

# MILLINERY *Matters*

NEWSLETTER OF THE MILLINERY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## CORONATION EDITION

Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning British monarch, died peacefully at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on September 8, 2022, at the age of 96. She was succeeded by her eldest son, Charles. Tradition declared that the country was to hold a period of mourning after the passing of the reigning monarch, meaning that the Coronation of King Charles III would take place some months later.

On Saturday May 6, 2023, the Coronation of His Majesty will take place at Westminster Abbey in London, where all British Coronations have been held for over 950 years since William the Conqueror in 1066. This will be the 39th Coronation of a reigning monarch held at the Abbey.

During the ceremony, the new sovereign will be crowned as head of the Church of England and King of the United Kingdom and 14 other Commonwealth realms. Prior to her death, the late Queen declared it was her "sincere wish" for the former Duchess of Cornwall to be crowned Queen Consort alongside King Charles' accession to the throne. True to this wish, Queen Consort Camilla will be anointed and crowned after the King during the Coronation. She will be the first crowned Queen Consort since the Queen Mother in 1937.

The Coronation is likely to be more modest than Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 Coronation to reflect the modern role of the monarchy today and look towards the future. It will also represent a wider range of religions and community groups to mirror the country's diversity.

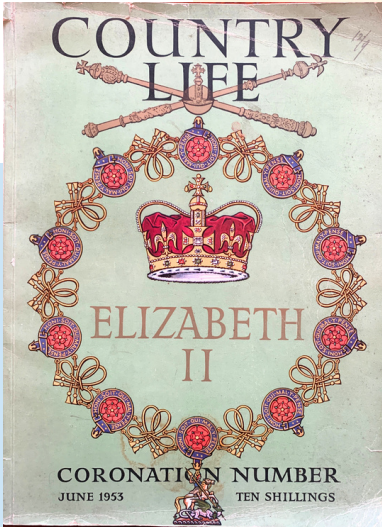


The King will be crowned with the 17th century St. Edward's Crown. Made in 1661 for Charles II, it replaced the medieval crown that was melted down in 1649. The original crown was worn by Edward the Confessor and dates back to the 11th century. In recent months Royal officials have removed the St. Edwards Crown from the Tower of London to enable modifications to be made. As the crown is made from solid gold it is extremely heavy and will only be placed briefly on the King's head during the ceremony.

His Majesty King Charles III will also wear the Imperial State Crown during the Coronation service. This crown contains the controversial Cullinan II diamond which was gifted to Edward VII by the Transvaal government, a former British colony in what is now South Africa.

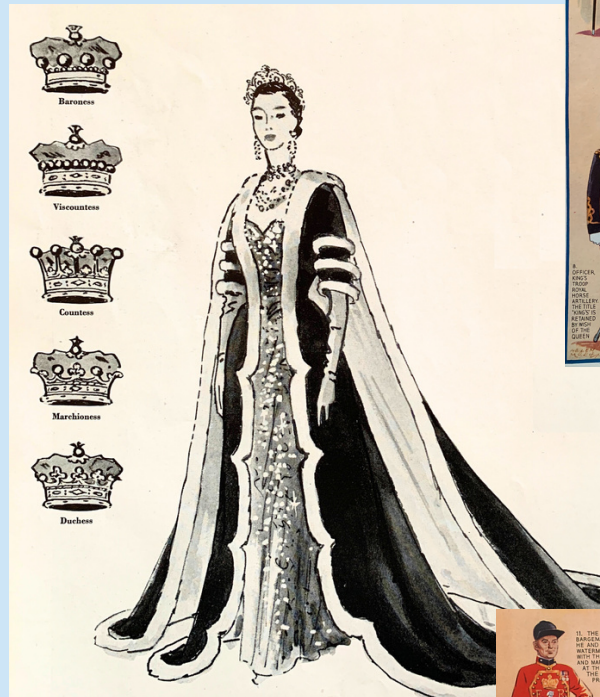
Queen Consort Camilla will be crowned with Queen Mary's Crown. In tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth, the crown will be reset with the Cullinan III, IV and V diamonds. These diamonds were often worn by Her late Majesty as part of her personal jewellery collection.

