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Your wedding will be one of the most memorable days of your life.

There is the opportunity to make the occasion even more special by having your wedding featured in the Real Brides magazine.



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In planning your wedding one of the most important decisions is the choice of your venue.

Your choice of venue will help you determine a multitude of important factors such as a theme, number of guests, decor, food and drink and accommodation requirements. But it may also decide if your wedding is featured in Real Brides.

A list of the country's Top Wedding Venues have entered into associate agreements with Real Brides to feature their brides in the magazine.

The result is that If you choose any of the venues below for your wedding then your wedding will be considered for featuring in Real Brides.

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NOTE: In this issue you will find

- full overview of the above venues
- A link to a virtual tour of the venues

So if you want to add to the memories of your big day by having your wedding featured in Real Brides then look no further than the list of venues above for your big day.

Cover Bride - Alycia & Sherwyn

Photo: NVV

Venue: Collisheen Estate

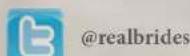
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Note from the Editor

Dear Bride-to-be

Welcome to the most informative bridal magazine in South Africa. What makes us so unique is that we celebrate Real Weddings with Real Couples. We are proud to showcase the top suppliers in the wedding industry to help you on your wedding planning journey.

“We fell in love with the Chapel & scenery at Colisheen Estate”

-Alycia & Sherwyn Singh

Make your big day even more special.

Have your wedding featured, send us an email with your suppliers list and 3 photos of your day.

In the July issue we read about beauty trends leading up to your big day. We hope you enjoyed the Oakfield Farm Bridal Expo in June. Did you find all your suppliers? If not, have a look at this months issue to assist.

Planning your future family? Don't forget to book a maternity and newborn Photoshoot with Neon Productions. Details in the magazine (Gauteng Based).

Read through each story from our couples in the July issue to help guide you with ideas and advice.

Your Friend
Morgan

June Issue

In this issue we read about choosing the perfect venue.

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Alycia & Sherwyn Singh



We live by 1 Corinthians 13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

How special was your proposal?

We were on vacation in Maldives, sherwyn had planned the perfect day starting off our morning a private spa retreat thereafter we had lunch at an underwater restaurant called H2O, finally, he booked a "photoshoot" on the island at a place called "the tree of love" which was the spot he had proposed, it was so special and beyond anything I could ever have dreamed off, may I might add, he got me the ring I've always wanted.

How did you settle on a wedding date?

Initially we wanted it to coincide with our dating anniversary in July but we didn't want a winter wedding, we wanted summer to subside so we picked the first available date in March.

What made you choose your wedding venue?

We fell in love with the Chapel & scenery at Collisheen Estate.



“We fell in love with the Chapel & scenery at Collisheen Estate.”



Venue: Collisheen Estate
Photography & videography - NVV
Decor - Spot on Events
Hair - Cutie Mbena
Make up - Make up by Roxy
Dress - Nadine Designs
Desserts - The dessert bar
MC - The Story teller
DJ - Lesh da rocca
Photo Booth - South Coast Photo Booth
Pyro - Vikash pyrotechnics

What food did we have?

We served tandoori kebabs, samoosas, mutton breyani, Alfredo pasta, roast chicken & tiramisu. We had a wide spread of treats during the cocktail hour.

Tell us about your photographers?

We've done a few events with them leading up to our wedding, they are so patient but most importantly they get the vision, they captured everything so perfectly.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

I've had my dress custom made by a designer called Nadine Designs, I absolutely loved the lace details on my dress. I loved the simplicity and elegance it had.

Did you go on honeymoon?

Yes, we did a little honeymoon straight after the wedding, were soon going to be traveling again.





