

1. The newlyweds arrived in a 1951 Bentley Dawn from Triple R Luxury Car Hire, (03) 9388 2100. 2. Candlelit table decorations by Debbie O'Neill Freelance Designs cast a warm glow, (03) 9723 5413. 3. The bride's bouquet comprised ivory roses, lisianthus, bouvardia and fressias, along with green berries and camellia leaves in the bride's bouquet. 4. A smart suited groom Tim.



## We meet again

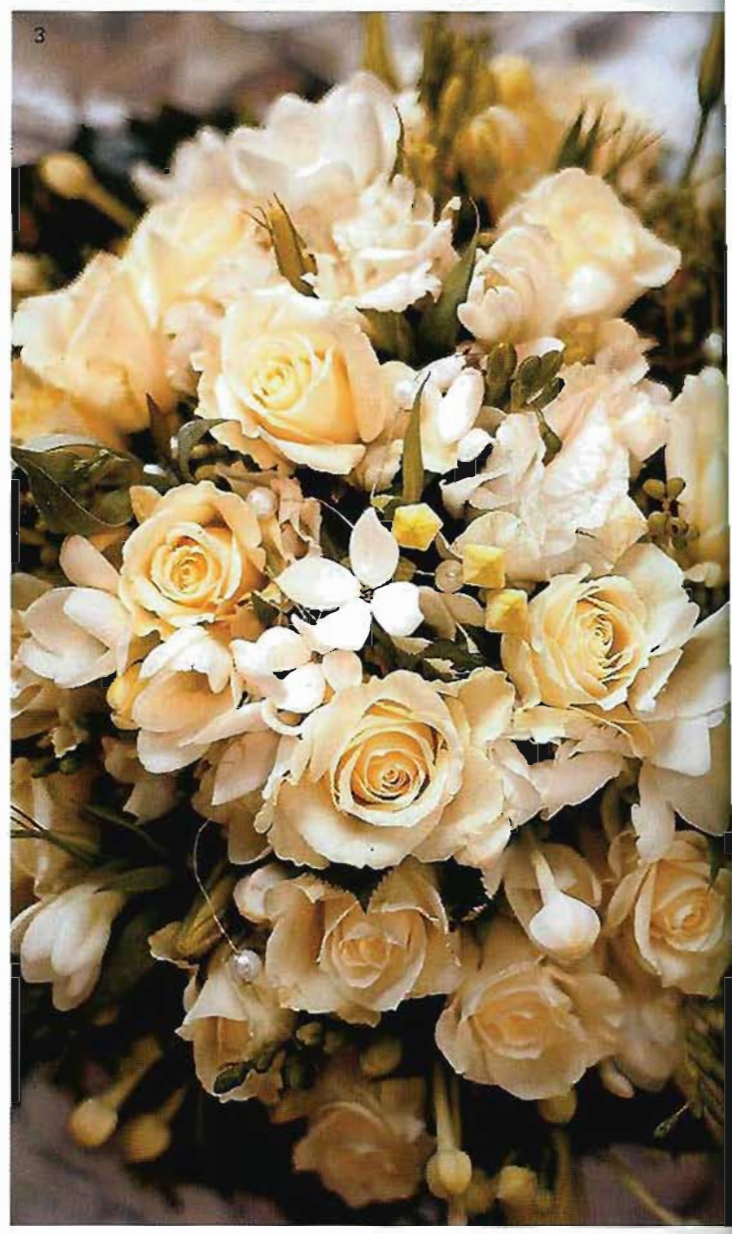
Tash Leening & Tim Hall

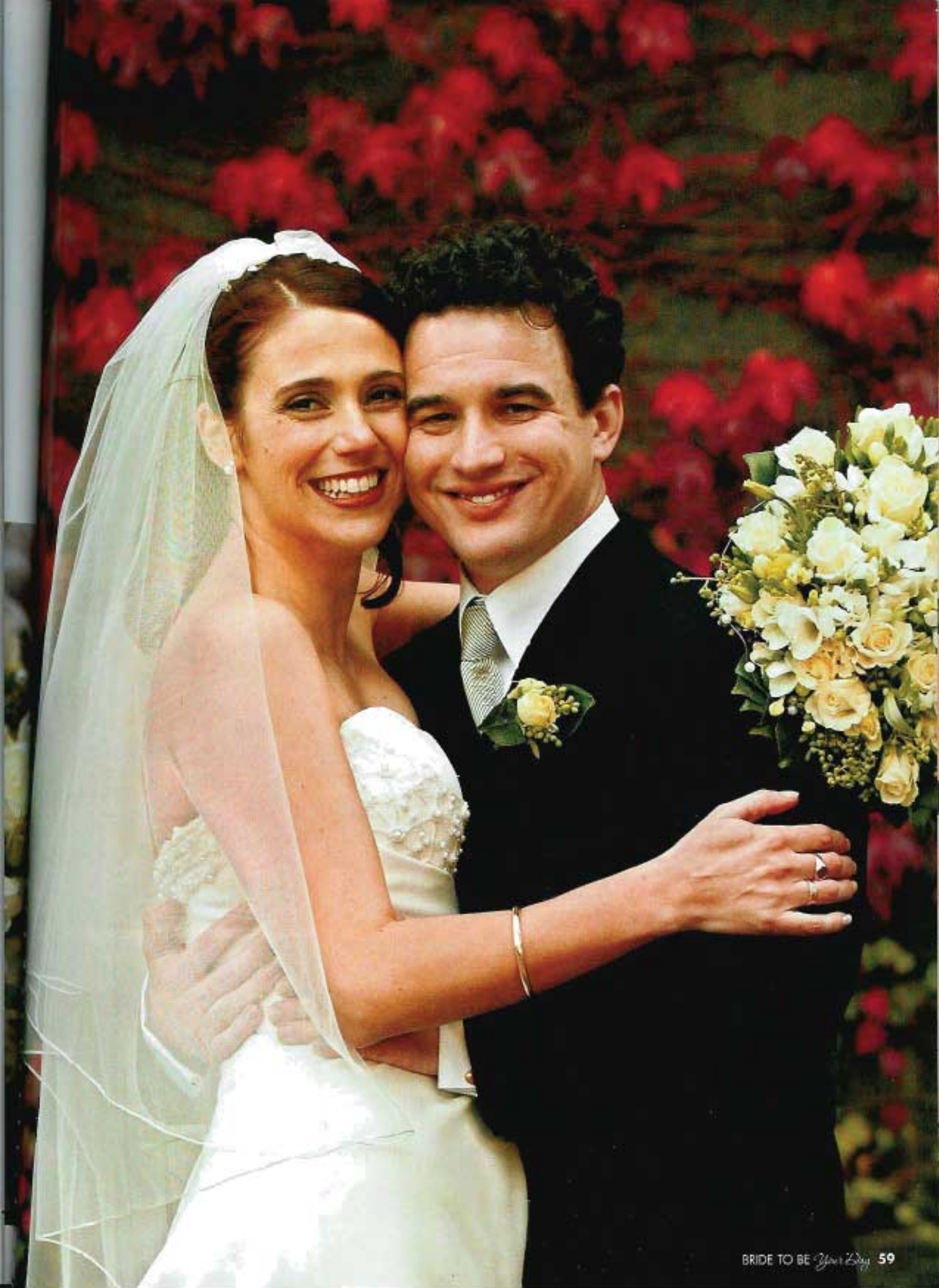
April 24, 2004

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Hawthorn, Vic

**First meeting** Tash, 32, was attracted by Tim's sense of humour and his "devilish laugh," while it was Tash's smile that won Tim, 32, over. The couple's paths crossed several times while they were travelling through Europe. Tash explains "We got together again when we got home to see if it was just a holiday romance."  
**Proposal** On the night of their seventh anniversary, Tim and Tash stopped to take in an astonishing view of the city. In the midst of

reminiscing over all the wonderful times they'd shared, Tim asked Tash to be his bride. The decision seemed right because, Tash says, "we couldn't imagine spending our lives with anyone else."  
**Preparations** The couple did all the planning themselves, creating folders filled with pictures and ideas for everything from the flowers to the honeymoon. And though Tash took charge of the bridesmaids' dresses and her own gown, they shared the responsibility for the rest of the wedding details, such as finding and booking the colourful Red Scooter, where the celebration continued after the ceremony.  
**The theme** Their original plan for a black-tie, formal affair was quickly scrapped when the couple realised what they really wanted was a wedding with "a fun, party atmosphere, where our guest could really enjoy themselves," says Tash.  
**The dress** Paula from Melanie's Bridal Couture designed the strapless ivory A-line gown for the bride. Tash loved its intricately beaded bodice and skirt-length







georgette insert. A long veil completed her traditional look. Flowers Ivory, burgundy and rust-coloured bouquets and table decorations, designed by Debbie O'Neil Freelance Designs, struck the perfect balance between contemporary style and traditional elegance. And at the end of the evening, rather than throw her bouquet, Tash presented it to her 86-year-old grandmother. Reception The couple wanted their 92 guests to mingle as much as possible, so rather than sit



