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Destination

The Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges

Photo: Rick Liston

Summer comes to the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges in a burst of flourishing fruit and long languid evenings under warm skies. The stars are sparklier, the drinks are chilled and the mood takes on a holiday vibe.

In the orchards, cherries, berries, apples and stonefruits are ripening and 'fresh' takes on new meaning. Bite into just-picked, sun-warmed fruits as the sweet stickiness trickles down the chin. In the heat of the day, disappear into the temperate forests and take ancient steps to lakes and waterfalls where misty cascades cool the skin. Paddle a stream or lilo down the Yarra River – the rainforest is a cool destination in more ways than one.

Spread the picnic blanket on the riverbank and feast on local produce as the world goes by. The providores, the farm gates, the artisan producers all welcome tasting the best of the day, so fill reusable bags with the bounty of the season.

And there is the wine...the gin...the craft beer...the specialist beverages that are the Yarra Valley in a glass. Cool climate, innovative and unforgettable – a glass of sparkling, a bottle of wine, a pot of locally brewed beer or a sundowner cocktail are perfect accompaniments to a summer day. Linger longer and watch the sunset on yet another perfect day in the region.

Summer in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges is made for this.



with Louise Petrie
The Redwood Florist

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SUPPLIER SPEAK

A floral tribute to *Love*

Every season of the year provides its own bounty of flowers and inspiration for The Redwood Florist, Louise Petrie, a Yarra Valley local who brings her own touch of design magic to create wedding flowers that bloom with love. The secret, says Louise, is to reveal the unique personality of the bride, with each flower in a bouquet a carefully considered and perfectly formed expression of love.

“Some brides know exactly what they like – thank you Pinterest! – others have a vision that I help them articulate. There are so many choices, and it’s really important to consider what flowers are in season and available locally, what the overall theme of the wedding is and what the current design trends are,” says Louise. “I’m with my brides all the way, even on the wedding day with drop off timed to ensure the flowers are in their full beauty. I will do anything to make sure they are fresh and perfect on the day.”

Many brides seek a bouquet with a difference, and there are many new styles gaining popularity as florists experiment with innovative forms and shapes. From an environmental perspective, there is a move away from using floristry ‘oasis’ foam, and this alone has seen an emergence of new dynamic and sculptural alternatives. “How to keep flowers securely in position is part of our design process. What you don’t see is as important as what you do!”



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“I’m loving the new ‘Floral Jewellery’ trend. Not every bride wants to carry a bouquet so the creative response in floristry has been ‘wearable flowers’. Elaborate head pieces made from flowers, capes or wraps, and amazing floral necklaces and bracelets that extend up the arm are gorgeous ways to incorporate flowers into the wedding outfit. It’s definitely something we will see more of in future weddings.”

Popular summer themes are:

- Monochromatic colour palettes in soft muted shades
- The Boho theme – it may even be the new classic!
- The ‘toffee rose’ – ‘Coffee coloured’ flowers that sit delightfully in any colour palette especially soft blushes
- Disrupted flowers, fully open blooms, free flowing with long stems, and a loose construction.



Photo: Rick Liston

“Gone are the days of traditional posies! When putting together a bouquet there is always an element of design – almost anything goes but they still need to look ‘right’. That’s the design eye that makes this such pleasing work,” says Louise.



Beyond the bouquet or corsages, hanging installations, incomplete floral arches, structural flower pillars and garlands are all trending for weddings, and all bring their own touch to the theatre of a wedding.

And beyond the ceremony Louise says, "Use the bouquets as additional table decorations. At the end of the night give your flowers away to special people who have helped you along the way and make sure they are enjoyed for as long as they can be."

"Every bride has her own personality and my passion is to create a unique floral arrangement just for her. When a bride sees her flowers for the first time and she says, 'they are even better than I imagined' then I am truly satisfied."

"Live in the moment of the flowers, enjoy them as they are, and as they start to wilt. All the phases of a flower have their own inherent beauty." "



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Summertime

Wedding Love

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Summer dreams, summer themes, celebrate your day, your way. Chase the evening stars, sip sparkling wines and embrace an al fresco setting under big country skies. Cool breezes whisper through summer vines and provide sweet relief when the temperature rises. Embrace the season with a relaxed dress code that favours comfort and class. Bare shoulders, bare legs, linens and natural fibres in soft colour palettes, board brimmed hats with a touch of anything goes. That's the summer spirit.

It's no secret that summertime is the season when we take time. More time to share with friends, time to get away, time to celebrate the good things in life. A summer wedding provides the perfect opportunity for a destination wedding in the Yarra Valley or Dandenong Ranges that ticks all the boxes for a relaxed break where nothing matters more than toasting summer love.

The hallmarks of a summer wedding are:

1. Refreshing refreshments

There's no such thing as overcatering when it comes to cool refreshments! Plenty of ice and plenty of choice are the keys. Drink stations set in shady strategic locations, a neverending supply of sparkling water and a stellar wine selection all go a long way to making a celebration memorable for all the right reasons. The Yarra Valley is not shy in the wine department and your wine menu is a great way to treat your guests to something truly spectacular, whether its white, sparkling, red or a fabulous local Rose. But don't overlook the Yarra Valley's own craft beer range as well. It's not just about wine!

SEASON SNAPSHOT



Photo: Araluen Boutique Accommodation



Photo: One White Day

2. Fresh and fruity food

Reflect the nature of the season with a festive summertime menu. In summer, the food is light, fresh, inspired and healthy. Imaginative salads, fresh bread and cheeses, charcuterie and light meats such as local Yarra Valley trout, salmon or free-range chicken are delicious and preferred options.

The buffet comes into its own during summer. Grazing tables let people choose how, when and what they want to eat. And this summer, how about embracing a pink and pretty vibe with a dessert grazing table! Fresh fruits are in abundance, jewel-like cherries, gem-like blueberries, strawberries and the first apples of the season. Add a local Yarra Valley cheese – feta and soft creamy bries are first choices. Fruit compotes with a splash of local gin or prosecco, or the simple addition of fresh mint to macerated strawberries – good with anything!

3. A stunning destination

Escape the city swelter – the mountains and vineyards are perfect summer destinations for winding down and chilling out. The coolest place to get married could be under an arbour draped in trailing vines, or scented jasmine. Or walk down the aisle by the water with an outdoor ceremony by the Yarra River, a babbling stream, lake, dam or waterfall. Historic sites also provide that often sought after ‘cool world’, with established shady gardens, stone walls and other features that make them perfect summer locations. Grand mansions, old dairies, wine cellars and buildings that rest in the deep shade of the Great Dividing Range can all be considered.

Be creative as you plan your wedding day. Love an early morning? How about a sunrise wedding before the heat of the day? Want all weather contingencies? Set your ceremony in an air-conditioned room filled with neverending views or fill the space with flowers and greenery. Super casual? A pool party wedding reception might be the perfect answer.

Cherish the moment. Starry nights are yours, the great Milky Way a photographer’s dream backdrop. Dip your toes in the water, raise your glass to the people who fill your life with love and get hitched in the season of sunshine.

Annabelle & Chris

*get hitched***Meet the couple**

Chris Hazlett is an editor/cameraman/producer for Parable Productions, who produce TV show 'What's Up Down Under', a caravanning, campervan and lifestyle show. Annabelle Hale works as a freelance illustrator, teaches swing dancing and does disability support work. The couple met on Tinder. Annabelle was carefully reading through profiles and checking out photos before swiping on people – Chris was speed swiping!

Who proposed?

Annabelle: Chris proposed to me on a road trip for our third anniversary, at the top of Mt Ainslie in Canberra.

Chris: I fumbled around a lot and eventually asked, "Will you marry me?" One of the rare moments when I couldn't speak!

How did you choose your ceremony and reception venue?

I've always thought my parents' farm would make a beautiful wedding venue, and I liked the idea of doing it somewhere that felt personal. I love my mum's garden, so the idea of getting married under the wisteria, among the spring flowers was what I wanted. We were keen to do a nice wedding as cheaply as possible, so not having to spend money on a venue was also a big factor.





