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and S'khumbuzo and Daniel and Farrow.
Celebs such as Edith Venter and Jen Su have dropped in to witness the couple "grin and bear it" as actor Robert Whitehead, who brings brash Barker to life, describes the nuptials. "Edith is sitting on my side," he brags, much to the delight of the crowd.

THIS is Robert's second Isidingo wedding – his first was to the infamous Cherel de Villiers (Michelle Botes) – and the actor has strong feelings about his character's latest trip down the aisle.

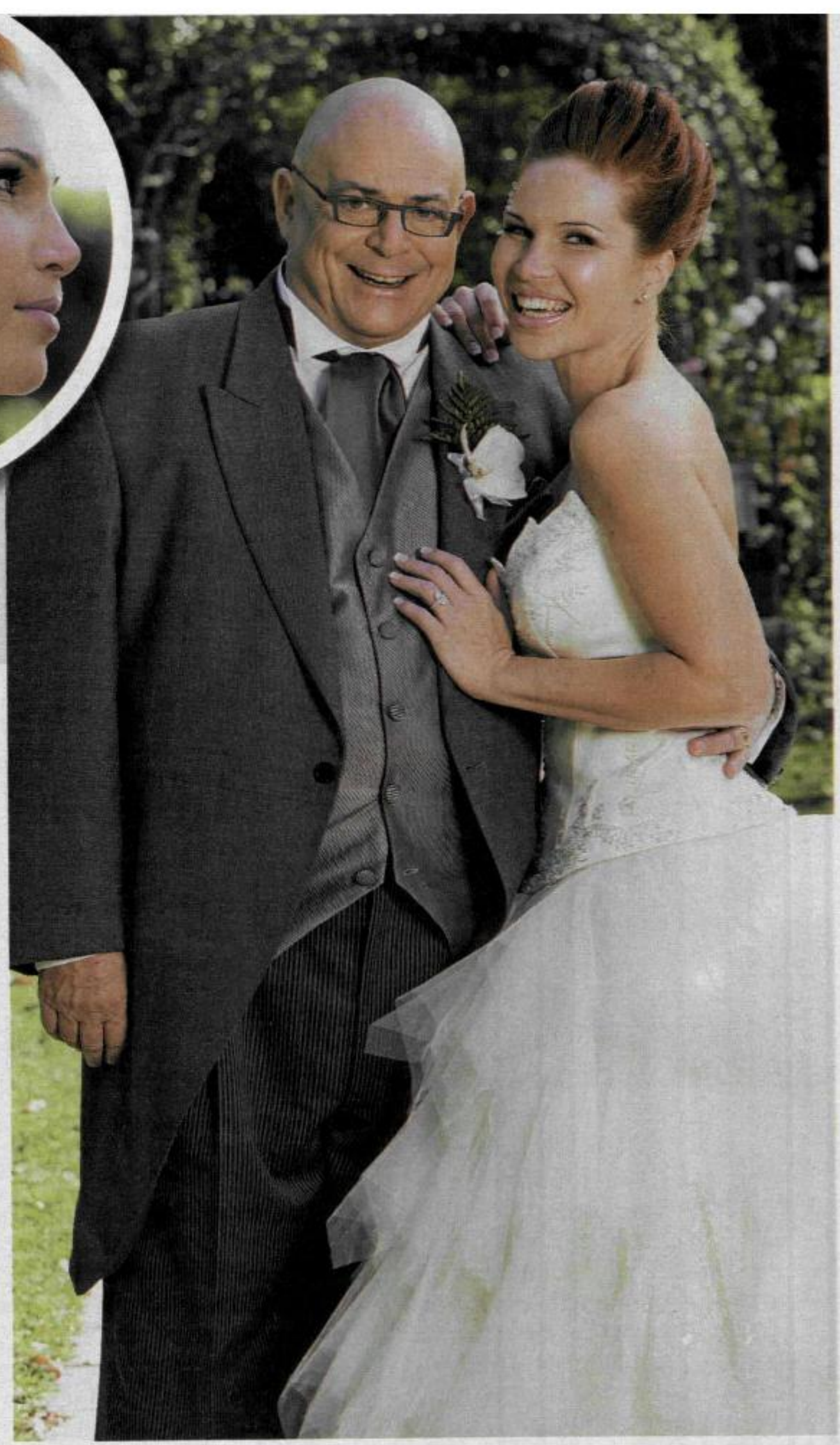
"The whole thing is a pain in the ass," he says with a smirk. "Barker doesn't really love Kimberly. He's paying her to marry him so he can have rights over his child. In Barker's world all his long-term hopes rest on bringing Jody up to take over the Haines empire," he says, looking dapper in a rented grey suit from Eurosuit.

But, he admits, the shoot itself was great fun and a nice change of pace from filming at the SABC studio in Auckland Park – even if it did mean waking up at 4 am to drive to the venue.

"You inevitably have an energy slump on the day so you take a deep breath and shake yourself off. And drink lots of coffee. There are a few things you could maybe put in the cof-



ABOVE: The bride's headpiece is by Wedding Jewels in Norwood, Joburg. **RIGHT:** Robert and Marisa enjoyed the shoot.



fee but you can't do that because of all the dialogue," he jokes.

There's plenty of downtime on set, especially when the crew need extra time to set up the camera angles for a big wedding, so Robert always has a novel with him. "I usually go through two books a week anyway."

When he's not reading he's cracking jokes with Marisa. It's her first TV wedding and she's lapping up the vibe on set.

"Working with Robert is fabulous," the gorgeous redhead says. "We joke around a lot, especially before those big fight scenes. We always have a good laugh beforehand. And afterwards it will be like, 'Aww, I'm sorry I shouted at you'."

Marisa was also up at 4 am and drove from her Pretoria home to get dolled up, a process



The wedding guests. **FAR LEFT:** Georgie (Darlington Michaels). **LEFT:** Socialite Edith Venter. **ABOVE:** Nandipha (Hlubi Mboya) and S'Khumbuzo (Sisa Hewana). **RIGHT:** Lesedi (Gugu Zuma).