down for an entree, they had Red Scooter serve extended canapés, including Peking duck pancakes, Mongolian lamb pies and spinach and ricotta cannelloni. The main course was more formal, with guests having a choice of three mains: beef, chicken or vegetarian. For dessert, Red Scooter served an array of sweets, wedding cake and a cheese, fruit and nut platter. Bridal dance *Fly Me To The Moon* played by Starr Brothers Jazz. Highlights Tim will never forget seeing Tash walking down the aisle; Tash found the presence of family and friends "overwhelming and emotional." And no-one will forget the best man's speech - he presented it as a children's book, complete with props and pictures. First night The couple spent their first night as a married couple at The Prince boutique hotel in Melbourne's St Kilda. Honeymoon Booking their holiday was stressful, as some of their previous bookings fell through at the last minute, but their 12 nights in the Maldives were the opposite. Says Tash, "It was a wonderful place to relax, unwind and think about our our future together!"



1. Bridesmaids Kesh Martin and Megan Waldhuber wore custom-made dresses they designed themselves. 2. Rose petals showered the newlyweds. Both the bride and her bridesmaids had their hair done by Courtney at Hennessy Lane, 0031 9560 1510. 3. Posing outside the church, Tash's gown by Paul from Melanie's Bridal Couture, 1031 9670 2665. 4. Mixing traditional elegance with fresh modern beauty, the bride's make-up was done by Natalie Hall, 0411 037 690. 5. Jazz quartet Starr Brothers Jazz played *Fly Me To The Moon* for the couple's bridal dance. 0414 795 094.



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6. The bride opted for unstructured  
round bouquets. 7. Rings were from  
Pillington Jewellers. (021) 9050 2809.  
8. A fruitcake for wedding set atop  
a tower of distinctive fruit and fruit  
cakes by the Glen Old Cake Shop,  
(021) 9370 0120. 9. Best man Hamish  
King and groomsmen Matt Randall  
fall into line behind the groom as they  
rock their way to Red Scooter in  
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