“We walked down the aisle together, because I didn’t want to be ‘given away’.

It was really important to me that we arrive to the ceremony as equals”

What was your wedding theme?

Annabelle: We didn’t really have a theme. Our main concern was keeping costs down, while still having a nice wedding. We wanted it to be fun, and not feel serious.

Chris: We just wanted to celebrate, relax and enjoy the moment with friends and family.

What made your wedding unique?

Annabelle: Our location at home because it’s a place of memories and family love. We thought a lot about wedding traditions, and what we wanted to include. We didn’t have groomsmen/bridesmaids – just my sister and Chris’ brother as maid of honour and best man. We had my main dance partner, Nial, do a reading by Neil Gaiman that summed up our thoughts about marriage. Our celebrant Sam was incredibly funny and set the tone for the day. He’d asked us questions about how we’d met and our relationship. Neither of us are religious, so we wanted our ceremony to feel light and fun. Also, I did my own hair/makeup – I guess that’s unique!

Chris: Our wedding just felt like us. It felt relaxed and everyone was laughing. The moment was perfect.

Is there a story behind your dress and headpiece?

I had seen a singer called Hetty Kate wearing a Gwendolynne design years ago, so I decided to look her up. Chris laughs because I’d been looking at very cheap dresses, and then when I remembered Gwendolynne, I ended up getting a fairly expensive dress! (expensive for us anyway).

Tell us about any other special elements of your day.

Annabelle: The way the house and garden are situated, the guests were able to roam around and explore. We only had finger food/platters, so people could move around and talk. We had two ‘funkopop’ figurines that look like us sitting on top of the wishing well. We travel with each others figurine and take photos of them in fun situations. We also had a polaroid camera for the guest book, so people could take lots of silly photos. That was a lot of fun to look through later.

Chris: We didn’t have a band. I chose to pick all the music for the event. I made three playlists, one pre-ceremony, one during photos and one for after the speeches. As the night went on, I added or removed songs where I saw fit. I nailed it!



What makes your marriage?

Annabelle: I think communication and respect for one another. We appreciate one another, and we show that love every day. We support each other in achieving our goals, and we want the same things out of life. That may not sound terribly romantic, but I think we have a really solid relationship, and it brings me joy every single day.

Chris: Just being ourselves. Boring answer I know, but that's how I feel!

What's your best advice for planning the perfect wedding?

Annabelle: Remember there's no such thing as a perfect wedding, things will go wrong, and not every detail has to be perfect. Decide which elements of the wedding are important to you, and what you want to focus on. If something's not important to you, then don't do it just because people might expect it. We didn't have a wedding cake, because neither of us cared about it. Listen to people's advice, but if it's completely different to what you want to do, just nod, while making a mental note to ignore everything they say.

Chris: Do it as quick as possible! Before the stress builds up and is a mountain to get over.



What were the highlights?

Annabelle: Our first dance. I'm a swing dance teacher, and Chris also knows how to dance. In swing dancing we do something called a 'steals' dance for special occasions. People from the crowd jump in and dance with the people we're celebrating. Most of my friends are dancers, and it felt really lovely to share that moment with them.

Chris: Seeing all my friends and family enjoying themselves at sunset.

Anything else you'd love to share?

Vegas wedding, fat Elvis. This was Chris' 'battle cry'. He said it every day after we got engaged, until we got married. For some reason I still decided to go through with it!

Number of Guests: 110 / **Budget:** \$15,000-\$18,000 / **Date:** 12 October 2019 /
Location: Break O'Day Road, Glenburn



Crazily enough, for the past three years, there is a property on the way to Flowerdale Estate that I would always pull over and take a photo of because it blows my mind how beautiful it is with its rolling green hills and a perfect old, dead tree. As I arrived at the address of Annabelle's family home for her and Chris' wedding, I couldn't believe I was turning up the driveway of that same "desktop background" property! Annabelle cutting some swing dance moves definitely evokes some 'the sound of music' vibes. We then settled in for the ceremony hilarity of the long-suffering Demons fanatic and stand-up comedian @sam_lavery_the_ celebrant. Epic day

- Rick Liston, Photographer

Vendor Credits

Photographer	Rick Liston
Florist	Bonnie King
Ceremony and Reception Venue	Parents' farm
Catering/Cake	No cake, just dessert. Catering by Angela Poulter
Stationery	Annabelle
Printing	Moo Printing
Celebrant	Sam Lavery
Entertainment	No entertainment, Chris put together a playlist
Engagement/Wedding Rings	Prouds
Set up	Yarra Valley Party Hire
Bride's Dress	Gwendolynne

Sweet Seduction *Desserts*

for your grazing table

Love the idea of a grazing table? Take it to the next level with a dessert grazing table and give your guests even more reason to love summer. If you've ever enjoyed sharing a table laden with cheeses, crackers, veg and condiments, then the dessert grazing table is a heavenly match.

Pile your dessert grazing table high with fresh picked local summer fruits, delicious creamy toppings including a Luscious Passionfruit Cream (thank you [Mary Eats Cake!](#)), meringue, biscotti, dipping bowls, chocolate sauce and anything else that delights your tastebuds, and you have the beginnings of a decadent dessert spread that is the perfect way to crown a fabulous wedding celebration. Add bite sized cakes – rich chocolate brownies, layered gateaus, tiny citrus tarts and berries to top everything – there's no end to the deliciousness.





Jess from Mary Eats Cake shares her favourite summer indulgence:

Luscious Passionfruit Cream

This passionfruit cream is just perfect for the top of your cheesecake to make it deliciously lush and to add that touch of tang! It would also work wonderfully as a topping for your summer pavlovas, celebration cakes or simply accompanied with fresh summer fruits.

Ingredients:

1 Litre Thickened Cream
250g white chocolate
Pulp of 2 - 3 passionfruits
1 vanilla bean pod
10g gelatin

Method:

1. Heat cream, passionfruit pulp and vanilla bean in a saucepan
2. Bring to a simmer
3. Add bloomed gelatin
4. Pour liquid over white chocolate, whisk until lumps are dissolved.
5. Set in fridge overnight
6. Softly whip to medium peaks and shiny

Tips:

- To make this recipe extra special, use good quality white chocolate
- The vanilla bean pod can be substituted for vanilla essence, resulting in a slightly less quality flavour
- The gelatin can be removed for a less firm hold to the cream.

Want to enjoy the result without the work? Visit [Mary Eats Cake](#) for High Tea to sample this cream, which is featured on their White Chocolate and Passionfruit Cheesecake. All part of Mary's new Summer High Tea menu!

Jess' five tips for luscious summer wedding spreads:

- 1.** Think simple and elegant. Don't overcrowd your table or over decorate your desserts. One or two striking components makes every dish a winner.
- 2.** Fresh is best! There is nothing better than perfectly ripened fruits and superbly fresh produce. Source with quality in mind and your dishes will be sure to attract compliments.
- 3.** Bring in a pop of colour. Whether you get this from your food or the floral arrangements, colour is the essence of happiness when it comes to entertaining.
- 4.** Mix and match flavours and textures to show character and depth. Try sweet and strong, mild and spicy, creamy and hard. You'll leave your guests begging for more.
- 5.** Create a theme to your meals. Whether it's a touch of French, a taste of Italy or an Asian fusion. Try to create a story with your spread and a lavish sampling of the best the region has to offer.



Wine cocktails for summer

Five spritzy ways to enjoy Prosecco

- 1. Spagliato** - A relation of the negroni. Mix four parts prosecco, one part sweet vermouth (such as Martini Bianco) and one part Campari. Serve with a twist of orange zest.
- 2. Raspberry Prosecco Bellini** - Pour one part raspberry liqueur into a champagne flute, then add a sprig of fresh basil. Top with four parts prosecco and serve.
- 3. Forager's Fizz** - Pour a splash of Four Pillars gin into a champagne flute and add a blackberry or two, then top up with prosecco.
- 4. Prosecco Pomander** - Combine the juice of one clementine with one part Cointreau and three parts prosecco in a champagne glass or tumbler. Garnish with a sprig of rosemary and a slice of clementine.
- 5. Aperol Spritz** - Simply fill a wine glass with ice, add one part Aperol, to four parts Prosecco (club soda also if desired) and a slice of orange.