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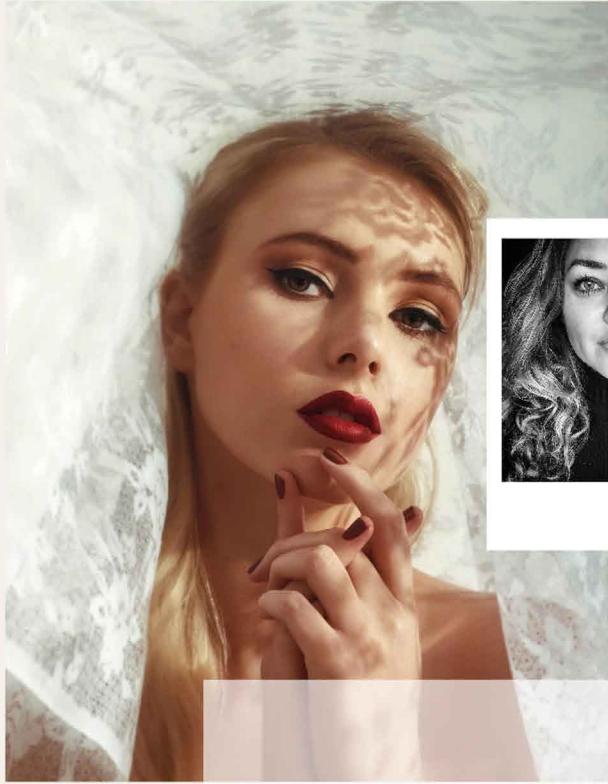
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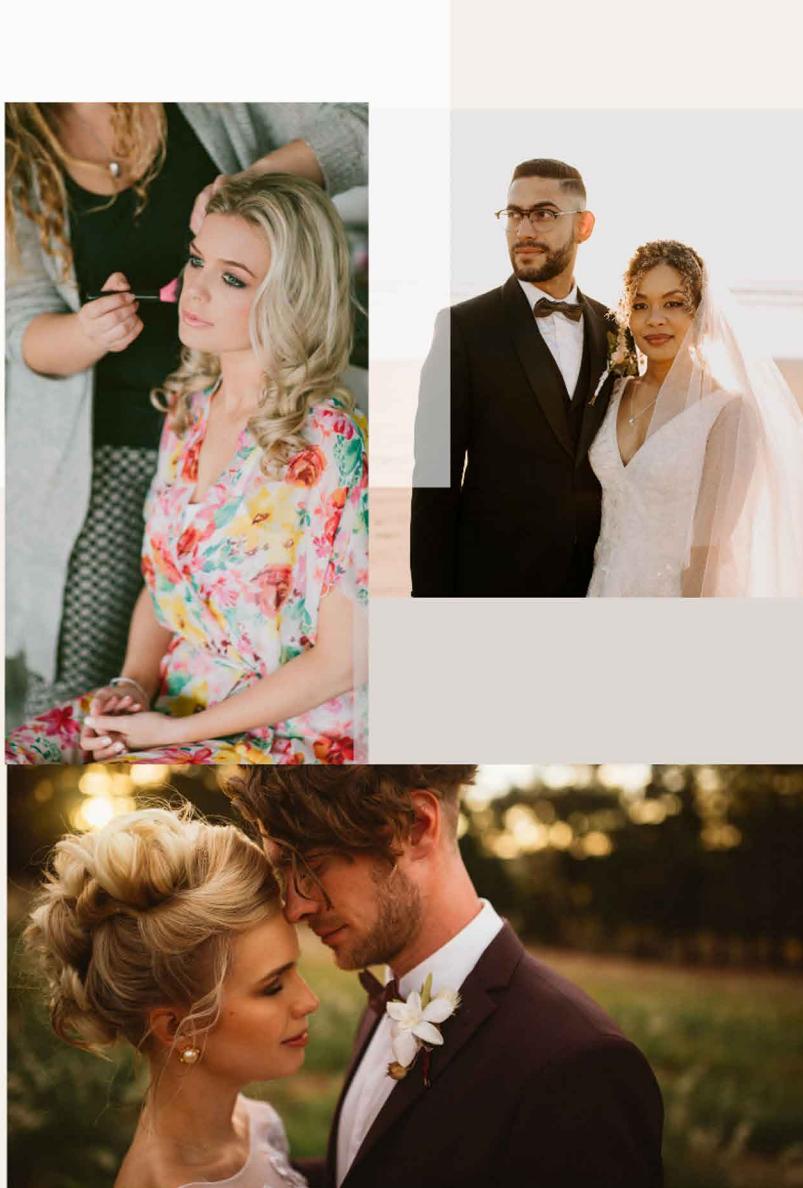
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"Nicole Grant is a mobile hair and make-up artist based in Cape Town. She specialises in beauty, fashion and bridal hair and make-up.

She studied at The Make-Up Issue in Kloof Street in 2009 and has been in the industry since then. Working with some of South Africa's top hair and make-up artists has taught her countless tricks of the trade and her style is natural and timeless. Having been in the industry for awhile, she has the experience and has done over 200 brides. Her ability to make sure you photograph beautifully is known in the industry.

Nicole believes that all women are beautiful in their own way and make-up can enhance their best features effortlessly. She is a perfectionist but has a very relaxed personality. Nicole will strive to make her clients not only look great but feel great too. If you want someone who is down to earth but fun to be around and listens to your every need, look no further!"



Jessica & Michael Wainwright



"With this hand I will lift your sorrows. Your cup will never empty, for I will be your wine. With this candle, I will light your way in darkness. With this ring, I ask you to be mine"

Tell us about how you met?

I first met my husband when we attended the same high school; he was a year ahead of me. Although we knew of each other, we were never friends during those years. Our paths crossed again in 2015 at a party, where we were formally introduced. It felt like fate, as this meeting marked the beginning of an incredible journey together. We quickly discovered a deep connection and shared interests, which sparked an undeniable chemistry. From that night on, our lives became intertwined, and what started as a chance encounter at a party turned into a lifelong partnership filled with love and shared dreams.

