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Getting Started

As most couples will tell you that shortly after they got engaged not only did they get a million kind-wishes, from there on they also got the inevitable questions of when and where.

The question of where and when a wedding will take place is not always as easy to answer as a couple would like them to be.

Once upon a time a couple would select the one wedding venue in their hometown or possibly the venue that a friend used and simply checked that task off the wedding planning list. Since the number of wedding venue choices are now infinite, couples need to think about a wide variety of questions from the get-go when selecting a suitable space. Choosing a wedding venue might seem like a task consisting only of it being nearby or just liking a space or not, but in reality there is way more to consider than that.

The reception venue is by far one of the first major bookings that you will make. It will also set the path for most of the other suppliers that you need to book; and with all the emotion and excitement that comes with the early stages of wedding planning it is very easy for couples to see a venue, get excited and sign the contract. So as not to fall into that scenario read on!

STEP 1

- Know your limit -

Set a budget prior to anything you must set an overall budget for your reception; it's incredibly easy to allow the financial aspect to spiral out of control, and if that's the case it will certainly add to the stress of planning your wedding so work out your limit and work within it.

STEP 2

- Who are your guest's -

In order to confidently book your venue you will need to have a fair idea of the amount of guests attending so that you choose a venue that will accommodate you and your guests with ease; only unfortunately in the early stages of your plans it isn't always easy to know exactly who and how many guests you will be inviting; this will be your first task as a couple, make time to sit down together and work on a guest list.

STEP 3

- Size is important! -

Knowing the Scale of your wedding helps you set the feel of your wedding. A venue on the smaller end of the scale spectrum can offer intimacy and one on the large end can offer drama. Scale is also a vital consideration if you will be having quite a large number of people at your wedding. On the other hand if



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you're having a small number of guests at your wedding a large scale space with a smaller delineated zone would also offer a very dramatic air. We can't stress enough...

To Do Your Research

There are heaps of professional vendors to choose from. So whether you're searching for a venue, photographer, celebrant, or DJ, it's really important that you go above and beyond with your research. Utilise this magazine, as you can be assured that the suppliers and vendors within are true professionals with years of experience.

Once you find a few suitable vendors, contact them and request a quote. It's advisable to get quotes from at least three different vendors, along with a list of what is included in their service. If appropriate, make time to meet with the vendor as they will play a big part

in your day, make sure that your gut feeling is turned on, choose people that you like and that you feel comfortable with.

Almost There

One week prior to your big day, make some time in your diary and confirm all arrangements. Contact each person who is involved in the day and ensure that all payments have been received, that they have the right contact details, and they are aware of where they need to be and when. Give the list of contact details to someone reliable in your bridal party in case of an emergency!

Keep in mind that planning a wedding is a huge job and extremely time consuming. If you don't have the time to be the wedding planner, then don't take it on. This is a once in a lifetime event that is to be enjoyed throughout, and if you do mess it up it could end up

costing you so much more financially and unnecessary emotional stress. There are plenty of really good wedding planners in Perth that will guide you with ease all the way.

Your story



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During World War II, the Pagoda Restaurant & Bar was used as accommodation for soldiers. Post-war, its status as a grand ballroom and dance pavilion was reinstated and it became a birth place of many-a-romance!

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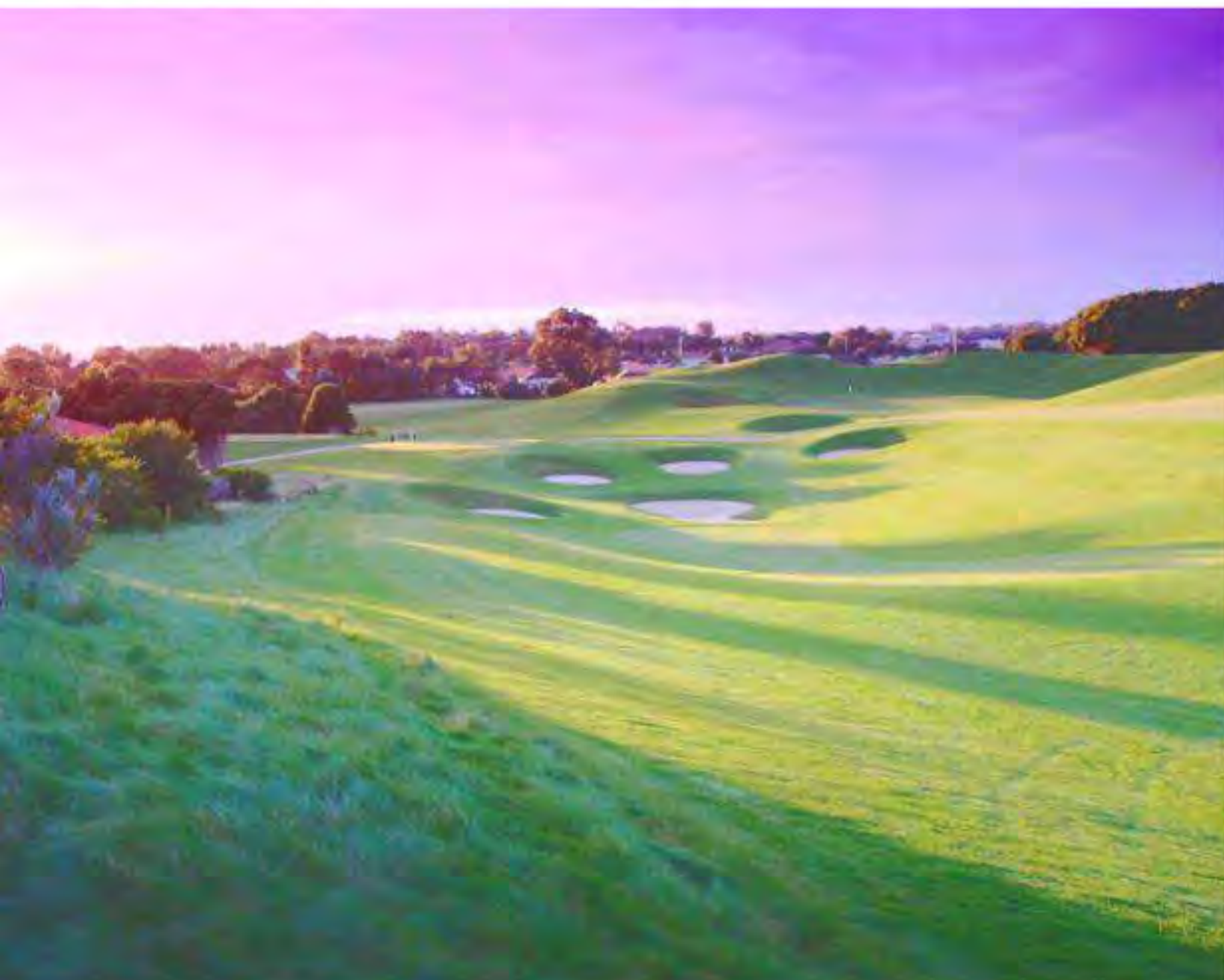
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The most important part of the planning process is that it's enjoyable. It's part of the overall wedding experience and shouldn't feel like a chore. Of course many people may want to share in this exciting time, and will be eager to help. Don't be afraid to delegate, especially to your partner! This is the time where you can be really creative and imaginative – be brave and create a wedding to remember.

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Or you could take the easier sane approach and forgo organising the event yourself and hire a specialist event organiser as their professional service fee will more than likely be offset by the saving you make through their experience and contacts. If you decide to proceed in making the

arrangements yourself then be as organised as possible. Necessity is said to be the mother of invention but when it comes to weddings it is perhaps more a matter of enterprise being the mother of re-invention. In our quest to have a wedding that reflects 'us' and not too closely resemble past weddings of others we seek venues that stand out. That make a statement about 'us', that are guaranteed to be remembered and lauded by our guests.