Yarra Valley Prosecco

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Let there be *no secrets*

by Michael Veitch

As a civil celebrant, Robynne Mauger, from Rainbow Celebrant Yarra Valley, has had the pleasure of marrying people in some rather unusual places: by the side of a swimming pool, high up on an escarpment overlooking the Yarra Valley, in the middle of a forest, and in a horse menage. “One couple I married at home with the bride in her pyjamas,” she says. ‘She didn’t feel the need to get changed!’

Another memorable occasion was hearing the happy couple take their nuptials inside a boxing ring. “He was a martial arts expert, and she was Thai, so I married them in the main ring of his studio. It was a sort of Thai-styled, martial arts-themed wedding.”

More and more, however, Robynne finds herself conducting marriage ceremonies in places and under circumstances few people would normally associate with the traditional wedding, such as beside a hospital bed where one partner has only a few months, sometimes even days, to live. On such occasions, however, the need to acknowledge a committed relationship is only part of the story. Increasingly, says Robynne, long-term couples facing end-of-life situations are marrying for important legal reasons and, like many things in life, it comes down to securing assets. life, it comes down to money.



Many people remain unaware that despite the clearly stated intentions of their will, their wishes can be challenged – often successfully – by insurance and superannuation companies reluctant to part with their money. “Sometimes, when I have this conversation with older people,” says Robynne, “the penny suddenly drops that there may well be a legal challenge to their intentions. Unless, of course, they are married.”

Deciding to leave one’s entire estate to one’s partner will not necessarily be honoured if an institution senses even a hint of inauthenticity about the relationship. “It’s often important for couples to shore up their legal position, and alleviate any concerns about insurance challenges that might unexpectedly present themselves,” Robynne says, for example, one such ‘challenge’ may be if the couple were known to have been separated at any time in the past, even if only for a few months. However, all this becomes academic if the relationship is given the legal conjugal status of marriage. “Being married draws a line under the whole question, and cannot usually be challenged,” she says.

Sometimes the reasons can be more nuanced. One of Robynne’s recent weddings was between two residents of an aged care home, where one partner was determined to see the other cared for after his passing, rather than his estate going to his children. “They were both in their eighties,” she says, “but he was determined to see his long-term partner looked after with no complications.”

Far from being sombre ceremonies, end of life marriages can bring great comfort and relief to a person, knowing their final wishes are to be acknowledged and carried out. Often the ceremony is altered to be slightly more reflective, but it is still romantic, there are still the personal stories and dedications and everyone, including Robynne, sheds a tear. “The bride is still in her wedding dress, and it is still moving, perhaps even more so,” she says..

There is one alteration Robynne makes which perhaps captures both the gravity and the honesty of the circumstances. Instead of the traditional ‘till death do us part’, she inserts a phrase of her own, “Let there be no whispers or secrets.” Romantic indeed.

Ride on time”

Wedding transport done well

Cars, SUVs, buses, coaches, classics and everything else on two or four wheels. The choices you make for wedding transport will be more than just a means of getting from point A to point B. The number and type of guests, size of your wedding party, theme, distance to be travelled and budget will all play into what your perfect wedding day transport will be. And then there's what's fun!

Modern classic cars such as the 1970s Ford Fairlane or Ford Mustang from [Yarra Valley Wedding Transfers](#) bring a custom edge to your grand arrival or memorable departure. They are also the perfect backdrop for photos. These beauties with their showstopping good looks will drive you into wedded bliss.

For truly refined, vintage appeal, the wedding cars at [Vintage Fun](#) are one of a kind, sophisticated options that, with the added touch of ribbon, take on a truly royal feel. Experience a return to the grandeur of a time that endures, just like your love. Be chauffeur driven in the 1963 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud or 1974 convertible (photo opps with the roof down!), a 1925 Studebaker Limousine or a 1960s London cab.



For luxury and spaciousness, [Yarra Valley A2B](#), with their fleet of immaculate European private buses, take special care of couples, bridal parties and guests. Their 'total' wedding support package means every need, from getting bridesmaids to hair and makeup on time or pre-wedding photos, transporting guests to and from the reception, or to taking flower kids home and ferrying gifts, is covered.

This luxury 'continuous' transport option is a trouble-free resource that takes the stress out of fine tuning arrangements. The 11-seater vehicle means everyone can enjoy the fun together, bride and groom included, or provides a perfect second vehicle to follow the happy couple in a classic car. Super relaxed and super cost effective, guests will be seen safely to the door of their accommodation, and a full run sheet leaves no detailed unchecked.



The Yarra Valley is a sizeable region and there is often a distance between the various venues of a wedding. Wedding transport makes everything easier ensuring everyone can have the best possible time, without the concern of driving later at night, or on unfamiliar roads after a big, happy day.

“Every couple wants their guests to fully embrace the food and wine at the reception. Great wedding transport means everyone can have a brilliant time with ease,” says Cath of Yarra Valley A2B. The little things, such as complimentary water bottles, kid’s car seats, phone charging ports, space to hang garments so they don’t crease, and storage for all the little extras all amount to the best experience possible. “We’ll even share some of the magical secrets of the Yarra Valley as we go along” says Cath.

But it’s a recent mother-of the bride that has summed it up the best: “It’s a load off our minds to know everyone gets there and back on time and happy.”

That’s wedding transport done well!

Wedding Transport

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BRIDE TRIBE *Retreats*

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What's a couple of days when you're planning a lifetime? If wedding preparations feel like they've taken over, it's time to reset the balance button and what better way than with a cheeky getaway with your Bride Tribe.

Gather your besties and head to the hills for a midweek or weekend bliss bomb of precious pampering, fabulous food, award-winning wine and rock solid company. Book massages, have beauty treatments, browse village bookshops and stock up on cheese and condiments at a local Providore for sundown drinks. Just you and your tribe, together forever.

The Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges is an easy drive from Melbourne – it's amazing how many cares you can leave behind you on the way. Check into a gorgeous destination – exquisite accommodation options are plentiful, especially midweek – and Find Your Self in the moment.

There's plenty to do, or not do!

Boutique B&B – classic, elegant, wrap-your-arms-around-me cottages and rooms that say 'breathe out'. Lean in to In the Valley, settle down at [Araluen Boutique Accommodation](#) or choose your perfect home away from home at [Valley Ranges Getaways](#).



Pet Friendly – No need to leave your four legged at home! We know love of the furry kind is just as heartfelt. And so do the good peeps at [Wiggley Bottom Farm](#) where pets are always welcome, or you can snuggle up with one of theirs. Get to know freedom in the great outdoors at Marysville Holiday and Caravan Park.

Fairytale Penthouse – Romantic bridal suites with a lush-in-love feel. If you're getting married at [Potters Receptions](#), be sure to explore the bridal accommodation on site.

Wine on the Side – Perfectly blended wine and accommodation. With vineyard views as far as you can see, cellar doors on your doorstep and sweet dreams guaranteed under starlit nights, [Sutherland Estate](#) is a wonderful choice for long conversations and setting future intentions. [Immerse Winery](#) will also take your breath, with garden walks, lakeside laughter and everything you need right there, where you are.

Supremely Secluded – True getaways dissolve the outside world and give way to peace – forest settings and the sound of lyrebirds wooing you to sleep. At [Eagle's Nest Luxury Accommodation](#), there's no limit to spa time under the stars, and not a single distraction. Enjoy the ultimate in privacy at [Arcadia Cottages](#), nestled in the forest but still close enough to village life.

Ladies of the House – Lounge a little at [Marybrooke Manor](#), a historic destination with a sense of awe and wonder. Channel a little bit of Downtown Abbey and a whole lot of high tea!

All in One Place – For a no-fuss everything-I-need-is-right-here-stay, [CountryPlace](#) will leave you wanting for nothing. Chill (the champers), you don't need to organise a thing.