Tell us about your proposal?

At our son's first birthday party, surrounded by over 50 guests, my husband created a moment I'll never forget. Just after our little boy finished his adorable cake smash, my husband got down on one knee. Amid the joyful chaos, he asked me to make him the happiest man alive by becoming his wife. The surprise and emotion of the proposal in such a special setting, with family and friends all around, made it an unforgettable celebration of both our son's milestone and the beginning of our next chapter together.

What made you choose your venue?

I chose Green Leaves in Hartbeespoort as my wedding venue because it perfectly matched my vision of an outdoor ceremony. The venue's stunning natural setting, with its abundant sunshine, majestic trees, and breathtaking mountain views, provided the ideal backdrop for our special day. The enchanting scenery made it an easy decision, as it offered the serene and picturesque environment I had always dreamed of. Additionally, the exceptional quality of the food at Green Leaves played a significant role in my choice. Their deliciously incredible cuisine impressed us and ensured that our guests would enjoy a memorable dining experience. Overall, Green Leaves combined all the elements I desired, making it the perfect venue for our wedding.



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Venue: Green Leaves

Décor: NDMevents

Photographer & Videographer: Neon Productions

Music: Perfect Tone

Brides make up: Artistry by Paige

Hair: The Chateau (Green leaves)

Wedding Dress: Bride & Co Rivonia

Cake: Annie's Cake Boutique

Tell us about your photographers?

I chose Neon Productions for the photography and videography on our special day. Morgan, the lead photographer, stood out for her unique style and ability to capture natural, breathtaking moments. Her talent for utilizing the surroundings to enhance her shots made our photos truly special. Additionally, Morgan's friendly and comfortable approach put both my husband and me at ease, ensuring we felt relaxed throughout the day. Her exceptional skills and personable nature made Neon Productions the perfect choice to document our cherished memories.



Tell us about your dress?

My wedding dress from Bride & Co Rivonia was an unexpected yet perfect choice. It featured a breathtaking V-line design in clean white satin, a style I hadn't initially envisioned or dreamed of. However, it turned out to be the most beautiful dress that truly complemented my body, enhancing my natural elegance. The satin fabric flowed gracefully, adding a timeless touch of sophistication. The best part was the hidden pockets, a delightful and practical surprise that made me feel both elegant and modern. Wearing this dress, I felt an unparalleled sense of beauty and confidence, making my special day even more unforgettable.



What was your colour scheme?

I chose a color scheme of blush pink, sky blue, and eucalyptus green for my wedding, as these shades are light and beautifully natural. My bridesmaids wore elegant sky-blue dresses, complementing the serene atmosphere. The floral arrangements featured blush pink roses intertwined with lush greenery, creating a harmonious and fresh look. The combination of these colors evoked a sense of calm and sophistication, perfectly capturing the essence of our special day. The soft hues of blush pink and sky blue balanced beautifully with the earthy eucalyptus green.



Any budgeting advice for Brides-to-be?

When planning your wedding, start by researching venues that match your vision and only commit once you're comfortable with the price. Consider a buffet over plated meals for a more affordable and varied food selection. Opting for a cash bar instead of an open bar can significantly help with budgeting. To minimize waste, schedule the cake cutting before serving canapés, as cake is often left uneaten if served after the main course. Additionally, look for cost-effective options for decorations and flowers, and don't hesitate to ask friends and family for help to reduce expenses. Prioritize what matters most to you and be flexible in other areas to stay within your budget.



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Amber & Tayla

"In the flush of love's light, we dare be brave and suddenly we see that love costs all we are and will ever be. Yet it is only love which sets us free." Dr Angelou



Tell us about how you met?

I was on a trip to Durban from Joburg for a few months and wanted to make some new friends. It all started with a swipe right. We met on the Whale Bone Pier, or as Amber so affectionately calls it, 'The Blue Beach.' We had instant chemistry from the moment we locked eyes. We sat on the beach under the pier, getting to know each other with the background noise of waves crashing onto the rocks. Not long after that, we were seeing each other every day. I left to go back to Joburg after a month of us dating. During that month, we both got COVID and decided to isolate in an Airbnb together for 14 days. From those 14 days, we knew that we were perfect for each other. About five months after I left Durban, Amber took the leap and moved to Joburg. In December of 2022, we took a trip to Australia to visit my sister. I proposed to Amber at sunset on the most beautiful beach in Perth. And now we are here. It has been the best adventure of our lives thus far.

Tell us about your venue?