It is in this search that creative uses for spaces have emerged and the wedding scene has certainly born witness to

spectacular makeovers of spaces for the purpose of hosting a wedding. First design: the elements of the space play a huge part in setting the overall scene, you could choose to have the design of the space compliment or perhaps more dramatically juxtapose with your event theme.

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Words by Elle Holland

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The heritage listed Pagoda Restaurant & Bar oozes old world warmth and charm, originally built in 1926 and the birth place of many-a-romance, you will find river views, elegant high ceilings, raised bar and a grand piano from the late 1800's. With the ability to seat up to 150 guests this venue is sure to impress.

The Pagoda Ballroom complete with chandelier lighting, white columns and direct access to the tropical poolside courtyard is the perfect choice for those wanting poolside pre-dinner drinks. For a more intimate gathering the Waterfall Room is beautifully suited to a cocktail style reception with waterfall feature wall, tropical garden and private bar.

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Love in your own backyard

It isn't difficult to work out why the World recognises Australia as the land of plenty. Every state has its own unique flavour, so before you go flying all around the world in search of that dream location of a lifetime, give a thought to what's in your own backyard.

Australia is home to some of the world's most mind blowing sights, for instance, our rugged spiritual outback, to our endless tropical sun-drenched white sandy beaches; that sadly for the many inhabitants around the world they may never have the opportunity to see the many wonders that we have at our fingertips. When you think about it, with only seven states in Australia, we are very spoilt for choice.

To begin with, just a three hour drive south of Perth, waits a hidden treasure, known to locals as our 'great southwest' that is widely recognized for

Margaret River's abundant array of over 100 wineries and world famous surf breaks. However, this is only one of thirteen suburbs that form the South West region. Ranging from Bunbury to Walpole, there is enough variety of sights and choice to suit every couple's tastes. If you have your heart set on a beach wedding the world is your oyster, with lots of choices from Bunbury, Yallingup, Eagle Bay, and Margaret River, just remember to plan for the summer months between December to mid-May and keep in mind that the temperatures do vary incredibly between 25- 40 degrees within those months.

If the beach isn't for you then you have the option of the beautiful and very popular vineyard wedding, again your choices are huge with so many standout wineries to choose from that cater for intimate or large groups. Vineyard weddings have been known

to dominate wedding arenas in this region, you can opt for total luxury and indulgence or a small affair tapered to your style, whatever your budget, the choices are endless.

Over the next ten pages we have featured what we feel are our South West regions very best wedding ceremonies, reception venues and locations, and let's not forget that the Southwest also excels in perfect honeymoon destinations, wed wherever you please and then head south for a honeymoon that lasts forever.

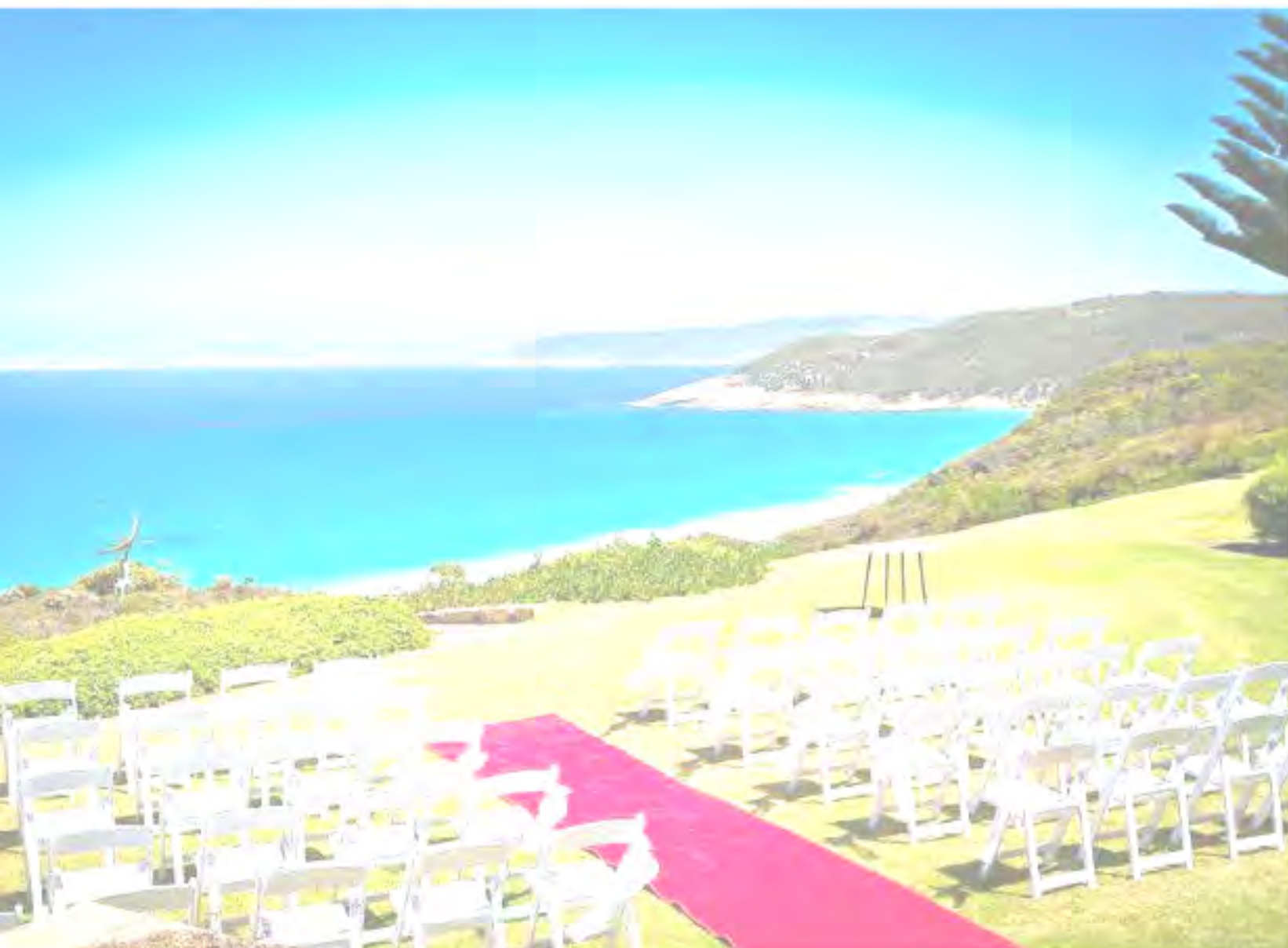
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Eta time from Perth: 15mins



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Eta time from Perth: 30mins



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Eta time from Perth: 25mins



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W: maitraya.com
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Eta time from Perth: 5hrs



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Renae and Rod Twinkle Toe's

The perfect couple

Renee Randall + Roderick Hamersley

The Location

Ceremony at Cottlesloe Golf Club

The Date

15th November 2013

Looking back...

Renee's most memorable moments of the day were getting ready with her girls, and walking down the aisle on the arm of the man of her dreams.

The Creator's

Renee's Gown - Karen Willis Holmes

Roderick's Suit - Hugo Boss

Groomsmen's Suits - Parker & Co

Reception - Upper deck of the Cottlesloe Golf course

Photographer - Jason Tey

Hair Stylist -

Melissa Gesualdo - Reno's, Claremont

Makeup Artist -

Michelle Wright - Living Dolls

Celebrant - Neale Fong

Wedding Stylist -

The Studio Event Design

Flowers - Mia, Jasmine Flowers

Renee and Rod were brought together by mutual friends that were dating; on their first date Renee thought Rod was hilarious and amazing on the dance floor, that he just swept off her feet.

