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As we approach the end of another year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for all the hard work and dedication you have put into making this year a success. It has been a year filled with challenges and opportunities, and together we have overcome obstacles and achieved remarkable milestones. We will continue to embrace innovation, explore new opportunities, and create a future that is even more remarkable than our past. To celebrate our collective achievements and to usher in the holiday season, we have an exciting event coming up. Our end-of-year party is scheduled for December 17th, and I'm thrilled to invite each one of you to join us for a night of fun, laughter, and well-deserved relaxation. It's an opportunity for us to come together, reflect on our achievements, and look forward to the promise of a new year. Once again, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your dedication and hard work. Together, we have made this year memorable, and I look forward to the exciting journey that lies ahead.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

As the October breeze sweeps in, so does another captivating edition of StarCentral Magazine. We are thrilled to present you with stories that will inspire and enlighten, showcasing individuals who are making a significant impact in their respective fields.

In this issue, meet Mark Coronel, the Sales Director at Cubecorp Projects Pty Ltd. With a remarkable 17 years in the real estate industry, Mark's journey is a testament to his enduring passion and dedication. He has a unique talent for not only driving results but, more importantly, providing solutions to those in need.

Discover the inspiring journey of Taylor Kuchel, who graces the pages of StarCentral Magazine as the choice at the Miss Earth Australia 2023 pageant. Taylor is a passionate advocate for the environment, driven by her personal experiences. Also on the cover is Patricia Sheeran, whose incredible journey led her to become Miss Earth Australia Charity 2023 and Miss Photogenic. It's a remarkable achievement, especially considering that this was her very first pageant.

In addition to these compelling cover stories, readers have the opportunity to get to know the Miss Earth Australia 2023 winners. This special feature spotlights the passionate individuals making a positive impact on our planet. The November issue of StarCentral Magazine continues to inspire and uplift, shedding light on excellence and resilience. The stories shared within these pages serve as a reminder that pursuing one's passions, no matter the challenges, can lead to remarkable achievements and positive change.

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# Tailored mortgage solutions



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In the second round of eliminations, the leading three contestants for the men's category were Mr. Vietnam, Mr. Philippines, and Mr. Mongolia. Similarly, Miss Philippines, Miss Tonga, and Miss Australia were the top three women who continued to shine.

The final segment of questions heightened the excitement and brought a profound dimension to the Pageant of the World competition. Inquisitive minds sought to understand the contestants' visions and perspectives on utilizing the platform for positive change. Men faced the challenging question, "How do you plan to use the platform Pageant of the World to make a difference?" On the other hand, women shared insights into their personal journeys, answering the question, "How has Pageant of the World influenced your understanding of beauty?"

As the anticipation reached its pinnacle, the moment arrived for the final results to be unveiled. Among the remarkable women, the titles were awarded as follows: Miss Australia claimed the 2nd runner-up position, Miss Philippines secured the 1st runner-up spot, and the highly coveted title of Woman of the World 2023 was bestowed upon Miss Tonga. The competition among the distinguished men concluded with Mr. Mongolia earning the 2nd runner-up distinction, Mr. Philippines securing 1st runner-up, and the prestigious title of Man of the World 2023 being claimed by Mr. Vietnam.

Pageant of the World 2023's coronation night transcended the boundaries of a conventional competition. It metamorphosed into a grand celebration, showcasing beauty and talent and the potential impact these individuals can wield on the global stage. The winners, standing alongside their fellow participants, contributed to an evening that will forever be etched in history as a symbol of elegance, achievement, and the transformative power of pageantry. The grand coronation at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth marked the culmination of weeks of anticipation and preparation. The remarkable display of elegance, talent, and gastronomic delights elevated the event to an unforgettable experience. Pageant of the World 2023's coronation night at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth will be remembered as a glittering triumph, capturing the essence of beauty, poise, and celebration.

Congratulations to Cindy Dionisio, Sidharth J Vijann, and the entire Pageant of the World team for their extraordinary efforts and impeccable execution of an unforgettable event.