Beauty Blitz – Of course it's a yes to pamper time! [Nourish Day Spa](#) and [Miss Josie's Beauty Parlour](#) will delight in helping you all feel good inside and out.

Tell your besties it's on and book a little moment of connection that will set you up for wedding day bliss. Your wedding day will come soon enough, time to be with the 'other' ones you love.



Photography

by the water

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The sound of rushing cascades invigorates the air and creates a soft mist that is cooling on even the warmest of days.

If a wedding by the water sounds like a fresh way to get hitched, the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges has a range of options you can consider. Waterfalls are found in lush forest settings and create dramatic backdrops for a ceremony or photos. Many have decking or picnic areas at the rock pools and some may require a 'walk' in along a forest pathway – what a walk up the aisle that makes!

Planning your big day? Take a wander and discover these celebration destinations with a difference.

Some weddings venues even have their own private waterside options.

- La La Falls, Warburton – has pretty fern gullies and stone bridges
- Steavensons Falls, Marysville - lit at night during summer
- Wombelano Falls, Kinglake - walk through dramatic old growth forests
- Toorong Falls, Noojee – observation platform close up to the falls
- Olinda Falls, Olinda – shortest walk from car park to falls
- Sherbrooke Falls, Sherbrooke – lovely rockpools and close to picnic grounds
- [Chateau Wyuna](#) – private waterfall and reception centre all in one.

Perfect for nature adorers looking for intimate spaces that reflect their passion for the outdoors.

Note: Some gatherings in public places may require a permit. Please check the Parks Victoria website for more information.

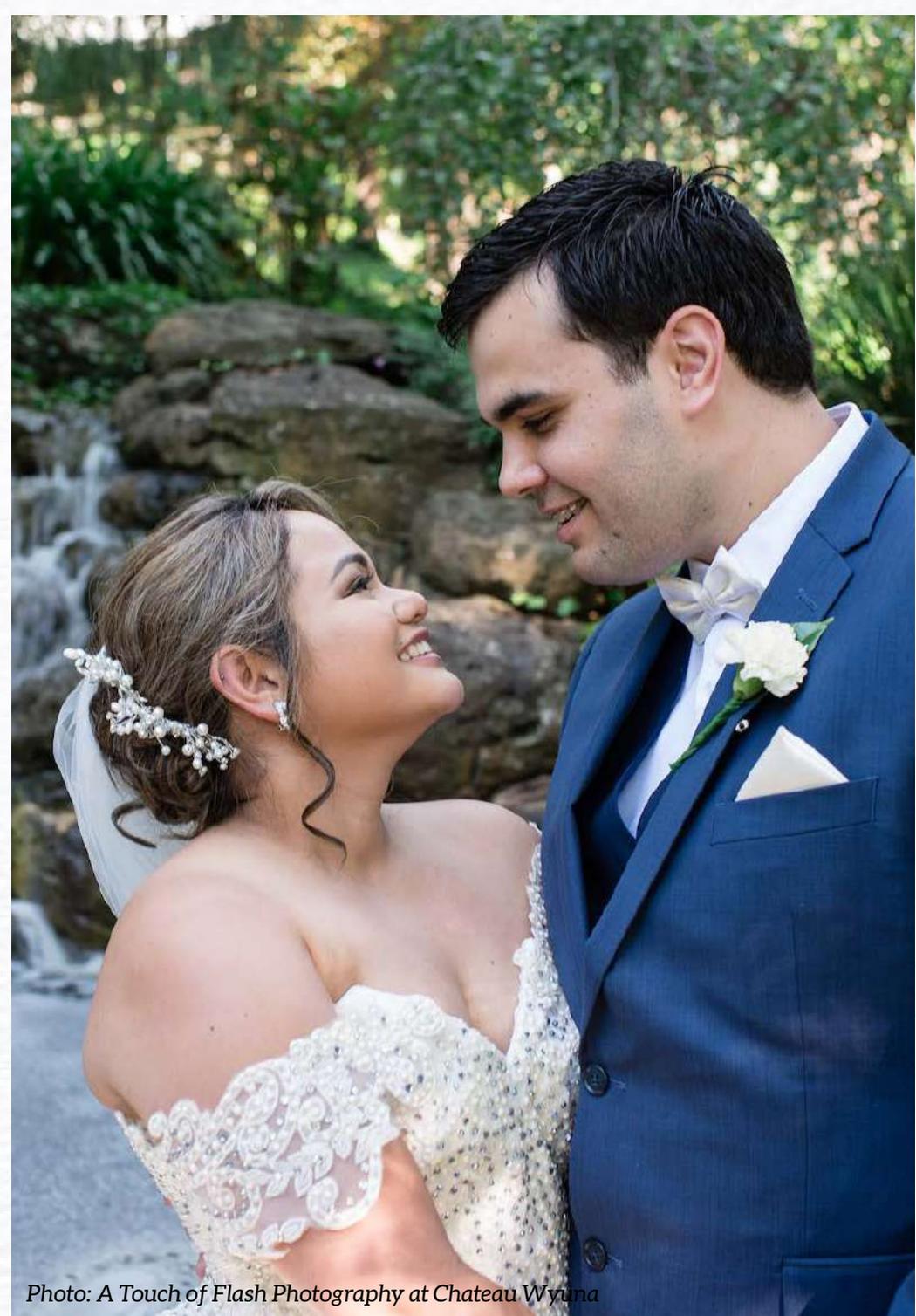


Photo: A Touch of Flash Photography at Chateau Wyuna



Photos: A Touch of Flash Photography

The art of the surprise *Proposal*

The popularity of the Destination Proposal has created a whole new form of engagement photography. Capturing the surprise of the moment requires a little planning and a whole lot of stealth!

When Sam planned to surprise his girlfriend Fren Nee with a wedding proposal while on holidays, he chose the stunning scenery of the Yarra Valley as the perfect backdrop for their big moment. Wanting to capture the precious proposal and have it as a forever memory, he reached out to photographer Chrystal Lim to be quietly in the background with her camera.

The proposal was planned around a special hot air balloon ride at dawn (with Global Ballooning) and Chrystal spent most of the morning pretending to be a tourist, hopping on a van to the balloon take-off location, and blending in with the rest of the flying crew. Knowing Sam was going to propose on landing, Chrystal had to hop out of the basket quickly after the couple, grab the bouquet Sam had arranged and pass it to him, then capture everything in a very short and fast few minutes before the balloon deflated.