Who popped the Question? While holidaying on Nusa Lembongan Island, Bali, an unconventional Rod proposed to Renee on a cliff at sunset; Renee was so blown away by the sight of the most amazing ring she had ever seen, that she nearly fell off the cliff!

The loved up couple honeymooned for two weeks in Hawaii, then fittingly onto the Aussie open semi-finals on their way home.



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Lucy and Brett Personal Charm

Magic moment of the day...

A twist created a beautiful moment when Lucy's dad and Lucy and Brett's 1 year old daughter, Daisy, interrupted the bridal waltz. The four of them swapped partners, with Lucy having a dance with her own dad, and Brett and his daughter Daisy having their first daddy/daughter dance too. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

The Creator's

Lucy's gown - Jenny Packham
Bridesmaids dresses - George
Flower girl dresses- Spoltz Brat Couture
Wedding Planner -
Mardie Rosch from Mardie & Co.
Reception - The Slate Reception
Centre, Kings Park
Celebrant - Dru Soltyz
Photographer - Denise Teo
Hair Stylist - Adriana Walstein
Makeup Artist - Rebekah Clark
Wedding Stationery - Felicitations
Flowers - Matthew Landers
The Cake - Cake Love Couture
DJ - Da Da Ron Ron
Cars - Boston Limousines
Neon Letters by Love Letters
Balloons by - Balloon Co.
Furniture Hire - Villa Kula

A grand time was had by all..

The outdoor ceremony was followed by champagne, culinary delights and lawn games, thus keeping the guests entertained whilst the bridal party swooned off for their photos.

Stripes were incorporated in many aspects of the wedding, starting with the invitations, the seating plan and table runners. A fun twist on the stripe was having Cake Love Couture create a layer within the 4 tier cake, made entirely of mosaic stripe tiles. , it really added to the vibe, the room felt full of life. With Brett coming from a generation of market growers, a unique personal touch was added by placing a fresh sprig of rosemary on every napkin and tied with black and white twine. The couple made a magical entrance into the reception by starting with the bridal waltz.

The Perfect Couple

Lucy + Brett Manovich

The Location

State Reception Centre, Kings Park

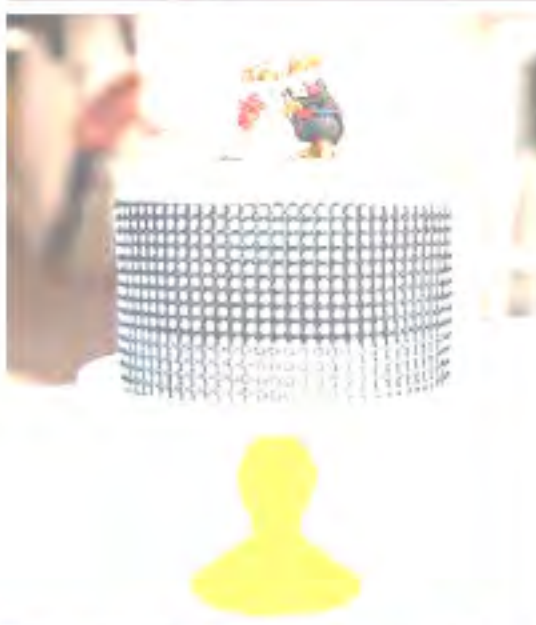
The Date

28th August 2014

Looking back...

Lucy and Brett were set on having a wedding that was fun, casual and with a hint of glamour. A black and white theme fitted the bill keeping it elegant, striking and not too feminine.





Dave and Charlotte Photography





Simon and Laura

The Loved up couple

The Date: 12 April 2014

The ceremony was set in the Council House Gardens where the black and white theme was contrasted by a Pimms drink station.

The Reception location

A marquee set up at Lamont's Bishops House.

Looking Back Our decision to have "first look" photos before the wedding ceremony, just seeing each other for the first time that day was incredibly emotional. It was most definitely a memorable and emotional moment of the day.

Who proposed to whom?

Simon and Laura are very city orientated people; So Simon took the opportunity to pop the question to his girl while at home one evening on their balcony overlooking the city, to a soundtrack that he had pre-recorded of all of their favourite songs. The song he proposed to was the song that Laura chose to walk down the aisle.

Wedding Theme They chose a formal, garden style reception in the city, the décor was a classic black and white striped theme and they amped up the ambience with lots of candles. In addition to the black and white theme they chose a good contrast of coral coloured bridesmaids dresses.

Where did you go for your honeymoon? To America, LA, Vegas, New York, Cruised around the Bahamas, Miami and Hawaii. It was the most incredible experience and one we won't forget!

The Creator's

Laura's gown - Pallas Couture
Groom / Groomsman suits- Penguins Menswear
Celebrant: Lorna Aylward, West Coast Celebrants
Photographer: Dave and Charlotte Wedding Photography
Hair Stylist: Brigid from Total Brides
Make-up Artist: Kristen from Addicted to Glamour
Stationery: Wedding Paper Divas and Starfish Lane
Entertainment: DJ Jol
Flowers: Wanda from Romance Roses
Bonbonniere: Margaret River Chocolate Pastilles
Ceremony Stylist: Higher Events
Reception Stylist: Bridal Creations
Marquee: Marquee Magic



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The Creators

Bride: wore two gowns by: Melinda Lool Couture and Hob Nob bridal.

Bridesmaids: Hob Nob

Groom: Tailored Black suit and White suit for the reception.

Groomsmen: Black suits

Celebrant: Kevin Clune

Photographer: Dave Blesse

Videographer: Adam Nala Praga

Hair Stylist: Kasey Wong

Make-up Artist: Renee

Petiti & Phoebe Limanta

Stationary: Vista Print

Entertainment: Matt Champ DJ

Flowers: Karma



Dave Blesse Photography

Roisin and Zak

Cupids Arrow

The Date: 29th April 2014

Due to the couples Love of the Ocean, the ceremony was held at Hillary's yacht Club on the Boardwalk.

Reception location:

Hillary's Yacht Club, held in the Harbour View Room over

How did you meet?

At the time we were both fashion models, flown over from Perth to model in a series of fashion shows at the Mandarin Orchard Hotel. With the same mindset from the very beginning, a

deep connection formed quickly which developed into a strong friendship that blossomed into a romance where we rarely spent a day apart.

Who proposed to whom?

Zak proposed to Roisin on their 33rd month anniversary, on the 33rd floor of the Mandarin Orchard Hotel in Singapore; as that is where they first met at 3.33pm, 33 months prior. Zak thought his proposal through, to push the mood along he chose to play the song 'sometimes you can't make it on your own' by U2... half way through

he got down on one knee in prince charming style and asked the magic question... 'Of course she said 'yes'

Wedding Theme: Just to be near the ocean; Roisin said that there ain't was always for the day to be relaxed and simple – they chose to invite more guests to share the moment with them, rather than spending money on decorations.

Magic moment: Roisin said definitely the time spent with loved ones leading up to the big moment.



Robert Gordon Photography

Corey and Brooke

Absence Makes The Heart Grow Fonder

The Date: 9th November 2013
Ceremony: Cottisloe Civic Centre
 - Sunken Garden

Reception: Cocktail reception at
 - The Left Bank - East Fremantle

Photographer: Robert Gordon
 - Squint Photography

Videographer: Studio 777

Bride's Gown: Collezione
 Bridal Couture

Bridesmaids Gowns: Bespoke
 by Penfold Designs

Groom & Groomsman : PolitiX

Guests: 160

Celebrant: Laurissa Knowles

Hair: Leah Hickey

Make-up: My big day makeup artistry

Flowers: Katie Cooper Floral Designs

Entertainment: Da Doo Ron Ron

Stationery: Little Blue Sparrow

Brook and Corey work together for five years and soon became good friends. In 2010 Brook asked Corey to do a job for her Aunt, and in return she cooked him dinner. Within two months it was obvious that they had a bond greater than friendship only Corey had plans to move to Europe indefinitely. As time went on the two love birds had such strong feelings for one another that the realisation of Corey leaving in the near future was unbearable; they both declared their love for one another; Corey decided that he couldn't leave indefinitely, instead took a seven week trip. For Brooke those seven weeks seemed like forever.

