



Meet our makeover winner!

MY CHILD/BUB HUB MUM'S MAKEOVER



Meet the winner of our Mum's Makeover competition and find out how our beauty team helped her to rejuvenate and grow after a challenging time

So many mums were worthy of a makeover, it was hard to choose. Stories of depression, loss and grief filled our eyes with tears, and the determination of mums to succeed brought everyone in the office back up again. Thanks to all who entered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Buffy Laisby from North Sydney, NSW, who welcomed the makeover with open arms. A mother to 16-month-old Max, she has a dream of launching her own children's clothing range and acknowledges that even though the makeover will help build her confidence levels, it's her drive to succeed that will encourage her to open the business. 'I would dearly love

to look the part of a sassy, hip and stylish mumpreneur to match my bold and bright ambitions! It has been so long since I've allowed myself to shine, and now I'm ready,' she says. Buffy received a host of great prizes including the following:

- Makeover with Sarah Donges from thebeautytutor.com
- \$5,000 IOOF WealthBuilder Education Savings account – go to ioof.com.au for more information
- Stay at the Sydney Marriott Hotel (sydney Marriott.com.au)
- Haircut and colour from stevieenglishhair.com.au
- Fillyboo clothing from fillyboo.com.au
- Il Tutto nappy bag from iltutto.com.au
- Weleda gift pack from weleda.com.au.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BUFFY

STEP INTO THE SHOES OF OUR MAKEOVER WINNER AND EXPERIENCE A DAY THAT'S COMPLETE WITH A PERSONAL STYLIST, HAIR GURU, MAKEUP ARTIST AND MORE

BEFORE

Why did you want a makeover?

The last 18 months have been hard, not only because of my new life as a mother. A few months after my son was born, my stepfather was diagnosed with bowel cancer and then my biological father with rectal cancer. Currently, both my dads are doing well but it's been a stressful and emotional time. With so much going on, I became exhausted and overwhelmed.

What is your dream?

My big dream is to run my own business, which I've been slowly working towards by designing a kids' clothing range. Keeping this dream going has got me through these difficult times and with becoming a new mum, having something of my own has become really important to me.

Tell us about your relationship with Max

I adore Max and can't imagine being without him. Every day he amazes me with his insatiable curiosity and energy. He has begun to imitate me lately. I found him the other day holding a calculator to his left ear and the TV remote to his right – I think he's trying to tell me something!

How does winning the IOOF WealthBuilder account change his education prospects?

We will definitely continue to contribute to this fund and save for our son's future education. So hopefully, when it's time for us to make decisions, we'll have the funds and the choices.

AFTER

Will you maintain the "new you"?

I feel invigorated and much more energetic, and will try to spend a little bit of time on myself each day or week. I'm also so thankful to Sarah and the makeover team that I think I owe it to them to maintain the new "buff" Buffy!

Has your perspective on life changed?

It has made me realise that if you do make an effort and push yourself out of your comfort zone, as challenging as it is, happiness is achievable. I have always believed the saying, "Be the change that you wish to see in this world", so maybe it was my turn to change a little in order to grow.

I've also learnt the importance of "me" time. It was so nice to be fussed over, pampered and made to feel special!



THE BEAUTY TUTOR'S SARAH DONGES SAYS...

Buffy has been on an emotional roller-coaster over the past few years and her wardrobe was reflecting this. Colour reflects your mood and for Buffy this was evident in that she was only wearing black and grey. She needed colour and I chose the happiest and brightest option suitable for her – hot pink! The dress was stunning; the scoop neck and ruching really flattered her bust, while its empire line skimmed over her tummy. The best part is that Buffy *felt* great in the dress; after all, half of an outfit is having the confidence to wear it!