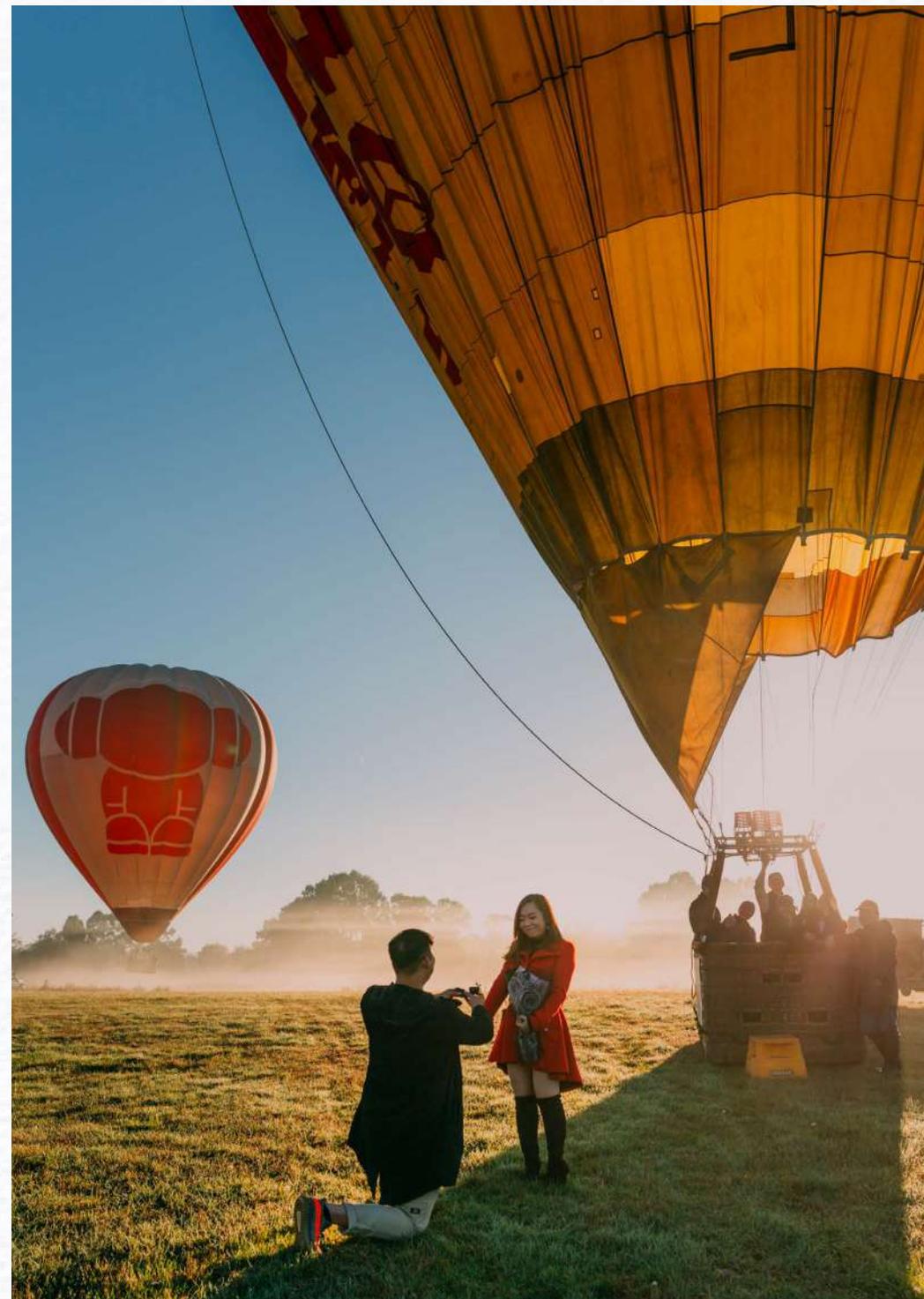


Photo credits: Chrystal Lim



Chrystal notices there is definitely a rise in the number of couples interested in the idea of having a photographer document their proposal. “The ‘Destination Proposal’ or having a little proposal set up with printed pictures and props has become super popular. These photos serve as a fond memory for the couple they can share with their friends and family.”

If you’re thinking about a surprise proposal and having a photographer capture the event, Chrystal’s advice is to plan in advance. Start reaching out to photographers early, decide on one you really like who fits your budget. And who knows – they may just be the perfect wedding photographer too!

Chrystal says, “Sam and I had arranged the logistics and at the take-off location, we exchanged eye contact to acknowledge each other without letting Fren Nee suspect anything! During the flight, I started photographing the scenery like a regular person, but I also got some sneaky shots of the couple moments before the proposal. It all happened so quickly.”

“The main challenge is definitely the amount of pressure I put on myself to strive to capture the reactions and true emotions of the proposal moment. It truly is an adrenalin-filled experience for me but also a fulfilling one when I see how happy the couples are with their photos. That’s what I love about being a photographer!”



Photo credits: Chrystal Lim

The Bride Tribe

Re-imagined

Today the only rules for selecting your Bride Tribe are anything goes. Best friend is a guy? – no problem, want a mixed wedding party? – sure, or no attendants? – that's fine too.

There is more space for individuality and flair. Brides are less insistent on everyone being the same and will encourage their Bride Tribe to dress to their personal body shape and choose their own outfit (something that looks great long after the big day).

Being in a Bride Tribe should be an honour, not an onerous task. It's a great chance to set clear expectations, write helpful job lists and enjoy the big day.

Traditionally there have been particular tasks associated with the duty of bridesmaid – hold the bouquet, ensure the bride has everything she needs all day, organise the hen's day, prepare a speech, help with arrangements but busy lives (yes, that applies to everyone) means there is greater need for negotiation. Consider the Bride Tribe a team, play to each person's unique strengths and, most of all, make it fun! It doesn't hurt to ask, "What do you want to do?"

Traditions for your Bride Tribe

It is customary for attendees to be given a gift of appreciation – perhaps gorgeous portraits by your official photographer, a personalised piece of jewellery or other symbol of the day. 'Getting ready' on the morning of the wedding has also taken on a fresh approach with the tradition of matching robes to wear during hair and makeup. And there's a purpose beyond the practical – matching robes look great in photos too.



Photo credits: Timothy Lefel

The Bridesmaid Proposal

Yes - there's more than one proposal required for a wedding day.

Make a special event of asking your besties to be your bridesmaid or bride guy. Brides are making the proposal memorable by giving a symbolic gift or 'reveal' when they 'pop the question'. Hint - do it as soon after you announce your engagement as possible.

Traditions for your Bride Tribe

Bride Tribe Talents™ the 'Job Description'™

- Researcher extraordinaire
- Active listener on-call for advice, the sounding board
- Party planner who pulls together fabulous options for hen's party
- Mindfulness coach keeping it all calm on the day
- Kid wrangler for young attendants
- DJ who creates playlist for getting ready
- Caterer for snacks
- General all-rounder and forever 'heart' friend

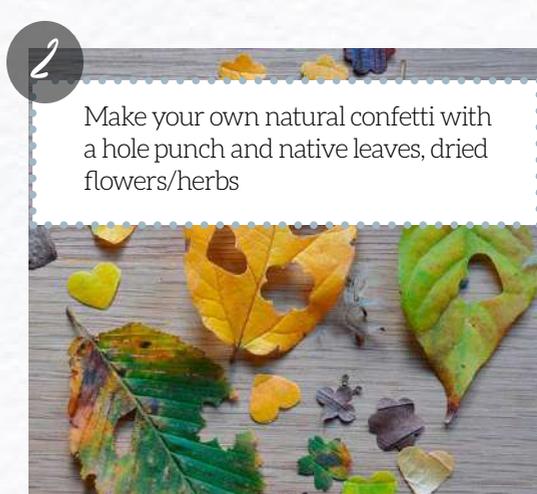
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10 Ideas

for an eco-friendly wedding



Eco friendly wines - choose locally produced, handcrafted wines made with minimal intervention



Make your own natural confetti with a hole punch and native leaves, dried flowers/herbs



Donate reception leftovers to a local soup kitchen and avoid wastage



Go for minimal impact with digital invites and updates - avoid printing



Hire your wedding dress or bridal party outfits instead of buying - flowers too! (but not the bouquet.)



Ask guests to walk or cycle to the wedding, or provide green transport options



Sign up to a gift register that benefits your favourite cause



Choose recyclable and biodegradable crockery and cutlery, or simply use glass (wash and recycle)



Check your Food Miles - Can you source produce locally, does your venue use local produce, wild foods or foraged produce, can you offer vegan and vegetarian?



Gift all your guests with a reusable water bottle for the day they can keep as a memento - who said bombonniere was old fashioned?