Following his return the couple dated for two years; Corey now worked FIFO and was away; when he decided to

surprise Brook with an unexpected return; he arranged for a friend of Brook's to meet her at the beach; Brooke had no idea that Corey had snuck back into town, while walking along the beach she glanced up and there he was, without further a due Corey dropped down on one knee 'ring box in hand and gallantly requested his princess's hand in marriage.

Following a beautiful wedding day, Mr & Mrs Knowles enjoyed a honeymoon in Moorea, TAHITI and now live Happily Ever After!

Most memorable moment of the day: walking down the Aisle on my dad's arm and seeing my husband to be with my six year old son, surrounded by our loved ones.







Kerri Macintosh Photography

Meme and Vince Meant to Be

Wedding Date:

2nd February 2014 At: 2pm

Ceremony: St Joseph
Church Subiaco

Reception: Mount Eliza House –
Kings Park

Photographer: Kerri Macintosh

Bride's Gown: Galeria Couture

Bridesmaids Gowns:
One Fell Swoop

Grooms suit: Design by Calbra

Groomsmen: Suits Formal Wear
Guests: 150

Celebrant: Mansour Keatling
Hair: Creations by Kassj

Make-up: Creations by Kassj

Flowers: The Green door florist

Entertainment Reception:
DJ Motions

Ceremony music: String Quartet

Stationery: Studio Bomba

Cake: The Glory Box

Bonbonniere: Scented Candles

Gift Registry: David Jones
Wedding Planner; Meme

Marquee: Swan Marquees

How did they meet?

Meme and Vince met through mutual friends one evening, at a bar while having drinks.

Vince playfully asked Meme for her phone number and soon after they went on a date. They dated on a

regular basis; their feelings for one another were equally as strong; as time progressed so did their romance, they dated regularly for 12 months.

Who proposed to whom?

On one of their date nights Vince surprised Meme and took her to her favourite restaurant the 'Rock Pool'. And out of the blue proposed to Meme, of which she beamed a definite 'Yes!'

Most memorable moment of the day:

Meme said it was when she was walking down the aisle. Looking up and seeing the huge smile on Vince's face, it was priceless and for her!

They chose London, Rome and Florence for their Honeymoon for two wonderful romantic weeks.



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Weddings with a twist

If you are considering planning and styling your own wedding event you will be well advised to consider just how sizable a task this can be, with a tonne of facets that will require your attention. The success of your event will depend upon your ability to be on top of all the arrangements.

Or you could take the same approach and forgo organising the event yourself and hire a specialist event organiser as their professional service fee will more than likely be offset by the saving you make through their experience and contacts. If you decide to proceed in making the arrangements yourself then be as organised as possible. Necessity is said to be the mother of invention but when it comes to weddings it is perhaps more a matter of enterprise being the mother of re-invention. In our quest to have a wedding that reflects 'us' and not too closely resemble past

weddings of others we seek venues that stand out. That make a statement about 'us' that are guaranteed to be remembered and lauded by our guests.

It is in this search that creative uses for spaces have emerged and the wedding scene has certainly born witness to spectacular makeovers of spaces for the purpose of hosting a wedding. Consider... an event with a Twist! Traditional wedding venues still monopolize however, non-conventional venues are on the increase. Perth has seen an rise in quirky wedding venues and locations - from Barns in the country or nearby to Warehouses and Art galleries like Kidogo in Fremantle and Venn; On Boats and platoons, at the Butterfly Sanctuary at Perth Zoo, and at a range of wicked Wineries, on the Beach, on Cliff tops, Roof Tops and at the Race Track, in Parks and Aquariums like AQWA and Theme

parks like Adventure World, Museums and Theatres to low key restaurants and breweries - If you're looking for something different then step out of the box because there are some fabulous hidden treasures out there that are worth finding and often these quirkier venues offer a lot more flexibility, as they are not so set in their wedding ways.



Dave Blesse Photography



Stephen Blakeney Photography

Hot New Ceremony Trends

Church vs Civil Ceremony

It appears that more weddings happen outside of churches today than they do inside. There are so many wild and wonderful places to hold your ceremony, it just depends what you as a couple are into. It can be as flamboyant or as laid back as you wish. Some couples are choosing to combine their ceremony and reception and host one event opposed to two.

The world is your oyster you could get married on a rooftop, or a boat, or even overseas, there are no limits! It gives couples a range of options – from everything from the ceremony location, to the vows, music and structure of the ceremony. While religious ceremonies are performed in a place of worship,

civil ceremonies can take place nearly anywhere you desire, including your home, a garden or on the beach.

Your father giving you away

The giving away of the bride is an old age traditional part of the ceremony that basically allows the parents of the Bride and the Groom to be part of the wedding ceremony, there are no rules as such, so be it by choice or circumstance there is no reason your father, mother, or any other person has to give you away, you can make the tradition mean something else, and walk it alone or with a close friend, but you don't have to do it because it's the 'done thing'.

Change up the ceremony processional. More often than not, the bride is hidden for the big "reveal" and the groom is already at the front or Alter. If you're a non-traditional couple and not concerned about the father "giving her away", why not add a little suspense and excitement for your guests, and walk in together, as bride and groom. After all, you are about to commit to each other for the rest of your life. How diverse and romantic to have you're soon to be husband walk you down the aisle.



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Way back when we started there was a lack of choice in the industry and an awful lot of busy couples getting

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So if I wanted you to be my wedding planner what is the process?

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Do you have your own suppliers, or can the client choose them?

Yes, definitely it's all about the couple;

it is extremely important to us that each wedding is unique, so our team questions all new couples on every detail before researching and finding the best supplier for them. Sure we have a little black book of fabulous Perth suppliers we know and trust, but it is crucial that we match the supplier to the couples style and personality.

Why would a couple need a wedding planner when they can do it themselves?

Hiring a Wedding Planner is an investment designed to save you time and money.

If you were getting married again, what would you do differently?

Hire a Wedding Planner of course!

Even if it was just to turn up on the day and make sure everything ran perfectly and all of the suppliers did their job properly. There is nothing worse than running around on the day setting up and stressing about all the little things, or having friends and family have 'jobs' to do.

Do wedding disasters really happen?

Just all the time! You wouldn't believe how often we hear this phrase "We should have hired a Wedding Planner, anything and everything can go wrong, if you don't have a wedding planner". Today we have a large team of brilliant planners that take care of weddings all over WA, not just in Perth, also regional WA as well as couples that are getting



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2015 Wedding Trends

A meal enjoyed at a wedding is a wedding to be remembered. The most important thing you are hoping to create at your wedding is atmosphere. Yes, you have more than likely forked out on an amazing venue, an incredible dress and every stylish detail possible, but at the end of the day if you have hungry guests at your wedding, you risk the chance of being tainted 'cheap and cheerful'.

It is true that people always talk about the food, and most will tell about their bad experiences before anything else! So make your choice of food at your wedding is up there with the big decisions.

Following are details of the most popular reception choices in 2014 to now – this information is provided by our WA readers from our readers surveys in Western Australia – This information was obtained over the past twelve months.