In a spectacular event that combined glamour, talent, and grace, Pageant of the World celebrated its coronation night on September 30th at the luxurious Sofitel Sydney Wentworth. The night was a culmination of weeks of anticipation, showcasing the charisma and accomplishments of the contestants who competed in various categories, leaving an indelible mark on the pageant's history.

A total of seven male contestants and thirteen female contestants, including Enoque Santiago, Fadi Jorjus, Buya Ser-Od, Angelo Joaquin Basa, Hayden Johnson, Rishabh Sharma, Eric Phan, Xyrilla Jean Antonio, Rachel Farah, Nyamdulam Shinebayar, Maddy May, Ekam Makkar, Hiba Al Malky, Chloé Gouneau, Leila Mokdad, Kizza Raj, Yukina Sato, Bruna Vasconcelos, Samikshya Shrestha, and Erika Bunter, graced the stage in a dazzling array of outfits, making the night a dazzling display of diverse talent and style.

The competition unfolded across three distinctive categories. National costume, activewear, and formal wear allowed each participant to showcase their unique style, adding a layer of diversity to the event. The runway came alive with a vibrant display of talent and charisma as contestants left an indelible mark on the audience.

The pageant recognized outstanding achievements with a series of special awards. Miss Philippines claimed the title of Best in National Costume, while Mr. Portugal earned the distinction of Best Personality. The titles of Charity King and Charity Queen went to Mr. Portugal and Miss Lebanon, respectively. Photogenic awards were bestowed upon Mr. Brazil and Ms. Fiji, and the Top Model award went to Mr. Philippines and Ms. Australia. Mr. Japan and Miss Brazil claimed smile awards, and Best in Active Wear titles went to Mr. Mongolia and Miss Tonga. Miss Japan and Mr. India showcased their talents, earning the titles of Best in Talent, while Advocacy awards were granted to Miss Egypt and Mr. India. Miss Philippines and Mr. Lebanon received the People's Choice awards. In the Best in Formal Wear category, the titles went to Mr. Vietnam and Miss Brazil.



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Congratulations to Cindy Dionisio and the entire Pageant of the World team for a very successful event!



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# HOW TO LOOK *Stylish* ON A BUDGET

Inflation can be a challenging economic reality that affects many aspects of our lives, including our fashion choices. Rising prices might make it seem like staying fashionable is a luxury reserved for the affluent, but with some savvy strategies, you can maintain your sense of style without becoming broke. Here are some tips for staying fashionable during inflationary times:

**Prioritize Versatility:** Invest in versatile wardrobe staples that can be mixed and matched to create multiple outfits. Pieces like a well-fitted blazer, a classic white shirt, or a good pair of jeans may be dressed up or down to fit different situations. Versatile items offer more value for your money since they can be worn in different ways.

**Thrift and Vintage Shopping:** Thrift stores and vintage shops can be treasure troves for fashionable finds at a fraction of the price of new clothing. These stores often carry unique, one-of-a-kind pieces that can add character to your wardrobe. Take your time browsing through the racks, and you might discover some hidden gems.

**Focus on Quality Over Quantity:** In times of inflation, instead of frequently purchasing low-quality, disposable fashion, it is better to invest in high-quality items that will last longer. Quality garments may have a higher upfront cost, but they often prove more cost-effective in the long run as they endure wear and tear better and require fewer replacements.

**Learn Basic Sewing Skills:** Learning some basic sewing skills can be empowering and cost-effective. You can repair minor damages or alterations on your clothes, extending their lifespan. Simple tasks like sewing on buttons, hemming pants, or fixing small tears can save you money and keep your wardrobe in tip-top shape.

**Accessorize Creatively:** An outfit's accessories may make or break it, and they're often more affordable than clothing items. Invest in a variety of accessories like scarves, belts, hats, and statement jewelry to refresh your look without having to buy entirely new ensembles.

**Embrace Minimalism:** Consider adopting a minimalist approach to fashion. Fewer clothing items in your wardrobe can make it easier to mix and match, reduce clutter, and keep your style streamlined. Focus on pieces you truly love and wear frequently, rather than accumulating a large collection of items you rarely use.