Looking ahead

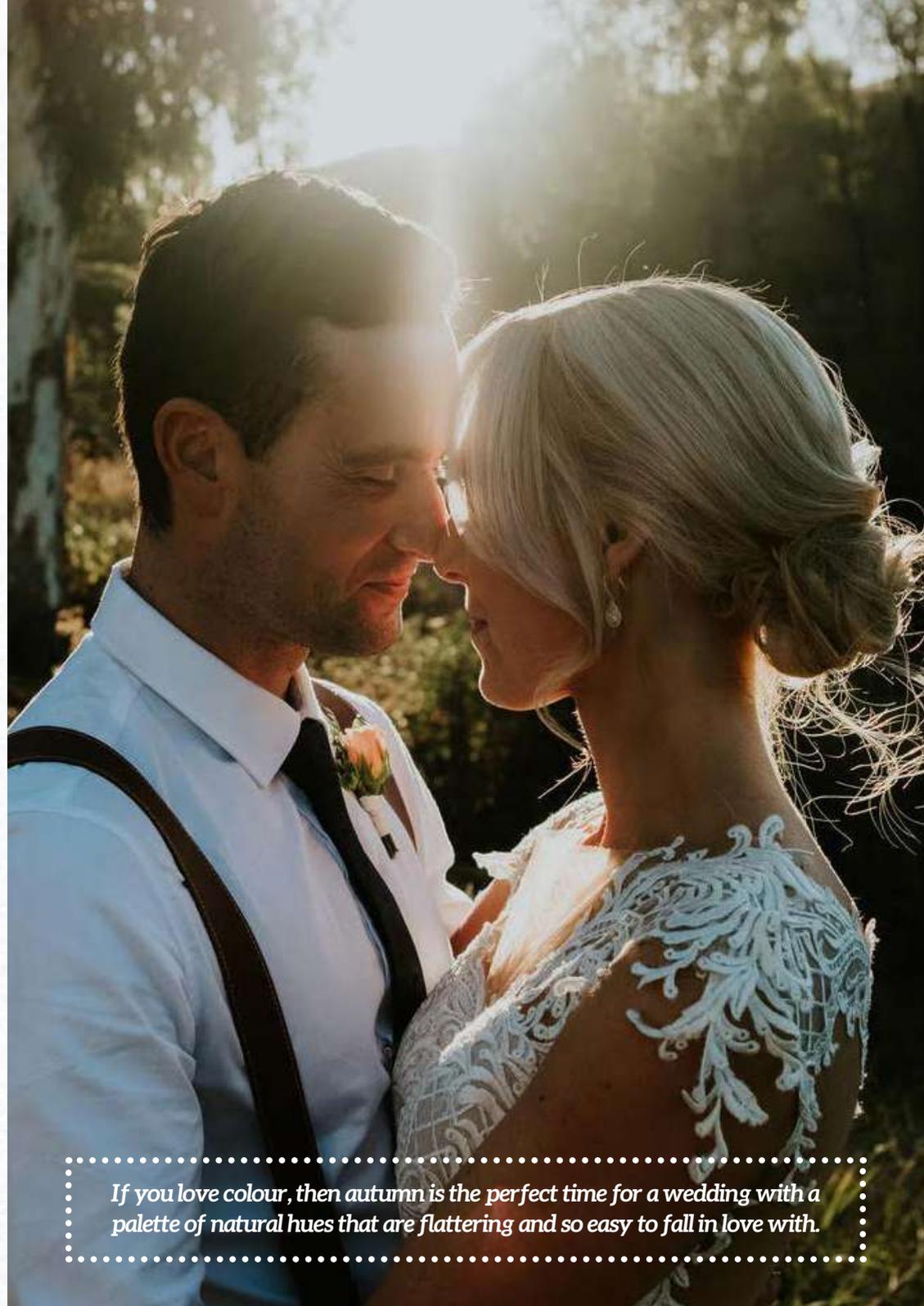
Autumn Weddings

The colours of autumn are perfectly suited to a wedding. Golden tones shimmer in lemon curd tarts, and oyster pink flashes from the underside of wild mushrooms foraged from the forest floor. Shimmering fireflies make magic on midnight blue skies, and under our feet the world is carpeted in the crisp orange leaves of the shedding trees. Ruby red wines, the soft milky hue of a café latte – the inspiration is all around.

Add the misty mornings that softly shoulder the rising sun, and dusky evenings that gently lead us into cooler nights with a wine glass in one hand and our one true love in the other. The braziers are lit to welcome us back from long walks, our breath visible in tiny bursts of 'I love you.'

If nature is your home ground, the place you truly feel alive, a wedding in the Dandenong Ranges or Yarra Valley is your happy place. In autumn, the gardens burst into a glorious song of life. There's a heady scent in the air that is underscored by the sweetness of fresh earth and cool breezes. The race is over – you've arrived and it's time to say 'I do' to all of it.

Let's get married!



If you love colour, then autumn is the perfect time for a wedding with a palette of natural hues that are flattering and so easy to fall in love with.



Off Peak Weddings

Celebrants



Robynne Mauger

Rainbow Authorised Civil Marriage Celebrant

A relaxed, creative, alternative celebrant who meets your values with heart and soul and who will work with you to bring just the right amount of colour and sentiment to your special day.

P: 0417 124 814

rainbowcelebrantynarravalley.com



Virginia Lawrence

Marriage, Family and Funeral Celebrant

Weddings are my specialty. Based in Kallista, I know this area really well. I'm super-organised, keep calm under pressure, and will give you a lovely, heartfelt ceremony full of fun, happiness, joy, and love. Contact me for a coffee and a chat - obligation free - and let's see if I'm the one for you!

P: 0438 111 025

celebrantgin.com



Soulful Ceremonies

Marriage Celebrant

Christine Pedley of Soulful Ceremonies knows what an amazing wedding in the Hills feels like. She understands your wedding day is the most important day for you. A celebrant since 2010 (and resident of the Dandenong Ranges), Christine wants "Your Day" to be exactly "Your Way". With creativity and humour, she crafts a couples' love story into a soulful ceremony.

P: 0474 128 869

soulfulceremonies.com.au



Lisa Newman, Celebrant, Dandenong Ranges

Lisa is a popular Belgrave based celebrant with a zest for writing creative ceremonies that are NEVER boring! No matter how big or small your wedding celebration is, Lisa's genuine enthusiasm is consistent from start to finish. She relates well with people of all ages and you will feel at ease from your first meeting - which usually ends with a hug!

P: 0421 776 531

lisanewman.com.au

Spa & Wellbeing



Miss Josie's Beauty Parlour, Healesville

Miss Josie's are skin treatment specialists - they've taken everything you love about the 1950s and given it a little twist to create the perfect salon for the modern woman to showcase a wide selection of treatments and specialised therapies with a focus on providing the right solution for every skin type and beauty requirements to make you feel like the best version of yourself.

P: 0428 298 098

missjosies.com.au



Nourish Day Spa, Olinda

Nourish Day Spa specialise in massage, facials, hand and foot treatments, pamper parties, couples packages - all with a holistic approach. Take time out of your day for a morning or afternoon of pure relaxation, the perfect distraction to take your mind off of any wedding stress you or the hens may have. Have an afternoon full of laughs and chats and create some new memories with your nearest and dearest. A Couples Package is the perfect way to restore post-wedding after a big day.

P: 03 9751 1029

nourishdayspa.com.au

Transport



Yarra Valley A2B

Locally owned and operated Private Small Group Luxury Tours and Transfer company in the beautiful Yarra Valley. Let Yarra Valley A2B drive you in style A2B and back again.

P: 0455 041 051

yarravalleya2b.com.au

Stella Tours - Wedding Cars



A small boutique business offering a personalised wedding car service within the Dandenong Ranges & Yarra Valley regions. Imagine cruising with the top down in "Stella", a classic 1964 Chevy convertible - famed for her timeless lines and effortless class. Arrive in true 'Stella style' at your wedding in this iconic ride, and when it's time for the photos, Stella's there by your side. Drive off into the sunset together in true 'Stella style'.

P: 0476 785 356

stellatours.com.au

Yarra Valley Wedding Transfers



Yarra Valley Wedding Transfers is a family owned and operated transfer business based in the Yarra Valley. They offer a wide range of transfers from weddings to general transfers to and from the Yarra Valley as well as the airport and CBD. Begin your new chapter with them... Yarra Valley Wedding Transfers strive for a high level of professionalism and offer personalised services to ensure that you and your guests arrive in comfort and style. From 2 seater sports to sedans to SUVs to mini buses, they can offer a package deal.

P: 0418 339 460

yarravalleyweddingcars.com.au

Transport



Vintage Collection

Vintage Fun have been providing chauffeur driven vintage and classic vehicles since establishment in 1983. They offer single vehicle hire for 2-12 passengers at a competitive price.