1. Cocktail Receptions – are the most popular local choice; the reason is that many couples want their wedding reception to be a party, a celebration of their new status; therefore they don't want a formal sit down dinner where they run the risk of their guests filling up on fancy food and getting sleepy, they want their guests to intermingle and enjoy the occasion; so they plan a cocktail party where food is available all night and people can eat when they want to instead of when they are told to. Why not, consider games to play and entertainment during your cocktail hour.

2. Carni-festive Weddings – outdoor festive food trucks are the biggest craze in 2015. These days food trucks are no faux pas when it comes to wedding catering. They are becoming more and more popular to your regular three course traditional sit down reception. They're a fun, cost effective upbeat way to feed and entertain your guests.

This style of service is no longer limited to fried fodder! Your trucks, vans and or carts offer a range of delicious 100% gluten free food for weddings and events, they cater to all kinds of dietary requirements and guests will be able to feast on a huge choice of favourites like tacos (including a flame grilled fish taco and charcoal roasted corn taco salads, tamales and paella, gourmet pizza, ice cream and cup-cakes to say the least. There are trucks and carts available to cater for pretty much anything you care to serve.

So for the couple that wants the "after party" without the formal separate room, separate DJ, etc. the food truck festive reception is the perfect choice.



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2015 Reception Trends

Warehouse Weddings - Are taking off in the Perth and other established suburbs like - Fremantle, Maylands, Bassendean, North Perth- Mt Lawley - Inglewood - Bickton. And they are by far our favourite, playing host to many unique wedding receptions.

Warehouse and industrial venues offer a totally raw, gritty and urban experience, with surroundings that are bursting with character and history. Original brick walls, peeling paintwork, wooden floors and exposed beamed ceilings offer a creative and hip alternative to the traditional wedding venue.

A much more informal and laid back option for large or intimate events. Warehouses allow you the opportunity to be a little quirkier and artistic with your styling, injecting plenty of fun and personality.

The Rooftop Bar Boom has arrived - Rooftop weddings are making their

mark, whether it's an intimate ceremony or the complete wedding. Imagine an evening looking out across the city and skyline your family and friends with champagne in hand.

Rooftop bars to consider:

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The Aviary

The Green House/ The Conservatory.

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2015 Overall Catering trends

Comfort food has taken precedence. Whether you serve it buffet style, from food trucks or an elegant sit down dinner, the trendy choice is a rustic menu. Buffet -for the couples looking to serve a buffet or a sit down dinner, many are looking to bring in outside caterers to create a rustic menu. With

rustic being a huge trend, caterers are providing options to work in with the decor.

This includes comfort food with a twist like hamburger sliders, tacos and mini burritos, paper tube of chicken caesar salad, crispy croquets and chunky crispy fried chicken pieces, sweet potato mash and corn bread, and let's not leave out a huge range of sweets as desserts!

Since many venues already offer in house catering, couples are taking more time to find their venues and wanting to have a tasting before putting down a deposit. We are seeing more of the casual "non-banquet hall" approach.

Weddings are proving to be more intimate with smaller numbers (averaging 120) and an emphasis on really looking after each and every one of your guests. Discreet, attentive and efficient service is the key.

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It wouldn't be an Australian wedding without beer! And best to stick to a classic Aussie Lager like Little creatures or James Boags Lager, if you prefer something Imported the Stella Artois and the Heineken always go down a treat.

There's no better time than now to enjoy Champagne, pop open a bottle and celebrate your new love in style.. Today the appeal of champagne doesn't just depend on its exclusivity. The opposing doctrine of affordable luxury has spawned low-price sparklers!

Champagne is one of the world's most versatile food wines, even so the governing rule about pairing champagne with food is that the food should be simple and of high quality. Choose high quality core ingredients, and try to only add one or two more flavours in a dish. Remember the wine needs to do the talking, so don't overpower it. Leading trends at weddings is to match champagne with canapés on arrival. Try to match champagne with seafood, oysters or shellfish with the more delicate flavours of a chardonnay focused non-vintage.

Champagne, Sparkling wine, Pinot Noir, Brut Cuvee – when it come to the bubbles – what do you choose for your occasion? Here's a good reason

to celebrate and you don't necessarily have to spend a fortune on a bottle of Champs to get a decent bubbly! Whatever your taste and budget is, there is a fizz to suit you. The nectar of the gods has been served at engagements and weddings since the beginning of time. Nevertheless, tasting and choosing the wine for your own event is an important task.

WA Life's Top 5

(The bottle images for the following 5. Prints below are in this pages folder

- 1. Duval-Leroy** – \$29.99 for the poor but powerful, flavours of dark chocolate, cinnamon and roasted yellow figs.
- 2. Verve Aligot Pinotarding Rose** – \$80 (Image in bridal venue section page 70) A fine moussé of bubbles and a delicate nose of cherries. This rose is soft and smooth and goes down very easily.

3. Dom perignon 1902 – \$129 like swallowing a basket of rare fruit – Intensely floral, then ripe apricots, passion fruit and peaches emerge; in the glass the flavours turn decidedly riper and almost tropical.

4. Krug Prestige cuvee– \$800 Rich and powerful, like the people that drink it.

5. Bollinger Champagne La Grande Anne – \$228 seductive, aromatic with sumptuous buttered toast complexity, lifted by vibrant citrus notes and luxurious honey touches.

Must do:

- Chill your non - vintage champagne well.
- Ease the cork out of the bottle.
- If you have a selection of champagne, your different glasses this will encourage changes in aroma, flavour and texture.
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The Colour of Love

Your choice of wedding colours tends to be a subconscious reflection of your personality. You can choose your colours based on the latest colour trends, the current season, or perhaps you are having a beach, garden or nautical theme wedding of which definite colour themes derive, like bright turquoise and white for beach, for a garden wedding utilise vintage greens, muted pinks and earthy colours.

On the other hand, if you don't have a theme to pursue, consider the most logical colour of all being, your favourite colour, that way you won't tire of it. No matter how, or what colour you choose it will more than likely still reflect your personality.

Getting started - choosing a colour is the easiest way to get the ball rolling, then everything flows on from there.

Most couples use the colour or colours that they choose as a base for many prominent features, like your wedding stationery, your table decorations, your flowers, your bridesmaid dresses, and it's not unusual to throw a bit of that same colour into the groom and groomsmen's outfits, like the ties or waistcoats. You could even add a splash of that colour to your wedding gown or your accessories.

There are many ways to choose your colours; some brides will choose their colours, as mentioned above, based on the theme, or the dress code, like a black tie event, or even a traditional theme.

You could choose colours to fit in with the time of year, like soft pastel colours, like yellow or pink for summer, deep earthy colours like the current favourite

'marsala' and metallic shimmery gold and silver - purple hues for winter, and bright contemporary colours for spring or muted tones for autumn or fall.

You may choose simple and elegant classic combinations of black and white or cream; navy and white or navy and deep beige, or simply an all-white classic theme.

Others will plan their wedding colours around the venue they have chosen. Whatever your situation you can usually incorporate your favourite colour, or a tint or shade of that colour, into your wedding plans.

If you haven't already chosen your colours, keep reading, as we have taken inspiration from weddings that have taken place over the past few months, as well as our colour forecast for what is to come.

