Gravanis, 30, construction.

WHERE The traditional Greek Orthodox service at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Redfern, was followed by a reception at WatersEdge, Walsh Bay, NSW.

GUESTS 260.

THEME "Lots of lace and beautiful flowers."

DRESS "Created by Laurence Shiels, my ivory, deep V-neck, floor-length dress was embellished with appliquéd floral lace motifs and intricate beadwork. I also wore long sheer tulle gloves."

VEIL "My long, silk tulle cathedral veil was attached with an embroidered beaded comb, which matched the detail on my dress."

HAIR "The top pinned back and the rest down."

BRIDAL PARTY "A maid of honour, a best man, three flower girls and three pageboys."

MAID OF HONOUR'S DRESS "A pale coffee-coloured gown, with a cream tulle overlay decorated with a montage of lace. The skirt had an uneven hemline for dramatic impact."

FLOWER GIRLS' DRESSES "Pale pink with an embroidered flower bouquet detail and thick satin ribbon around the waist. The skirts were made from hand-dyed layers of spotted tulle."

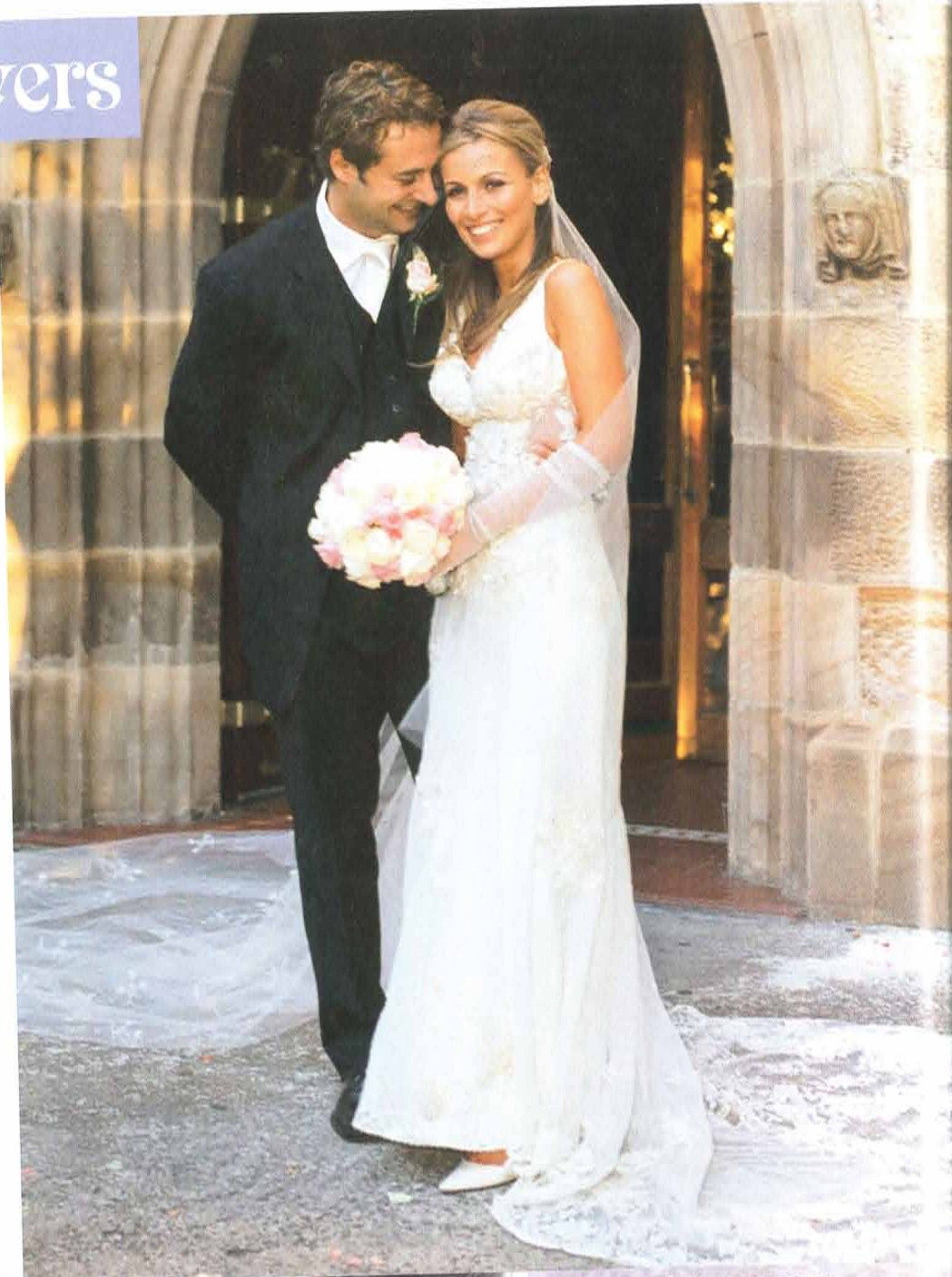
FLOWERS "We had posies of pastel-coloured roses; my flower girls' posies were smaller."