**Rent or Borrow:** For special occasions or one-time events, consider renting clothing or borrowing from friends and family. There are online platforms that offer clothing rental services, allowing you to wear high-end designer pieces without the hefty price tag.

**Keep an Eye on Sales and Discounts:** Monitor sales, discounts, and clearance sections at your favorite stores. Many retailers offer seasonal sales or clearance events where you can snag stylish pieces at a fraction of their original price. To learn about deals, subscribe to newsletters and follow brands on social media.

**Practice Mindful Shopping:** Before making a purchase, consider whether you actually need the item and whether it will go in with your current clothing. Avoid impulsive buying and focus on making intentional purchases that align with your style and budget.

**DIY Fashion Projects:** Explore your creativity by trying out do-it-yourself (DIY) fashion projects. You can transform old clothing into something new, embellish plain garments, or experiment with dyeing techniques. You can personalise your closet without breaking the bank with DIY projects.





# UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BRAND *Ambassadorship*

In the world of marketing and promotion, brand ambassadors play a crucial role in connecting companies with their target audience. These individuals are trusted advocates who represent and promote a brand's products or services. If you're passionate about a particular brand or niche and dream of becoming a brand ambassador, here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started on your journey to influencer status.

**Choose Your Niche:** Identify your area of interest and expertise. Successful brand ambassadors are often passionate about a specific niche, whether it's fashion, beauty, fitness, technology, or travel. Your niche should align with your interests and resonate with your target audience.

**Build Your Online Presence:** A strong online presence is essential for aspiring brand ambassadors. Start by creating and maintaining active social media profiles on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and TikTok. Choose a handle that reflects your niche and personality, and ensure your content is engaging, authentic, and visually appealing.

**Create High-Quality Content:** Consistently produce high-quality content that showcases your passion and expertise within your chosen niche. This may include blog posts, photos, videos, or a combination of multimedia content. The secret is to add value to your audience and position oneself as an authoritative source of knowledge.

**Grow Your Following:** A loyal and active following requires effort and time to build. Engage your audience by answering comments, participating in discussions, and collaborating with other content creators in your niche. Additionally, use relevant hashtags to increase your content's discoverability.

**Engage with Brands:** Once you've established your online presence and gained a reasonable following, start engaging with the brands you admire. Observe them on social media and respond to their posts and share your experiences with their products or services. Building a genuine connection with the brand is the first step to catching their attention.

**Showcase Your Passion:** Authenticity is key in brand ambassadorship. Continue showcasing your passion for your chosen niche and the brand you're interested in. Share your personal experiences, reviews, and recommendations genuinely. Brands are more likely to partner with individuals who genuinely love and believe in their products.

**Reach Out to Brands:** Don't be afraid to reach out to brands directly. Craft a compelling pitch that highlights your passion, expertise, and the value you can bring to their brand. Research their preferred contact methods, which may include email, social media DMs, or dedicated brand ambassador programs on their websites.

**Attend Industry Events:** Participate in industry-related events, conferences, and trade shows if possible. Networking with industry professionals and brand representatives can provide valuable opportunities to showcase your expertise and passion. It's also a chance to make direct connections with brands.

**Collaborate with Like-Minded Influencers:** Working together with other influencers in your niche can help you reach more people and meet new brands. Partnering on content or campaigns with influencers who share your interests can be mutually beneficial and attract the attention of brands looking for collaborations.

**Be Patient and Persistent:** Becoming a brand ambassador is not an overnight achievement. It takes time, dedication, and persistence. You may face rejection along the way, but remember that persistence pays off. Keep refining your content, growing your audience, and pursuing partnerships with brands aligned with your niche.

Becoming a brand ambassador is a rewarding endeavor for those passionate about their chosen niche. It's a journey that begins with building a strong online presence, creating valuable content, and engaging with both your audience and the brands you admire. As you continue to showcase your passion and authenticity, opportunities to represent and promote your favorite brands will likely come your way, turning your dream of becoming a brand ambassador into a reality.