P: 0411 465 098

vintagefun.com.au

Caterers



Babaji's Kitchen

Unique. Delicious. Charming. Perfect for a relaxed festival-themed wedding with street food theatre from the land of coconut palms and spice, tropical 'Kerala' in South India. Specialising in authentic village style banquets, 'live' dosa & chaat/pani puri (street snacks), chai and Indian desserts, served from a colourful 'gypsy mobile kitchen' or vintage Indian street cart.

P: 0405 765 388

babajiskitchen.com.au



The High Tea Mistress

The High Tea Mistress is the creator of unique, mobile high tea experiences. They also create boutique Yarra Valley tours with our touring partners (some of which are exclusive). They have a team of professionals that offer workshops such as flower crown workshops, champagne, gin and whiskey masterclasses, tea blending workshops and high tea etiquette classes in conjunction with their signature High Teas.

P: 0422 131 731

thehighteamistress.com.au

Caterers



Essential Caterer

Catering that's fresh, healthy and delicious, with flexible menu options that move from formal to fun – designed to suit your unique tastes. From a conference, to a wedding, to a casual meeting - we help you find the venue you've been longing for, and end-to-end management for stress-free event enjoyment.

P: 0417 527 037

essentialcaterer.com.au

Photographers



Rick Liston

Rick Liston is a Yarra Valley wedding photographer who loves joining adventurous wild hearts on their crazy journey from lovers to lifers. Rick doesn't just take photos, he's here to help you navigate the daunting task of planning your wedding with invaluable local advice. Rick is relaxed and grounded. You'll get comfortable with him as a friend and be totally at ease on your wedding day to naturally reveal your own true, beautiful selves. Nothing awkward, he promises!

P: 0475 604 713

rickliston.com



Lei Lei Clavey Photography

Lei Lei Clavey is a Melbourne photographer. She loves capturing stories through her photography. Lei Lei's calm and relaxed presence will put you at ease on your special day.

P: 0404 836 773

leileiclavey.com

Florists



The Redwood Florist

The Redwood Florist creates gorgeous blooms for brides. Louise has extensive experience in the industry and views each wedding as a privilege, accepting only one wedding per weekend to give each bride complete focus.

P: 0438 324 463

theredwoodflorist.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Healesville Sanctuary, *Healesville*

Nestled in the natural bushland setting of this iconic Australian sanctuary, the Brolga room is the perfect backdrop for your special day. Newly renovated with classic stonewalls and expansive lush lawns, the Brolga Room can host wedding parties of up to 200 guests. Part of the Healesville Hotel Group, Healesville Sanctuary is proud to consistently offer the finest service, and a dedicated, professional team committed to giving you a day to remember.

P: 03 5957 2813

yarravalleyharvest.com.au



Cloudehill Gardens, *Olinda*

Cloudehill's display garden includes an outdoor theatre, very appropriate for wedding ceremonies. The gardens are also perfect for wedding party photo shoots. The theatre includes a small pavilion that can either act as a soundshell for theatrical events, or as a very handsome 'arbour' for wedding ceremonies. The gardens are normally open from 9am to 5pm, however for wedding ceremonies and photo shoots, we are able to open (in summer) through to 8pm.

P: 03 9751 1009

cloudehill.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Wiggley Bottom Farm, *Badger Creek*

A small boutique pet friendly farm stay who can host small weddings in a very attractive unique venue. Pets are welcome.

P: 0411 608 400
wiggleybottomfarm.com.au
littleweddingsyarravalley.com.au



Immerse Winery, *Dixons Creek*

Nestled in the scenic Yarra Valley, Immerse is a breathtaking wedding venue, acclaimed restaurant, boutique winery and accommodation venue all rolled into one. Rolling hills of vines, picture perfect gardens, boutique accommodation, succulent food and two beautiful chapels plus spectacular outdoor ceremony locations.

P: 03 5965 2444
immerse.com.au



Araluen Boutique Accommodation, *Yarra Glen*

The Yarra Valley's Premier Boutique Accommodation is located in the picturesque Steels Creek Valley, near Yarra Glen. The property is set among three acres of landscaped gardens and bushland and is the perfect place to relax or explore the Yarra Valley region.

P: 0411 242 212
araluenlodge.com.au



Ezard at Levantine Hill, *Coldstream*

At Levantine Hill, we bring together the unique skills of hatted chef Teage Ezard and renowned winemaker Paul Bridgeman to begin your journey for a perfect life together. Meticulously crafted menus that balance sumptuous flavours to complement our Levantine Hill wines, ensure you and your guests are guaranteed an unforgettable experience you will never forget.

P: 03 5962 1333
levantinehill.com.au



Projekt 3488, *Warburton*

Boutique & owner operated, we are all about the details. We create an intimate, warm & inviting atmosphere - the perfect country getaway with a twist. We offer exclusive access to the entire venue & gardens for each event plus dedicated event planning & styling.

P: 0400 215 785
projekt3488.com.au



Herd Bar, *Healesville*

Boasting a late licence, Herd Bar caters and is welcoming to all, offering sensational service, ambience in an unpretentious relaxed space, a must-see destination whilst meandering the glorious Yarra Valley. A perfect location for a special event, right in the heart of Healesville.

P: 03 5962 7677
herdbar.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Kinglake Forest Adventures, *Kinglake*

Dreaming of a forest wedding? Let your wedding aisle be the magical forest floor. Simply hire the venue and create your own magic or let Kinglake Forest Adventures take some of the details off your hands. You can bring your own food van or they can cater a wedding feast for you. Their beautiful camp can host up to 120 guests for a sleepover. Let them cook up a morning after breakfast. Make it a wedding weekend, not just a day. And make it the most wonderful day of your life.

P: 03 5771 1287

kinglakeforestadventures.com.au/weddings



Bulong Estate, *Yarra Junction*

Bulong Estate Winery is a special place, perfect for celebrations – with a beautiful garden, venue and deck nestled in the middle of a huge landscape of vineyard and spectacular mountain views. Your guests will immediately relax with all the greenery around them.

P: 03 5967 1358

bulongestate.com.au



CountryPlace, *Kalorama*

CountryPlace is a fabulous accommodation venue for family and friends attending a wedding in the Dandenong Ranges. Their award-winning property offers 60 ensuite bedrooms inclusive of a two bedroom cottage set in impressive gardens and lawns providing the ideal backdrop for group photographs.

P: 03 9728 7000

countryplace.com.au/wedding-accommodation-dandenong-ranges



Arcadia Cottages, *Olinda*

Arcadia Cottages offers accommodation for couples and singles in 4 separate cottages, all hidden away in 3 acres of forested garden. Private Cottages. Log fires & Spas.

P: 0397511017

arcadiacottages.com.au



In the Valley, *Yarra Glen*

Ideally appointed and perfectly located, this boutique Yarra Valley bed and breakfast is ideal for wedding guest accommodation.

P: 0397302818

inthevalley.com.au



Elmswood Estate, *Wandin East*

Deriving their name from the mature Elms that line the private driveway, Elmswood Estate is situated in the renowned Yarra Valley wine country. The stunning all-glass Pavilion, complete with floor to ceiling windows, and extensive viewing deck allows you to take in the breathtaking 180 degree panoramic views overlooking 25 acres of vineyard - the perfect backdrop for your most memorable of days to say "I do".

P: 03 5964 3015

elmswoodestate.com.au



Zonzo Estate, *Yarra Glen*

Zonzo Estate is an award-winning wedding venue located in the heart of the Yarra Valley. Zonzo prides themselves on offering wedding couples a memorable and stress-free day. From the moment you arrive, through to the ceremony and on to an unforgettable celebration. Create memories to last a lifetime over shared tables, abundant with food and paired with the perfect drop.

P: 03 9730 2500

zonzo.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Valley Ranges Getaways, *Dandenong Ranges*

Stay the night before your wedding at one of Valley Ranges Getaway's beautiful properties. Your maids-of-honour might stay, or your mum and sisters? You can dress for your wedding at the property with room for photographers, hair and makeup attendants and the gardens are beautiful spaces for your photographs. Following your wedding, return for your wedding night as bride and groom or your family or bridesmaids may stay with their partners, while you sneak away to another of their gorgeous properties to be alone.