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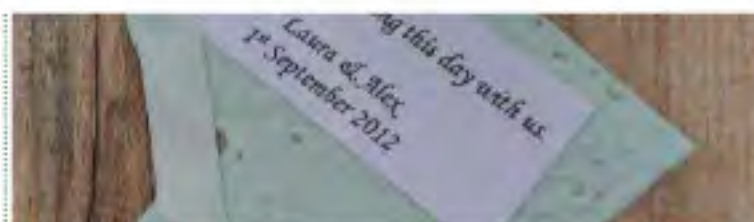
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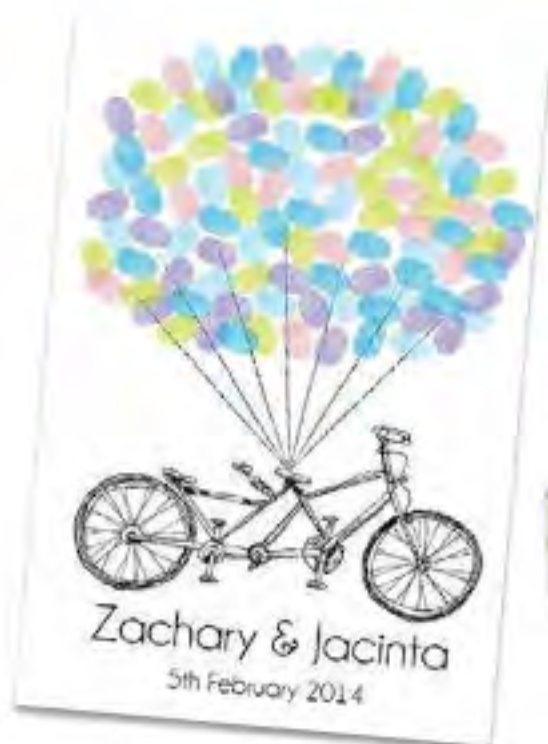


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Invitations are your first opportunity to give your guests the right impression about what they are likely to expect from your wedding. Make a poor choice and their expectations will be really low, RSVPs may be few and far between, and your big day may be tainted from the get go.



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Get your Groove on

Choosing your wedding entertainment is one of the 'big' decisions as it will play a huge part in the success of your event, specifically the one and only 'reception' you get one shot at it so make sure that it is a good one. This choice should be up there with the big decisions like the ceremony, the reception locations and food suppliers. Because if your music and entertainers are not up to scratch your party could be a flop.

Entertainers and DJs book up quickly, so don't make the mistake of leaving your entertainment booking to the last minute, or you could end up with entertainment that doesn't deliver. Depending on what you want the music can be played throughout your day, beginning at the ceremony or church, on your arrival to the reception and throughout the evening to the very end of the night; it can create the perfect romantic mood or drive all those attending mad!

Your music will most definitely encourage interaction among your guests and will take some of the

pressure off of entertaining your guests during quieter times allowing you to relax and enjoy yourself. It will assist with building high spirits amongst your guests and leave lasting memories; it really is a huge part of your wedding day.

Like all aspects of a wedding, your ceremony and reception should reflect you and your fiancée's interests. For instance if you love jazz, hire a jazz group to provide music for dancing at your wedding or perhaps you have a passion for salsa or ballroom dancing; you can hire a dance troupe or a couple to dance for you and your guests. Perhaps you have talented friends within the entertainment industry; it could be a nice touch to ask them to perform or to sing at your wedding. There are no rules, and you can mix up your evening by using musicians

to begin with at the ceremony, or to entertain guests as they arrive to your reception, and then you could even have your master of ceremonies introduce the DJ or choose a DJ that offers to be the MC in the package. Have you considered a live band to dance the night away; live performers are always a treat and your choices are varied.





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♥ Entertainment

Mood Music

A religious ceremony traditionally has live musicians playing, such as an organist, choir or string quartet, whereas a civil ceremony in a licensed building can have either live music or a CD, iPod or MP3 player in the background. Be careful though as most religious denominations consider a wedding ceremony to be a form of worship service. For this reason, churches generally do not allow "secular" music (non-religious popular music) during a wedding. Some will allow secular music while the guests are being seated, but not during the ceremony itself. Check with the church where your wedding will be held for its specific guidelines.

At a registry office, live music is an option, but the ceremony may be too quick or informal to have anything more than a CD playing.

Depending on the style of ceremony, some weddings include a vocal soloist singing anywhere from one to four selections during the wedding ceremony, depending on the length of the ceremony. The accompaniment is usually piano, acoustic guitar or harp. A duet sung by a male-female vocal duo, be it friend or provided a company is often used instead of a solo, and can be very effective! You will probably need to hire live vocalist(s), and keep in mind that many churches do not allow recorded music in wedding ceremonies, except perhaps recorded accompaniment for a



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Print Editorial (approx 150 words)

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As most girls have had a wedding dress style in mind for years, most guys have had a car type in mind; in saying that if you 'the bride' want to avoid arriving in a monster truck or on a Harley Davidson you might be best off showing some interest in the decision prior to the day.

These days the guys are spoilt for choice - from traditional chauffeured limousines, and stretch and super-stretch limousines to convertibles and hummers, the world is your ride!

Remember that in most cases reputation is the key, and a reputable

company will take more care in the presentation of their vehicles and chauffeurs. Some companies have even been known to subcontract cars from other companies. Make sure that you obtain a guarantee that the vehicle you book is the same vehicle that you receive on the day, and note down the registration number if you can. Book your wedding car well in advance; especially if you are looking for a particular vintage model, as the best cars generally go quickly. Some companies will allow you to book two years in advance.

Getting There

The general order of arrival is as follows;

1. The groom's car should arrive first, well before the bride anyway. Then the bridesmaid's car should arrive followed by the bride's car. The bride should arrange to arrive at least ten minutes before the ceremony is due to commence, so her bridesmaids can tweak her dress, hair and make-up.

2. Following the ceremony, the bride and groom will then ride in one car to go to the photo shoot location, if that is the plan. And with today's growing trend for same ceremony and reception locations, it is common for this vehicle to take the decorative lead onwards to the venue – or whichever structure for the day has been organised. The second and third cars are for the parents and bridal party. However, if you have a very large bridal party which is not uncommon, then you may require extra cars.

Generally, there are three separate parties that require transport. How many cars will you require in total?

1. It is usual for the bride and her father to travel in one car.
2. The bride's mother and the bridesmaids in another car.
3. The groom and his groomsmen in the third car.

Key points to keep in mind when booking:

- Ensure your wedding date has been firmly set so the car company can accommodate your request.
- It's a good idea to view the vehicles that you want to book, so that you know exactly what you're getting and to ensure that will be comfortable for you.
- For the bride, it's all about the dress so be mindful that the dress could be elaborate, so be sure to see how much room you have.
- Depending on your requirements, the car company may be able to offer you a package.
- Discuss all aspects of when the cars are required, such as getting to the ceremony, a photo shoot location, the reception and at the end of the night.
- Ensure that the drivers are familiar with your ceremony and reception venues and what time you're expected to be at each place.
- And don't forget to include your car in the wedding photos. After all, your style of transport will play a special part in your overall wedding theme!



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Now your getting to the good bit, in case no one has clued you in, you can expect to get rewarded with presents for your wedding. And were not talking it'sy bitsy ones' we're talking BIG, gifts that are worthy of a gushy thank you.

Basically you are both going to be spoilt rotten, with engagement presents, shower gifts, and possibly hens and bucks presents, and the biggest of them all the 'it's time to spoil you' Wedding Gifts.

One of the coolest parts about the wedding presents is that you get to control exactly what you want them to buy you and where from. It's almost like winning one of those radio competitions where you get to run around your favourite store and pick all the things that you have ever wanted.

The awesome thing for you is that, gone are the days when the wedding gift shopping game predominately focused on a gift that you cooked off, ate off or slept on, only today as it is evident that many couples already share a home and have the pots n pans, toaster and coffee machine you can choose a registry for pretty much anything giving you a much greater choice of stores and gifts.



So the wedding gift game has improved immensely your biggest challenge is to decide what you want and from where! Also think about this, there are no hard fast rules on where you choose, so why can't you choose two locations and split your guests into a category of your two choices, this gives you variety.