# EXFOLIATION ESSENTIALS FOR EVERY *Complexions*

We all know exfoliating is great for our skin; through the removal of dead skin cells, you leave your skin not only softer and smoother but also as a blank canvas to absorb all the goodness from your House of Immortelle products. But before diving into an exfoliation routine, it's crucial to understand your skin type. In this article, we're going to give you a guide on realising what your own skin type is, so that you know the best course of action to get the results you're looking for from your exfoliation routine.

## Different Methods of Exfoliation

Before exfoliation, you'll want to begin with a natural face cleanser to achieve optimal results. Then, you can move on to deciding which exfoliation method is best for you, either mechanical exfoliation – where you physically scrub the skin with tools or products with a grainy texture, such as a refining powder, which removes dead skin cells for a smoother texture. Or chemical exfoliation, which involves the use of chemicals to dissolve dead skin cells. Alpha hydroxy acids (AHAs) and beta hydroxy acids (BHAs) are commonly used in chemical exfoliants.

## The Skin Types

Whichever method of exfoliation you choose will be defined, largely, by your skin type. So, let's break down the various skin types so that you can figure out your own and decide the best method for optimal skincare:

### Normal Skin

Normal skin is well-balanced, neither too oily nor too dry. It tends to have a smooth texture, small pores, and a relatively healthy complexion. If you have normal skin, you have the flexibility to choose between mechanical and chemical exfoliation methods. Starting with a cloth or sponge and a mild chemical exfoliant is a great option.

### Dry Skin

Dry skin often feels tight, rough, and flaky. It lacks moisture and may be prone to sensitivity. For individuals with dry skin, mechanical exfoliation methods may be too harsh and irritating. Instead, opt for a gentle washcloth and a mild chemical exfoliator. It's crucial to follow exfoliation with a hydrating moisturiser to replenish the skin's moisture barrier.

### Oily Skin

Oily skin is characterised by excess sebum production, making the skin appear shiny and prone to breakouts. Mechanical exfoliation using a scrub or a brush can be an effective method for oily skin, as it helps to unclog pores and remove excess oil.

### Combination Skin

Combination skin is a mix of different skin types, with some areas being oily and others dry or normal. If you have combination skin, it's important to tailor your exfoliation routine to address the specific needs of each area. You can opt for a combination of mechanical and chemical exfoliation methods, using a brush or scrub on oily areas and a mild chemical exfoliant on dry or sensitive areas.

## How Often Should You Exfoliate for Your Skin Type?

The frequency of exfoliation depends on your skin type and the exfoliation method you choose. It's important to strike a balance between reaping the benefits of exfoliation and not overdoing it. Here are some general guidelines for how often you should exfoliate based on your skin type.

If you have normal skin, exfoliating once a week is generally sufficient. However, if you feel that your skin can handle a more intense exfoliation, you can increase the frequency to once every few weeks. Pay attention to any signs of irritation or sensitivity and adjust your exfoliation routine accordingly.

For individuals with dry skin, it's important to be cautious when exfoliating. Once a week is typically a safe frequency to avoid stripping away too much moisture. However, if you notice any signs of dryness or irritation, reduce the frequency to once every two weeks.

Oily skin can tolerate more frequent exfoliation due to the excess sebum production. Exfoliating two to three times a week can help control oiliness and prevent clogged pores. If you notice any irritation, drop it down accordingly.

If you have sensitive skin, it's crucial to approach exfoliation with caution. Start with a minimal frequency of once every two weeks and observe how your skin reacts.

If you have combination skin, you will require a tailored approach to exfoliation. Focus on treating each area of your face according to its specific needs. Exfoliate the oily areas two to three times a week and the dry or sensitive areas once a week or as needed.

Now that you've discovered your own skin type and have a basic guide on how to incorporate exfoliation into your regular skincare regimen, you can begin shedding those dead skin cells and reveal your glowing skin. Remember to proceed with caution, though; take things slowly, to begin with whilst you get to know your skin better. Just like anything else, your skin will let you know if what you're doing is working and when you're treating your skin to the best products that House of Immortelle can offer, your skin is bound to reap the rewards.