COUNTRY LIFE CORONATION  
**ROBES OF STATE**



Regulations governing the designs of robes of state are explicit. Traditionally made from crimson red velvet enriched with narrow gold braid and bordered with a narrow strip of white fur.

Shown right are coronets and an example of a robe worn by the various ranks of Baroness, Vicountess, Countess, Marchioness and Duchess.



Above and below are Royal Horse Guards and Yeoman of the Guard uniforms.



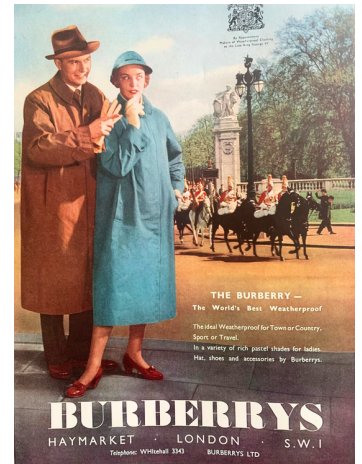
Royal Footman uniforms



Caps, military hats and coronets worn at Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation.



The images on this page and on the previous page are from an issue of Country Life which belongs to my mother. It's wonderful to look back through it and imagine the Coronation ceremony from 1953 and to see old advertisements which reflect the sentiments of the era and the occasion



# A Garden PARTY Invitation

By Ana Pribylova - Aussie Milliner in London



It's the eve of the Royal Garden party and I'm yet to finish my dress. I've learned how to macramé and my dress is eucalyptus green to represent my Australian heritage. My hat is now done.. I actually I made two hats as the first one didn't suit my dress, I only hope now that my toddler doesn't get sick so that we will be able to attend such a grand event.

When I was thinking of UK culture and fashion, it's often best to be understated I thought, it's not really a "bigger is better kind of event", more understated. So I'm kind of pushing it with the dress, but I'm a creative person and couldn't help myself! My hat is much more simple - a cream straw with an architecturally designed big brim.

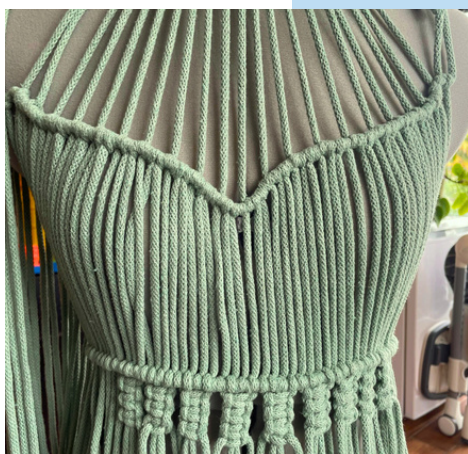


I have been excited about going to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party since before the pandemic. Unfortunately it was cancelled due to the global outbreak of Covid, so now it's become an even more special event since this garden party will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III.

The very regal envelope and invitation arrived and along with it a lot of security information, guest passes and a booklet outlining the itinerary and dress code - Morning dress for men and dress and hat a must for women! I was so excited to open the envelope I waited all evening so I could give it justice and savour every moment (after toddler went to bed) with a glass of wine and chocolate in hand.

My invite to the garden party has really excited my neighbours and the community I live in and everyone, including my husband's family, has asked for updates with dress and hat photos. In fact, there are lots of celebrations planned in everyone's neighbourhood this weekend in the UK. Lots of small backyard garden parties and many pubs and cafes are also holding gatherings to watch the coronation on TV. Friends and family tell me of older relatives who were invited previously and the stories of how they remember them attending. <https://millineryaustralia.org/milliner/ana-bella-millinery/>

I'll send you all an update after the Garden Party, I'm not quite sure what to expect but I'm very excited!



Read more about Ana [here](#)

# A CHAT with Edwina Ibbotson

By Rose Hudson



**Are you making anything for the Royal family for the Coronation Edwina?** Sadly, no hats for actual Royals on this occasion, but for guests yes.

