



Carolyn is treated like a star with make-up and wardrobe.



It's time to hit the town in a pink limo.



Hairstylist to stars Lee Staff spoils Caro



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CONSTANTLY CARING FOR HER INJURED DAUGHTER SOPHIE DELEZIO HAS LEFT BUSY MUM CAROLYN MARTIN EXHAUSTED. SO NEW IDEA DECIDED IT WAS TIME THIS SUPERMUM HAD A VERY SPECIAL TREAT

While most mums around Australia had their feet up on Mother's Day, Carolyn Martin was sitting bleary-eyed and exhausted by her daughter Sophie Delezio's hospital bed.

Sophie, of course, needs no introduction. The courageous five-year-old suffered a horrific accident in 2003, when a car landed on top of her at her Sydney day-care centre. Then she was tragically knocked over in her pram at a pedestrian crossing last May.

Thankfully, Sophie's back at home and the Delezio family are back to their busy lives.

New Idea thought next Mother's Day was too long for Carolyn to wait to be pampered, so we decided to treat Australia's supermum to an overdue makeover.

'I can't remember the last time I did anything more to my hair than shampoo it,' Carolyn admits. 'And I haven't bought myself anything special to wear for a very long time. It's been too frantic in our household, with Sophie needing round-the-clock care and Mitchell back at school.'

Firstly, Carolyn was picked up in a pink limo, courtesy of Wild Weddings, and taken to Halt Hair and Beauty in Sydney's Surry Hills,

where she kicked-off her pampering day with a manicure, pedicure and relaxing facial.

Then UK hairstylist to the stars Lee Stafford worked his magic on Carolyn's brunette hair with a cut, condition and blow-dry. Lee, who styles the hair of international catwalk models, usually commands up to \$2500 for a cut.

'My hair felt like it was being treated,' Carolyn beams.

Carolyn dined at nearby Vinni for lunch before being styled and fitted in a kaftan by fashion guru Camilla Franks, followed by a makeover with Moi Moi Fine Jewellery.

'They gave me a stunning necklace, which looks just like a diamond,' Carolyn says.

Consultants at M.A.C cosmetics in Paddington then made up Carolyn's face in this season's colours before she met her husband Ron at Woolloomooloo's Otto Ristorante for a romantic dinner.

And forget waiting in the cold for a taxi afterwards. New Idea sent the couple home in style in Wild Wedding's pink limo.

'It was such a special day. Thank you so much, New Idea,' Carolyn says. 'I felt like a princess for the day, a feeling I haven't felt

in a very long time. My hair and make-up looked beautiful, and I loved my Camilla Franks kaftan. Ron's so used to seeing me either at a hospital bed or running around at home. I think he was pleasantly surprised.'

Sophie loved her mum's new look too.

'The next day she sat me down and said: "Now, Mummy, can you show me your new jewellery?"' Carolyn smiles.



Carolyn and Ron enjoy a romantic meal.