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## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 1MX MUSIC FESTIVAL: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

In a groundbreaking spectacle that left music enthusiasts in awe, the first-ever 1MX Music Festival took center stage in Sydney, Australia. As part of an international touring music festival that graces major cities worldwide, 1MX presented a unique blend of authentic Asian artist showcases, intertwining seamlessly with the vibrant local cultural scene. Held at The Hordern Pavilion on October 8, 2023, this musical extravaganza featured a stellar lineup of Asian-Australian-Kiwi artists, creating an unforgettable experience for attendees.

The festival boasted a diverse lineup, bringing together a fusion of talents from different corners of the world. The stage came alive with stellar performances from rising stars to seasoned artists, each contributing to the rich tapestry of sounds and cultures. Among the standout performers were:

**Milky Day:** A rising star with roots extending from Korean and New Zealand influences, Milky Day brought a unique blend of Lofi and R&B to the stage. The fusion of cultural backgrounds added a distinctive flavour to the musical journey.

**Keenan Te:** Emerging as a pop sensation on the rise, Keenan Te showcased a powerful voice and an impressive online presence. With billions of views on TikTok and millions of streams, his performance resonated deeply with the audience.

**Bini:** An electrifying P-Pop Girl Group that emerged from the Star Hunt Academy, Bini captivated the crowd with their energetic and synchronized performances. Their presence on stage reflected the collective talent nurtured by the academy.

**Maymay Entrata:** A multifaceted talent in the entertainment

industry, Maymay Entrata took the stage with her hit song "Amakabogera." Her diverse skill set, spanning acting, singing, hosting, dance, and modeling, added a dynamic element to the festival.

**William Singe:** A leading figure in Australia's music scene, William Singe's solo career has explored a wide range of genres. His charismatic stage presence and musical versatility resonated with fans.

**Dami Im:** Synonymous with musical excellence, Dami Im showcased her incredible voice and trend-setting music. The former winner of The X Factor Australia, her journey to stardom began with a triumph that led to platinum-status albums.

**Ben&Ben:** Hailing from the Philippines, Ben&Ben, a folk-pop band formed in 2017, emerged as a musical sensation. Their enchanting melodies and poignant lyrics have earned them recognition and accolades in the music industry.

The 1MX Music Festival unfolded as a musical journey like no other. The artists not only performed their chart-topping tracks but also brought stunning choreography and magnetic stage presence. The crowd was immersed in a sonic and visual spectacle, creating an atmosphere of celebration and unity.

The inaugural 1MX Music Festival in Sydney was a testament to the power of music in transcending borders and celebrating diversity. With a lineup that spanned continents and genres, the festival provided a platform for artists to share their unique stories and connect with a global audience. As the echoes of this musical extravaganza linger, anticipation builds for the next chapter in the 1MX journey, promising more cultural fusion and musical brilliance.







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*In the dynamic world of real estate, where expertise meets commitment, Mark Coronel stands as a shining example of excellence. As the Sales Director at Cubecorp Projects Pty Ltd, Mark brings 17 years of unparalleled experience, strategic thinking, and a genuine commitment to his clients' needs.*

#### A Journey of Passion and Dedication

Mark's journey in the sales industry spans almost two decades, showcasing enduring passion and dedication. His expertise covers various facets of real estate, from residential and commercial sales to project management, project marketing, and investment properties. Mark's proficiency extends to guiding first-time home sellers and investors in the realm of residential investment properties and real estate development.

#### A Visionary Leader and Solution Provider

Mark Coronel is not just a sales director; he is a visionary leader who prioritizes providing solutions. His philosophy centers around understanding his client's unique needs and tailoring his services to meet them. Whether assisting clients in finding their dream homes, securing lucrative investment opportunities, or navigating the complexities of real estate transactions, Mark empowers his clients through informed decisions.

#### A Track Record of Excellence

Mark's reputation as a professional, efficient, and helpful sales director is substantiated by a track record that speaks volumes. Over the past five years alone, he has successfully assisted more than 1,000 clients across Australia in achieving their real estate goals. This remarkable achievement reflects not only his expertise but also his ability to build lasting relationships based on trust and mutual success.