Ka - Ching?

Can you ask for the Cash Gift?

Of course you can, cash is a popular choice opposed to a gift however, some people feel that cash is cold and impersonal, so if cash is what you want I suggest you don't invite those people, but that could be tricky! so when you do just do it with tact and discretion.

If you are already living with your fiancé you could mention that you already have everything you require for the home and that the cash will go to good use. Of course there are other gift ideas, the gift of KINDNESS trend is very new.

Gifts of Kindness

Let's not forget the Gift of Kindness; the trend that is very new, Angelina Jolie did it for her wedding to Brad Pitt. Couples everywhere are including acts of kindness as part of their weddings too, making this one of the hottest wedding trends.

Basically in place of wedding bonbonniere, cards are placed at each table setting at the wedding reception, stating "in lieu of favours a donation has been made in your name to the charity or charities of the couple's choice", and let's face it, is a very cool and thoughtful idea and will give your guests a fuzzy feeling by playing a part in making the world better, if even just in a small way!

Things to ask your Gift Registry - before you commit...

Do They Offer A Completion Discount - When not everything is purchased for you, you may want to buy some remaining items yourselves. This can be costly, so make sure your registry service allows remaining gifts to be purchased at a discounted price.

Delivery And Returns - Make sure you check and choose a service with a good delivery and returns policy. Some specialist services offer you the opportunity to exchange gifts before delivery, saving you a trip back into the store and it's a great way of ensuring you don't end up with any odds and ends



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2. How much money do we have to spend on this trip?

Set yourself a realistic budget. Even if your resources are limited, a good knowledgeable travel agent should be able to make your money go a lot further. It will pay to let your agent or airline and your hotel or resort know that you are on your honeymoon when you are making your bookings. This will often get you upgrades or extras that you would not otherwise get.

3. Will I need to change my passport name to my married name and if so, how long will it take?

If you are planning on travelling overseas, it may seem romantic to have your married name on your passport for your honeymoon, so to be sure that it is, begin the arrangements at least four months prior to leaving the country. Things can go horribly wrong, and can be time consuming, and the airlines are incredibly strict about name changes. It can also turn into a costly situation, make sure you do your homework.

4. Do I need vaccinations when travelling abroad?

Spending your honeymoon sick or in a hospital is not the ideal romantic start to your new life together, nor the memory that you wish to have later. So it is vital that you get all the relevant inoculations before travelling. Vaccinations and preventative medicines are required for some destinations. You should see your doctor at least two months before your wedding so that these can be discussed and organised.



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Getting Married In Fiji

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If you want a taste of the city in your holiday, check out Nadi, or Jet town. Nadi is full of action, with jam-packed

streets, enticing shops and exquisite dining. And then their most precious asset, the smiling, generous, relaxed Fijians.

If you choose an island wedding you will probably need a night in Nadi before heading to your chosen resort.

Legal Requirements:

All couples wishing to marry in Fiji are required by law to complete and sign an Application for Special License under Section 21 of the Marriage Act, before submitting it to the Registrar General's Office in Suva one month before the intended marriage. If you are marrying in a resort your wedding coordinator should organise this for you, prior to your arrival in Fiji. Weddings in Fiji are legally recognised worldwide.

In order to get married in Fiji, you generally need to visit the registry office on the mainland, which is open 9-4 on Mon - Fri (excluding Public Holidays) and appointments last around 20 minutes. Some resorts may be able to

pre-register you and have your licence ready for you on arrival which may negate the visit to the Registry Office. Offices are in Nadi, Suva, Lautoka and Sigatoka.

You need to have the following documentation with you:

- Current passports - Original
- birth certificates -Divorce papers (if applicable) Death certificate of former spouse (if applicable) Parental consent if under 21
- Catholic weddings require a letter of Freedom sent 2-3 months in advance to the Fijian Priest along with Baptism Certificates. The wedding must occur within 21 days of the application.

Once the actual wedding ceremony has taken place, your signed documents are sent in for processing, and an official Wedding Certificate will be mailed to you approximately 4 weeks later. Wedding bookings are not usually accepted on Sundays, Religious or National holidays.



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Legalities of getting married in Samoa...

Marriages in Samoa are legally recognised internationally. To be married you will require:

- Birth certificate and passports
- Decree Absolute (Divorces) documentation if applicable
- Death Certificate of your spouse if applicable
- Documentation should be in English and clear to read.

Faxed copies of these documents as well as a completed intent to Marry form should be lodged with the Ministry of Justice at least 14 days prior to your arrival (take originals with you). You will also need to be in Samoa for a few days before your intended date of marriage.

A small fee is also payable to the Ministry of Justice in Apia. Samoa is an island founded on God. Many if not most of the Christian denominations are well represented in Samoa. You can have a Religious Celebrant (Methodist) or a Non Religious Celebrant perform your special day. Catholic weddings are possible but special permission is needed from the Cardinal's office in Apia, there will need to be correspondence from your local priest and if previously married, Catholic weddings are not permitted.

The Staff at the Orator offer you the service to assist you with your legal arrangements.

The Orator Hotel Samoa

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According to Fa'a Samoa (The Samoan Way), marriage is a sacred union to be honoured and respected so expect your wedding day to be a memorable and hassle free event. There are many suitable resorts that are able to cater

for your wedding and honeymoon. All the services you require for your tropical island wedding can be found in Samoa. Ministers, venues, caterers, photographers and cars can easily be arranged by your wedding coordinator at your preferred resorts.

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Marriages in the Cook Islands are legally binding and internationally recognised. The legal age of consent to marry is 20 years, otherwise written approval by parents is required. Anybody can get married; Man, Woman and Gay marriages are legal.

Applications for a License must be made in person to the Registrar of Marriages in the Cook Islands at least 3 working days prior to the marriage. The Registrar may waive the three day requirement in special circumstances, but your wedding coordinator must apply in advance and a small fee is applicable. Application for this license cannot be made outside the Cook Islands.

The following documents are required:

- Your passport and birth certificate will be required when filling out the "Notice of Intended Marriage" at the Registrar's Office.
- A copy of the Decree Absolute if divorced. All documentation must be in English or translated into English. Catholic couples will need to have completed a course for engaged couples, such as the FOCCUS program, and will need to have Baptism Certificates.

Like most destinations that accommodate weddings, many hotels will organise everything for you...at a price...and it's probably money well spent if you want someone else to look after the hassle. There are also companies on the net selling "everything you need to know" guides. But all that information is also available directly from the Cook Islands government, free of charge.

Should wish to go direct the details are as follows:

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Vanuatu

Vanuatu is considered one of the most romantic destinations in the South Pacific; an unspoilt natural paradise perfect for any romantic getaway but it is also ideal for those who have always dreamt of getting married in paradise.

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Legalities of getting married;

To get married in Vanuatu contact a wedding organizer and they will provide you with an application form, and answer to all your wedding queries from photography to bridal bouquets. The requirements to get married are to follow:

- To lodge your application with the Vanuatu government 28 days prior to your wedding
- To be in the country together three days prior to the wedding date Take your passports

- Have one witness for each person to prove your identity Marriages in Vanuatu are recognised in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Kingdom and most other countries.

Unlike Fiji, couples do not have to attend the registry office in person so documentation can be mostly organised prior to departure. Unless arriving on a cruise ship, couples have to be in Vanuatu for three days prior to the ceremony. Final documentation will take place during this time and it is also handy for the bride and groom to meet the wedding coordinator and choose a location.