**Your planets will collide this year with Ascot and the Coronation being so close together, how have you prepared for this?** We also have the Epsom Derby, weddings and Polo, however as much you prepare it is always a lot of late nights, or all-nighters! So up your vitamins and plenty of Spirulina along with (when it gets silly) a thirty minute power nap if needed.

**Hats are not compulsory at this Coronation event. How has this impacted your workload?** Yes, such an unexpected announcement, very sad for us milliners, however, I believe most people will want to dress beautifully for such an occasion and will wear a hat. Time will tell!

**Without giving away too much, can you tell us about the individual trims, flowers or feathers that are being created in your workroom right now?** As always lots of flowers, like roses, cherry blossoms.

**Tell us about the millinery conversation you have with the stylist. Are you given colours to match an outfit then you come up with a concept?** Stylists often come in, or they may just send a request to see what hats I have and want to see photos. If it is someone I work with often, they may bring their client in to try on hats and they will place an order. For a photo shoot I may get sent a mood board or a request to see if I have something similar to ideas they are looking for. They may also request my Look Book.

**The hairdresser is the natural enemy of the milliner, how do you cope with last minute fastening dramas?** Sorry, I beg to differ. Hairdressers and milliners here normally work well together, I guess as they are used to having to position hats on clients. Please remember hats are still worn for weddings here so there are plenty of occasions hairdressers are asked to do this throughout the year. When possible and if needed, I do go myself to fit the client's hat, or we do a quick zoom or FaceTime, once the hairdresser or the client has positioned the hat. I always ask the client if we can take a photo with her hat on, or my sample so they have it for reference to remind themselves, or show the hairdresser.

**Your clients are sometimes in the royal sphere, what's the fitting process like? Do you get to go to them or does their stylist come to you?** Normally you just get a request to send things in and never get to see them, that is how it has been for the last few years sadly. So, you can never recommend improvements or something different. Although I know this isn't always the case for all Royals.

**Tell us a bit about your staff. Have you hired more people for the rush?** This year is turning out to be extremely tricky. We are still recovering from Covid regarding building back up. I have been on the lookout for an amazing milliner to join the team but no one seems to be able to give enough hours. I would love to say I have taken 2 full time milliners, but everyone is trying to juggle 2 or 3 jobs or dropping children off etc, so yes, it is a real struggle at the moment.

**What's the buzz like in London right now? Is there excitement? Are the streets decorated?**



The streets in the Westend and centre are all decorated. The buzz is definitely building up, I heard today people have already started sleeping out to gain the best viewing position.

**Anything else you'd like to add?** I, understand how lucky we are to have the Royal Family here in the UK and what they do to help promote hat wearing, I am very worried about the announcement of hats were not compulsory for the Coronation and very much hope this is not something that is being planned to help modernise the British monarchy. That would be awful!

Read more about Edwina [here](#).

# CORONATION Quiz

1. In what year was King Charles III born?

- A. 1945
- B. 1948
- C. 1952
- D. 1959



2. What is King Charles III's full name?

- A. Charles George Windsor
- B. Charles Edward Francis
- C. Charles Philip Arthur George
- D. Charles William Henry

3. Where will the Coronation of King Charles III take place?

- A. Balmoral
- B. Buckingham Palace
- C. Westminster Abbey
- D. Windsor Castle

4. What is the official dish of this coronation?

- A. Quiche
- B. Venison
- C. Cornish Pastie
- D. Mushy Peas

5. Who played Charles in Season 5 of Netflix's The Crown?

- A. Josh O'Connor
- B. Colin Firth
- C. Tom Hardy
- D. Dominic West



6. How many times has Charles visited Australia?

- A. 6
- B. 9
- C. 16
- D. 19

7. Who designed Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation dress?

- A. Freddy Fox
- B. Norman Hartnell
- C. Alexander McQueen
- D. Zandra Rhodes

8. What is the name of the crown placed on the head of the Monarch during the Coronation ceremony?

- A. The St. Patrick's Crown
- B. The St. Edward's Crown
- C. The St. Andrew's Crown
- D. The St. Peter's Crown