#### Beyond Real Estate: A Mentor and Guide

Mark Coronel's multifaceted approach to life extends beyond the realm of real estate. With an unbridled passion for people, he has established himself as a mentor and guide, willingly sharing the wisdom and insights he has garnered throughout his journey. His expertise in sales is matched by his prowess in wealth creation, a skill he fervently believes in sharing with those around him.

#### Mark Coronel's Legacy: A Commitment to Excellence

Mark Coronel's legacy in the real estate industry is defined by his commitment to excellence, client-centric approach, and unwavering dedication to providing solutions. With a career spanning 17 years, he has not only transformed the way real estate sales are conducted but has also extended his expertise to impact the lives of others in profound ways.



MEET

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In the dynamic world of pageantry, where beauty meets purpose, Taylor Kuchel stands as a testament to resilience, passion, and advocacy. Her journey into the Miss Earth Pageant wasn't just about glitz and glamour; it was a bold step towards reclaiming her voice and standing up for Mother Earth.

For Taylor, the world of pageants was uncharted territory. The decision to apply for Miss Earth came unexpectedly when her friend Robyn, the reigning Miss Earth Fire 2022 at the time, posted about the open applications. Despite initial hesitation and self-doubt, Taylor was drawn to the pageant's core message — beauty with brains, coupled with a commitment to championing environmental causes.

Taylor's college studies in Outdoor and Environmental studies had already equipped her with a deep understanding of our environmental impact and the pressing issues of climate change. Her passion for the Earth often spilled onto her social media platforms. Unfortunately, this drew a negative response from her classmates, leading to bullying that momentarily silenced her voice.

The backlash she faced from her peers became a driving force for Taylor to enter the Miss Earth Pageant. It was a response to the attempts to silence her voice, and she yearned to be a beacon for Mother Earth's voice, muted by societal apathy. Her story is a testament to resilience, urging others not to be deterred by negativity and to fight for what they believe in.

Participating in Miss Earth was a transformative experience for Taylor. Surrounded by like-minded individuals passionate about the environment, she felt inspired to intensify her efforts to protect the Earth. The unity of diverse individuals rallying for a common cause left an indelible mark, reinforcing the idea that collective action can bring about meaningful change.

Beyond the realm of pageantry, Taylor has a profound love for reading. Overcoming early literacy challenges, she found solace and passion in books. Guided by her sister Rhianna, she transformed from struggling with literacy to reading 100 books a year by the age of 16. Taylor is now a vocal advocate for literacy, with a goal to inspire children to embrace the joy of reading.

# Taylor Kuchel

Anxiety plagued Taylor's life, casting a shadow on her confidence for years. It wasn't until a friend approached her at 16, asking her to model for a photography portfolio, that she began to break free from the clutches of anxiety. More opportunities followed, yet the fear of judgment based on ethnicity, height, and confidence held her back.

Enter the Miss Earth Pageant and the unwavering support of her boyfriend, Adi — a turning point that fueled Taylor's newfound confidence. Her story is an inspiration for those battling anxiety, showcasing that with the right support and self-belief, one can overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Adding another feather to her cap, Taylor Kuchel emerged as StarCentral Magazine's choice at the Miss Earth Australia 2023 pageant. This accolade further solidifies her position as a rising star and a powerful advocate for environmental causes, literacy, and self-confidence.

Taylor Kuchel's journey from a hesitant newcomer to a vocal advocate for the Earth, literacy, and self-confidence is a beacon of inspiration. Her advocacy extends beyond the pageant stage, embodying the spirit of positive change and resilience. With her eyes set on a future where every voice matters, Taylor aims to empower individuals to pursue their passions and make a difference in the world.

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# Patricia Sheeran



In the dazzling world of pageantry and modelling, Patricia Sheeran has emerged as a true luminary, marking her debut with an extraordinary victory as Miss Earth Australia Charity 2023. At just 21 years old, Patricia's journey into the realm of pageantry has taken flight with a crown that signifies not just beauty but a commitment to charitable causes.