A month prior to the ceremony, the following must be faxed or scanned/emailed for filing:

- Copies of both passports - Copies of both birth certificates - If divorced, the relevant papers - If widowed, a Death Certificate is required - A completed Certificate of Intended Marriage - Completed Witness Forms - 2 witnesses are required but the wedding coordinator can organise witnesses if couples don't have guests with them.
- Catholic weddings can be arranged (the priest will go to resorts) but a Letter of Freedom will be required and communication between your priest here and the priest in Port Vila.

As a rule, wedding bookings are not accepted on a Sunday, religious or national holidays, but there can be exceptions and a fee may apply. Some resorts stipulate documentation must arrive 8 weeks prior to the ceremony but that is more for their own coordination than any legal reason.

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all your needs. For those looking for a romantic escape for their honeymoon, Thailand offers idyllic beach, misty mountain tops, luxurious pool villas, heavenly spas and other world - class facilities.

On top of all that, Thailand is very price - competitive i.e. you get more for your budget. In Thailand, the couple can combine their wedding and honeymoon in one trip while the guests can enjoy their holidays after the ceremony. Thailand offers visitors diverse attractions. With a mix of cultural and historical sites, beautiful natural attractions, chic and modern shopping malls, tasty street food, trendy bars and restaurants and festivities throughout the year, Thailand surely has something to spoil everyone.



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Bali is part of the Republic of Indonesia and is subject to Indonesian Laws. Therefore every couple considering getting married in Bali must comply with these Laws.

In accordance with Law concerning marriages in Indonesia, 'a marriage is legitimate if it has been performed according to the laws of the respective religious beliefs of the parties concerned.'

All couples who marry in Indonesia must declare a religion. Agnosticism and Atheism are not recognised. The Civil Registry Office can record marriages of persons of Islam, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian-Protestant and Christian-Catholic faiths. It is preferential that marriage partners are of the same religion, otherwise one partner must make a written declaration of change of religion.

The Religious Marriage under Islam is performed by the Office of Religious Affairs (Kantor Urusan Agama) in a ceremony at a mosque, the home, a restaurant, or any other place chosen by the couple and is legal immediately after the ceremony.

Bali has always been a popular destination for Australian weddings and honeymoons, with a steady increase of nuptials exchanged on the island each year, and during recent years it has been recognised globally for the same reason. Figures show that over the past two years, weddings in Indonesia have hit an all time high, evidently to follow the Global Financial Crisis, and understandably so when you juxtapose what returns you receive for your money in Bali as opposed to other countries including Australia.

Unlike other countries of the world, it is not possible in Indonesia to be married by a Civil Celebrant and, in fact, there is no such thing in Indonesia. The only way for non-Muslim couples to be legally married is to have a religious ceremony followed by the Government Registration of the marriage.

Overseas Celebrants are only licensed and legally permitted to perform a wedding ceremony and provide a Certificate of Marriage to a couple when the marriage they perform takes place in the country where they are licensed to practise as a Marriage Celebrant. They are not legally permitted to provide such a service in Bali or anywhere else in the world.

We understand that Australia is currently (and in fact has been for quite a long time now), giving

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consideration to allowing licensed Marriage Celebrants to perform ceremonies overseas but, if and when this is approved, it will apply only to marriages performed by the Australian Marriage Celebrant on Australian soil, and in the Australian Consul General office in Bali or the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

A marriage performed by a foreign licensed Celebrant would not be a legal marriage if performed in Bali or anywhere except in the country in which the Celebrant is licensed to operate.

Keep in mind that whatever country you're planning to travel to, it is essential to check if you require visas, no matter if you are visiting or transiting. Be aware that a visa does not always guarantee entry.





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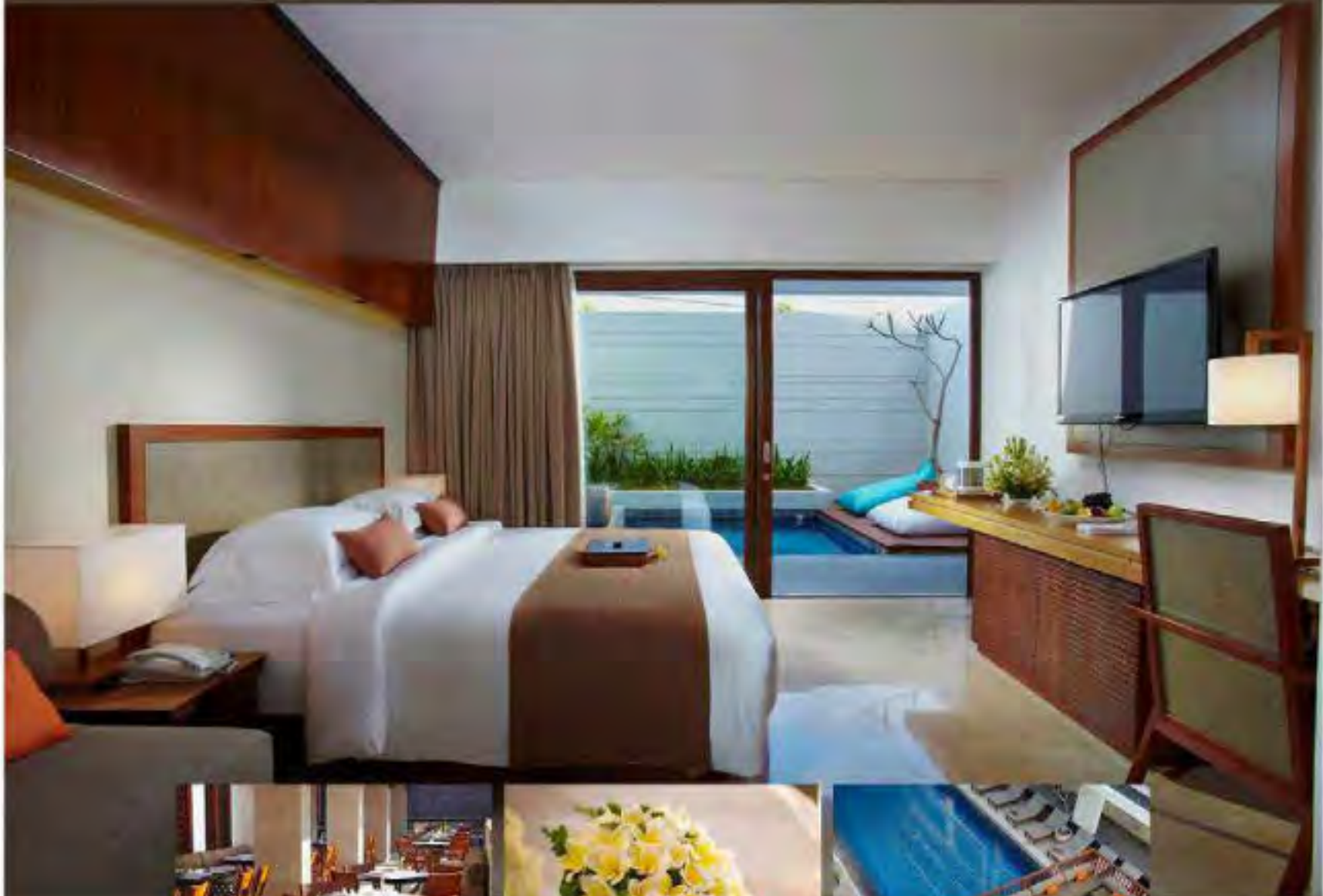


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Cherry and Robin Barnes

At: The Villas Hotel and Spa Bali.

Date: 20th of July 2013

Photographer: Bali TATI photography

Brides gown design: Vintage dress, found at a market. Vintage lace and beading added. Alterations by Bernice fashions.

Grooms suit design: Briggins (Melbourne)

Number of guests: 35

Hair and Makeup: Bali Edge hair and Makeup

Bridesmaid's gowns design:

Jacqui E (Australia)

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