P: 1300 488 448

vrgetaways.com.au/bridgetobe



Marybrooke Manor, *Sherbrooke*

Marybrooke Manor is nestled on the edge of the majestic Sherbrooke Forest in the Dandenong Ranges. Built in 1940 and recently renovated, it offers a picturesque outdoor garden lawn area and chapel for ceremonies, as well as an elegant reception room and cosy bar. With 8 acres of manicured gardens for photos, a flexible range of all-inclusive packages tailored to your needs and 20 four-star accommodation suites, Marybrooke can be the perfect one-stop destination for your ceremony and reception.

P: 03 9755 2755

marybrooke.com.au



Oakridge Wines, *Coldstream*

Oakridge is a family-owned, Yarra Valley winery, restaurant and cellar door, originally established in 1978 alongside a ridge of oak trees. Located in the stunning Yarra Valley, and set among 10 hectares of vines and manicured lawns, Oakridge boasts sweeping views and one of Australia's finest food and wine offerings.

P: 03 9738 9900

oakridgewines.com.au



Tramonto Kitchen and Bar, *Coldstream*

Tramonto Kitchen and Bar is a picturesque venue located on the top of a hill at a working vineyard in the stunning Yarra Valley. The award-winning restaurant and 'marquee in the vines' overlooks acres of vineyards giving it 'a taste of Provence feel' with its sun-filled, north-west views over rolling hills. The lawn, backdropped with vines, is the perfect location for an intimate wedding ceremony that can be enhanced with strolls and photos in the vineyard.

P: 0413 565 781

tramontokitchenandbar.com.au



Chateau Wyuna, *Montrose*

Chateau Wyuna is a rustic, award winning wedding venue built around a 1920s log cabin and featuring a 1909 heritage listed country Chapel set in over 6 acres of natural Australian-style gardens. With several outdoor ceremony areas and reception rooms to choose from, all-inclusive packages, delicious comfort-style food, space for up to 150 guests and guest accommodation immediately next door, Chateau Wyuna can be exclusively yours for your wedding celebration.

P: 03 9736 2555

chateauwyuna.com.au



Cuckoo Restaurant, *Olinda*

Australia's first ever Smorgasbord restaurant set in a Bavarian-style Chalet. The Vienna dining room is ideal for receptions with views of the gardens - great for drinks, appetisers and perfect for a garden wedding in the hills. The Cuckoo Restaurant caters to your guests with an extensive buffet, or two choices or alternate drops. Buffet guests get it all, from fresh daily made soup, seafood entrees, hot roast meats, speciality dishes, salad bar and fresh in-house baked cakes, Desserts, pancakes and ice cream. Weddings from 15 to 300 guests.

P: 03 9751 1003

cuckoorestaurant.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Riverstone Estate, *Coldstream*

The Riverstone Estate offers exclusive use of the property for weddings. The Estate is set on 75 acres of vines with panoramic views of the Yarra Valley. Riverstone offers breathtaking sunsets in a relaxed setting; with stunning locally sourced menus creating the perfect Yarra Valley Wedding. Combine the opportunity to dance the night away under a starry sky with any of their wedding packages and let their dedicated staff create memories that will last a lifetime.

P: 03 5962 3947
therivertoneestate.com.au



Fergusson Winery, *Dixons Creek*

Entering the grounds at Fergusson is intoxicating. Proud, rustic and romantic and set in among the soft curls of precious vine trees, stands the award-winning Fergusson Winery and Restaurant. This is a space for all kinds of weddings, from the classically beautiful, to the whimsical and creative, the rustic, vintage or farm style bash. The setting is lyrical, the food is sophisticated yet wholesome, and always made with love ... specially created to match a stunning wine list.

P: 03 5965 2237
fergussonwinery.com.au



Fondata 1872, *Kangaroo Ground*

Fondata 1872 is the contemporary revival of the iconic Weller's, originally established as a Cobb & Co circa 1872, it's a place where city style meets country hospitality. It is situated at the gateway to the beautiful Yarra Valley, approximately 45 minutes from Melbourne. The lovingly restored dining room comfortably seats 100 guests for any celebration.

P: 03 9712 0742
fondata1872.com



Boat O'Craigo, *Healesville*

Boat O'Craigo are a family owned, boutique wine producer in the Yarra Valley. The beautiful property in Healesville provides a stunning location for your special day. They offer a relaxed event created by you. Call the events co-ordinator to discuss your event ideas.

P: 03 5962 6899
boatocraigo.com.au



Potters Receptions, *Warrandyte*

A wedding at Potters is a truly unforgettable experience. Set amid 6 acres of native landscaped gardens with breathtaking waterfalls, chandelier-lit reception, charming chapel & garden ceremony options, a bridal retreat, alfresco bar & wisteria-draped courtyard, Potters can cater to all desires. Property exclusivity, accommodation, experienced co-ordinators, local produce menu or option of external catering. Potters is the ultimate venue, just 20 minutes from the city and a gateway to Yarra Valley.

P: 03 9844 1222
potters.com.au



Marysville Holiday and Caravan Park, *Marysville*

Small Holiday and Caravan Park set on the banks of the Steavenson River in Marysville. Offering small weddings up to 50 people to ensure a quiet secluded event. Sunday to Thursday events preferred. Look out over the small rambling river in a quiet spot of the Park. An ideal spot for that intimate romantic event.

P: 03 5963 3247
marysvillecaravanpark.com.au

Accommodation / Venues



Olinda Tea House, *Olinda*

Nestled in the heart of the stunning Dandenong Ranges just 50km from the Melbourne CBD, the Olinda Tea House is a place like no other. With unrivalled ambiance, it is the perfect location to host your next special event. Whether it is your wedding, engagement, anniversary or birthday, this stunning secret in the mountain will leave your event much talked about. Relax in our modern environmentally sustainable building and enjoy the peace and tranquillity nature has to offer.

P: 03 9751 0556
olindateahouse.com.au



Eagles Nest Luxury Mountain Retreat, *Narbethong*

If you are after a unique intimate wedding venue with rustic charm, then Eagles Nest is for you. With a picturesque background for photos and the tranquillity of a temperate rainforest, you will truly not find anything more magical. The 10 acre private estate is suitable for weddings of up to 80 guests and can marquee several areas. Every wedding couple will have their own personal planner and your wedding will be tailored to your own needs and requirements. A true rustic experience.

P: 0418 694 332
loghomeholidays.com.au



De Bortoli Wines Yarra Valley Estate, *Dixons Creek*

De Bortoli Wines Yarra Valley Estate is in one of the most beautiful corners of a region renowned for its beauty, making it a unique and memorable venue for your wedding. Beautifully landscaped gardens set against a backdrop of vineyards and distant mountains, create the perfect setting for your ceremony. Their experienced, helpful wedding team can tailor a wine and food package to suit your needs.

P: 03 5965 2271
debortoli.com.au



Sutherland Estate, *Dixons Creek*

Sutherland Estate has one of the most spectacular vineyard sites in Australia. Celebrate with elegance and style in the heart of the Yarra Valley, enjoying fine wines and stunning views.

P: 0402 052 287
sutherlandestate.com.au



Woods Sherbrooke Receptions, *Sherbrooke*

Woods Sherbrooke is the dream venue for your small, intimate wedding. Accommodating 30 plus guests with standard and premium all-inclusive packages.

Art Deco building in a beautiful garden setting.

P: 03 9755 2131
woodssherbrooke.com.au



Balgownie Estate, *Yarra Glen*

A unique advantage of having reception, ceremony and accommodation within the same beautiful location, alongside a host of other activities sure to enrich the essence of a destination winery wedding.

P: 03 9730 0787
balgownieestate.com.au

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where you can make direct enquiries,
 create 'favourite' lists and plan your day, your way!

Coming up in the autumn issue:

1. How to elope
2. Dress to impress
3. Pet-friendly receptions

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