For Patricia, the journey began in Newcastle, where she, with grace and charm, clinched the titles of Miss Earth Australia Charity and Miss Photogenic. What makes this accomplishment even more remarkable is that it was her inaugural pageant, a triumph that surpassed her wildest dreams. Patricia's foray into the world of pageantry unfolded as a promising chapter, hinting at a future bright with possibilities.

Patricia's modelling odyssey commenced at the tender age of 17, a passion that quickly evolved into a flourishing career. The runway became her canvas, and Patricia painted it with elegance and style. Renowned brands such as Chanel and Armani have sought her presence, a testament to her magnetic appeal and versatility as a model. The pinnacle of her modelling journey was gracing the runways of Australian Fashion Week, an experience that not only showcased her talent but continues to inspire her artistic aspirations.

Beyond the glamour and spotlight, Patricia is in the final year of her nursing studies, embodying a spirit of dedication to healthcare. The juxtaposition of her role in the healthcare domain with her passion for modelling is a delicate balancing act that Patricia navigates with determination and enthusiasm. Her

commitment to both fields underscores her multifaceted persona and a drive to excel in diverse realms.

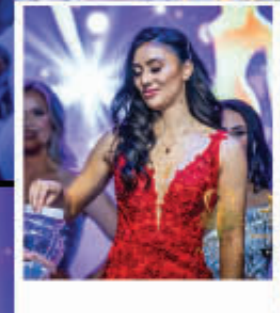
Patricia's roots trace back to the quaint country town of Murrumbidgee in the Upper Hunter Valley. Yet, her heritage proudly spans the cultural tapestry of India. The fusion of these diverse influences has added a unique and enriching dimension to Patricia's life journey, shaping her into the empowered woman she is today.

The unwavering support of Patricia's parents and her loving partner has been instrumental in her journey. Their encouragement has been a constant motivator, propelling her forward in both her educational pursuits and her blossoming modelling career. Patricia acknowledges their pivotal role in her success, recognizing the importance of a strong support system in the pursuit of dreams.

Grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Miss Earth Australia community, Patricia sees it as a platform to grow, learn, and make a positive impact on the world. The pageant's ethos aligns with Patricia's values, providing her with a meaningful avenue to contribute to charitable causes and environmental advocacy.

As Patricia Sheeran stands on the cusp of a promising future, adorned with crowns and accolades, her journey becomes an inspiration for young talents aspiring to make their mark in diverse fields. From the runways to the world of nursing, Patricia exemplifies the power of passion, resilience, and a commitment to making a difference.





The much-anticipated Miss Earth Australia 2023 pageant took center stage on the night of September 9th, and it was an evening filled with glamour, environmental consciousness, and fierce competition. Held at the Tang Media Performing Arts Centre, this event brought together 11 outstanding finalists who competed for the prestigious title.

The 11 finalists, each with their unique qualities and dedication, included Kritika Sharma, Patricia Sheeran, Deborah Madriaga, Puja Nagaria, Sonia Kekatos, Luna Ojcastro, Kajol Chand, Sarah Tute, Helen Latufeku, Taylor Kuchel, and Katelyn Storey. They represented the epitome of beauty with a purpose as they vied for the Miss Earth Australia 2023 title.

Ultimately, the winners were announced, and they represented the various elemental titles. Patricia Sheeran was crowned Miss Earth Charity Australia, Luna Ojcastro was named Miss Earth Fire Australia, Kajol Chand secured the title of Miss Earth Water Australia, and Deborah Madriaga was awarded Miss Earth Air Australia.

The most coveted title, Miss Earth Australia 2023, went to the remarkable Helen Latufeku. Her victory marked a significant achievement in her journey toward positively impacting the environment and promoting sustainable practices.





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Miss Earth Australia 2023

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# Helen

LATUKEFU

Helen Vesinia Latukefu, a 23-year-old with Tongan, Scottish, and Australian roots, calls Guildford (NSW) her hometown, nestled on Darug land. Growing up in a single-mother household as the eldest daughter, Helen imbibed a valuable lesson in resourcefulness and sustainability. Her mother's teachings taught her to cherish and make the most of what they had, naturally nurturing her passion for sustainable living. Early on, Helen displayed her creative flair by fashioning old stockings into hair ties and repurposing coffee jars as storage containers.