DECORATIONS "Round tables had crystal vases filled with roses, lilies and tulips. I asked my florist to make them 'plush, bold and beautiful'."

ENTERTAINMENT "A traditional Greek band, then a DJ who played Greek and English music."

FAVOURS "Sugar-coated almonds wrapped in ivory tulle and tied with lace, which matched my dress, were made by my maid of honour."

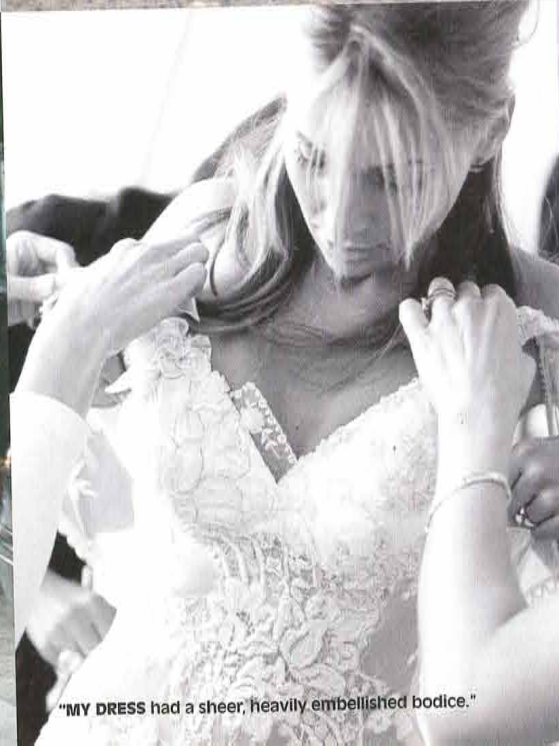
COST "Approximately \$70,000."



"WE TRAVELLED in two black, 1950s Bentleys."



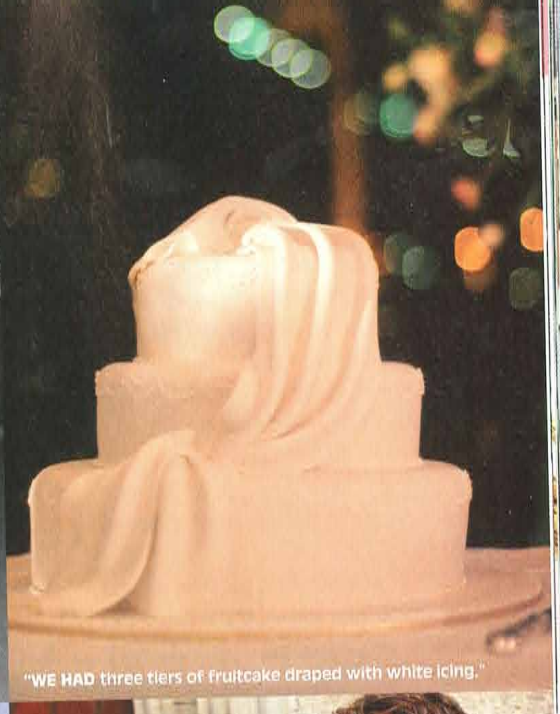
EMBROIDERY on the flower girls' slippers.



"MY DRESS had a sheer, heavily embellished bodice."



"WE HAD masses of roses, lilies and tulips."



"WE HAD three tiers of fruitcake draped with white icing."



"MY FLOWER GIRLS looked like little ballerinas."

MY BEAUTIFUL SILK TULLE CATHEDRAL VEIL, featuring medallions of Chantilly lace, was held in place by an embroidered, beaded comb made to match THE DETAIL ON MY DRESS



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PHOTOGRAPHY Tom Psomotragos Photography (02 9518 4886) and Lindy Martin Photography (0404 015 598). **BRIDE'S DRESS, VEIL AND HEADRESS, MAID OF HONOUR AND FLOWER GIRLS' DRESSES** Laurence Shiels (02 9232 7160). **SHOES** Cosmopolitan Shoes (02 9362 0510). **RINGS AND JEWELLERY** Aurea Designs (02 9554 6000). **HAIR AND MAKE-UP** Sophie Roberts at 2C Management (02 9282 9111). **FLOWERS** Flowers by Teresa (02 9559 3338). **CEREMONY** Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady (02 9698 4475). **RECEPTION** WatersEdge (02 9247 4927). **ENTERTAINMENT DJ:** Maestro Entertainment (0411 144 199). **CAKE** The Cake Studio (www.thecakestudio.com.au). **TRANSPORT** Eternal Classics (02 9796 4755).