



While attending Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School **Maria Cavallo** (98) was renowned for her gorgeous, ultra-long hair and cheerful smile. She excelled in Music, Drama and Debating, with her most memorable performance in the School's production of *Cinderella*. Anyone who witnessed Maria in full flight as the wicked stepmother in that iconic, outdoor production could not fail to be in awe of this young woman.

Maria completed a Bachelor of Business degree at Edith Cowan University with a double major in Accounting and Public Practice, receiving numerous awards including the ECU WA State Prize for the outstanding final year student in Bachelor of Business (Accounting). Maria was immediately employed

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as a graduate auditor with AMD Chartered Accountants. In 2004 she was admitted as a Chartered Accountant and in 2007 became recognised as a Registered Company Auditor by ASIC. She is also a member of the Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia and Institute of Internal Auditors of Australia.

Maria's intelligence and ability resulted in rapid career progression through AMD, being appointed as Senior Manager in 2008, an Associate in 2010 and a Partner in July 2012. She was recognised with a Highly Commended Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia for services to the Institute of Chartered Accountants and accounting profession.

Since 2005, Maria has been an Audit lecturer and tutor at Edith Cowan University. More recently she began lecturing and tutoring for Edith Cowan University's external degree and post graduate Auditing Studies.

In 2008 Maria married John Bridger. The School connection was strong with close friend **Eileen Roberts (nee Schurmann)** as her maid of honour and classmates **Heath Nankivell, Michelle Inglis** and **Suzanne May** in attendance. Maria and John live on a small

acreage in Donnybrook, enjoying their dog, cows and sheep.

Somehow Maria still finds time for community service. Less than a year after graduating she quietly accepted the position of Treasurer of the Former Students' Association (now the Old Grammarians' Association) and has worked with great competence and integrity ever since! Maria has also been a Board member of the Catholic Diocesan Finance Council since 2001 and has judged the South West Small Business Awards since 2010.

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Who has inspired this stunningly efficient, energetic and generous young woman?

Maria credits her parents as her inspiration, acknowledging their incredible and ongoing work ethic. She also notes the vast array of knowledge and experience that she has called upon from her fellow partners at AMD.

"I love my work so it is never a chore. I am so very fortunate to have chosen a profession that I enjoy and am good at."