Her journey took an artistic turn when she clinched victory in the 2018 Australian Poetry Slam Youth competition. This triumph catapulted her onto renowned stages like the Opera House, where she shared her poetry, becoming a celebrated poet in Sydney. Following her artistic pursuits, Helen pursued higher education, enrolling in a Bachelor of Science program at the University of New South Wales, specializing in Ecology. This academic voyage exposed her to the wonders of New South Wales' natural landscapes, igniting a deep-seated love for the environment and instilling in her a mission to inspire others to connect with and safeguard our planet.

Today, Helen works with Sydney Water's community education team, where she journeys to schools and community events, educating people about the Urban Water Cycle and Water Conservation. Her dedication to spreading awareness about sustainable water practices underscores her commitment to environmental conservation. Her advocacy centers around the principles of self-love and love for the Earth. She believes that nurturing self-love is a prerequisite to extending that affection to our natural world. Through her role as Miss Earth, Helen aspires to unite hearts in the shared responsibility of caring for our exquisite flora and fauna, drawing inspiration from the legendary Australian conservationist, Steve Irwin, and his unwavering dedication to environmental preservation.

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# Deborah MADRIAGA

Deborah Madriaga, hailing from Campbelltown, New South Wales, is a 21-year-old with Filipino roots. While currently making waves as a freelance model, she dreams of pursuing a career as a flight attendant in the future. Deborah is not just a model; she's also a passionate advocate for sustainable fashion, tirelessly promoting support for small businesses, eco-friendly products, and a reduction in the excessive consumption of fast fashion.

Beyond her modeling career, Deborah's heart belongs to the basketball court, a love she's cherished since the age of 10. This sport serves as both her physical and mental health sanctuary. While she has always had a passion for sports, her fascination with heels and crowns has led her to take action toward a brighter future.



# Luna OJACASTRO

Luna Ojcastro, at 28 years of age, proudly represents Rockhampton City, Queensland, in the Miss Earth Australia 2023 competition. Her journey to Australia began during her teenage years, having spent her childhood in the Philippines, where nature was an integral part of her upbringing. Those precious summer breaks were dedicated to planting coconut trees, and after school, she embarked on long drives beyond the city to her family's farm, cultivating rice and vegetables to share with their local community. From an early age, Luna grasped the profound impact Mother Nature had on her family's livelihood and the well-being of wider society.



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In her present role as an Insights Analyst at Australia's largest bank, Luna delves into data analysis, providing invaluable strategic insights that guide business decisions towards the development of sustainable products and services. Her decision to participate in Miss Earth Australia stems from her desire to be a vocal advocate for her two great passions – nature and business. This is encapsulated by her commitment to environmental advocacy through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which embodies taking responsibility and action for our environmental choices. Luna firmly believes that nature and business can harmoniously coexist, and when managed conscientiously, they can lead to environmental harmony and enhanced human productivity.





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Kajol  
CHAND

At 21 years of age, Kajol Arishma Chand hails from a Fijian background. She is a dedicated student at BCHS, specializing in clinical nutrition within the realm of Health Science. Her academic pursuits are complemented by a fervent passion for tennis, enriched by a storied sporting history that includes proud representation of both Australia and Fiji on the international tennis stage. Alongside her tennis prowess, she generously imparts her expertise as a part-time coach.

Looking to the near future, Kajol eagerly anticipates a new chapter as she prepares to launch the 'KAC Skin, Health, and Wellbeing' clinic. Rooted in her Fijian heritage, she holds a profound commitment to advocating for sustainable living practices, and this ethos will be woven into the very fabric of her clinic's offerings.

The inspiration for her journey extends close to home, as her disabled sister holds an irreplaceable place in her heart. The unwavering resilience and determination of her beloved sibling serve as a daily reminder of the paramount importance of inclusivity and accessibility within the wellness field. Kajol's overarching goal extends beyond merely helping individuals achieve their health and wellness aspirations; it encompasses a broader mission of promoting eco-friendly choices for the betterment of our planet.





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