9. What was the first documented coronation at Westminster Abbey?

- A. William the Conqueror
- B. Richard the Lionheart
- C. Henry VIII
- D. Elizabeth I

10. In what year did Charles and Camilla marry?

- A. 1999
- B. 2003
- C. 2005
- D. 2006

11. Which famous British milliner made Camilla's wedding headpiece?

- A. Stephen Jones
- B. Rachael Trevor-Morgan
- C. Jane Taylor
- D. Phillip Treacy

12. How old was King Charles when he became Prince of Wales?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 19
- D. 20





Listen [here](#) to the History of Coronations podcast produced by Historical Royal Palaces on Apple Podcasts.

## CORONATION Streets



Where to find all the fabulous decorations over the Coronation weekend.

- Regent Street
- Dorchester Hotel
- Covent Garden
- Burlington Arcade
- King's Road
- Mayfair
- The Mall

Click [here](#) to see Instagram reel



# Design AWARD

Melbourne, Victoria



Registration has now closed for this year's Design Award, however, you have until **May 26, 2023** to get your submissions in. Don't forget to allow a week or so for Australia Post to deliver your item!

**JUDGES:** Rachel Hart, Belinda Osborne and 2 exciting guest judges

**PRIZES:** **1st** \$2000

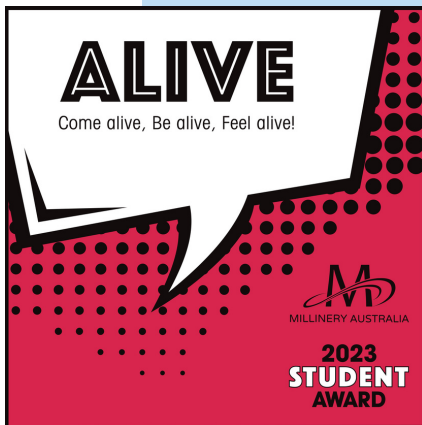
**2nd** \$750

**3rd** \$500

Plus exciting prizes from our Associate members and sponsorship partners

# STUDENT Award

Melbourne, Victoria



What a fabulous opportunity for students of millinery to partake in Millinery Australia's Student Design competition and is open to all students anywhere in Australia and around the world! Registration has now closed and submissions are due by **Friday, May 12, 2023**.

**JUDGES:** Christine Martin, Lisa Watt, Possum Ball and Michele Cameron (Mary Locke Encouragement Award)

**PRIZES:** **1st** \$500 + high quality photo of your hat on a model

**2nd** \$200

**3rd** \$100

# GALA EVENING

Melbourne, Victoria



Millinery Australia invites you to the premier millinery event of the year at an exclusive Cocktail Gala Evening showcasing innovative design and high quality millinery from our fellow and student members. This is a fantastic opportunity for lovers of millinery and fashion to view the work of established and emerging milliners in a unique and historic venue in the heart of Melbourne's beautiful CBD.

**WHEN:** Thursday June 29, 2023

**WHERE:** The Bank on Collins, 394 Collins Street, Melbourne

**TIME:** 7:30pm – 10:30pm

**COST:** Member \$89 and Non-Member \$99

Ticket price includes light canapés and drinks.

**DRESS CODE:**

- Cocktail for Ladies
- Lounge suits for Gentlemen
- Headwear strongly encouraged

Get your tickets from EventBrite [HERE](#)



# ASSOCIATE MEMBER Details





Gorgeous women,  
lovely hats...

## MAA Meetings

All meetings will be held  
via Zoom at 7.30pm (Melb) for 2023

Wed 22 February

Tue 21 March

Wed 26 April

Tue 23 May

Wed 28 June

Tue 25 July

Wed 23 August

Tue 26 September

(No meeting in October)

Tue 21 November - AGM



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SAYING A WORD.



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