Finding the perfect wedding venue was one of the most difficult parts of planning our wedding. After viewing seven venues, we were ready to have a court ceremony and party afterward. But then, lucky number 8! The Silver Sixpence! We couldn't have chosen a better place for our special day. We drove from Joburg to Dullstroom to have a viewing and immediately fell completely in love with it. Lesley was so accommodating and helped us every step of the way! From beginning to end, it was a perfect fairytale. The brewery was the perfect place for our pre-wedding warmup party, with the fireplaces ablaze. Getting married under the canopy of trees in the middle of the forest was breathtaking, like something out of a dream. The fairy lights draping throughout the ceiling of the reception hall made us feel like we were in a movie. The accommodation was like a home away from home, and the heated blankets on the beds were the cherry on top, especially for a June wedding. The staff throughout the entire weekend made us feel so at ease; nothing was too much for them.



“The Silver Sixpence! We couldn’t have chosen a better place for our special day.”



Venue : The Silver Sixpence Wedding Venue : Lesley Drummond

Décor and Flowers : Flower Box SA : Susan Bothma

DJ : Shockwave Music : Hardus Vosloo

Photographer : Brightmoon Video & Photography : Denver Paulick

Cake : Cakery Dessert Kitchen : Marco Gaspar

Food : Thistles Catering : Bevvie Marais

Hair & Make Up : Blink Bridal & Beauty : Ashley

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Tell us about your photographers?

We were nervous about finding the perfect photographer. We asked Lesley to recommend someone, and she spoke so highly of Denver from Brightmoon. Amber and I are not natural in front of the camera; we are quite awkward. Denver made us feel so comfortable and at ease. He guided us on how to pose, making it easy to relax and be ourselves. As with most weddings, Amber and I were running late, which put Denver under some pressure, but he still ensured that everything went smoothly. We couldn't be happier with the pictures. They truly capture the essence of the immense love we share for each other.



How did the planning go?

There is so much that goes into wedding planning; things you never even think of become things you need to project and plan for. It's slow at first and very overwhelming, but once you find your venue, things start falling into place. You never feel like you are on top of everything, and there is always something that needs attention. As the wedding approaches, every weekend is spent ensuring every detail is perfect. But overall, I think our planning went well. We started well in advance, so if any hiccups arose, we had time to fix them before the wedding.



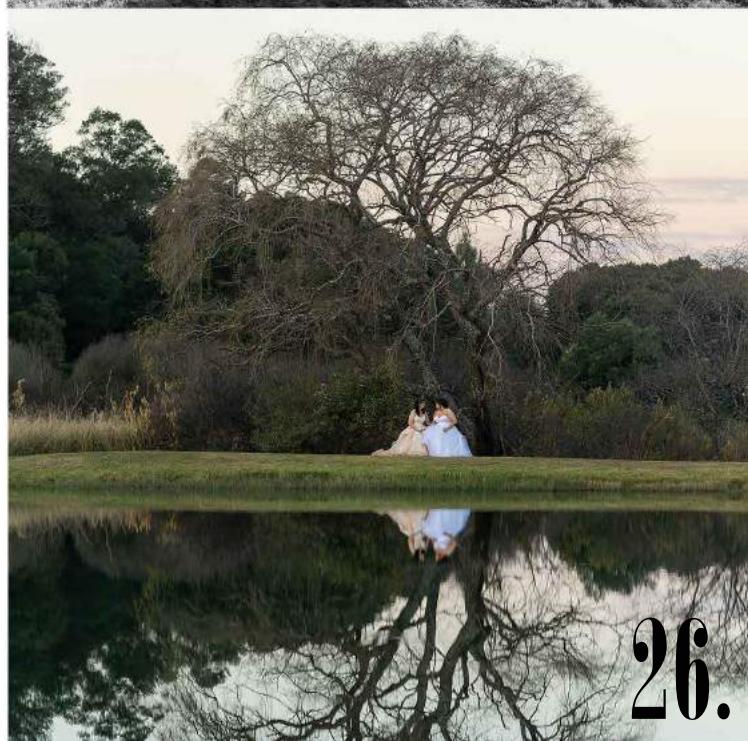
Did you stick within your budget? What cost more than expected?

We managed to stay very close to budget. There were a few unexpected expenses that pushed us over. We asked a lot of family members for advice on setting a wedding budget because we had no idea where to start. Amber is pretty good at staying organized and on top of things, so we could keep track of our spending. I think that is the most important part of trying to stay within your budget: keeping track of how much everything will cost.



Any tips for brides-to-be?

Choosing the venue is one of the most important yet difficult steps. You want to find a beautiful venue that is also willing to adapt and assist you wherever needed. Once the decision is made on where you are going to get married, everything starts to fall together.



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Established in 1991, the property is filled with history, from the Dairy Venue built by Italian prisoners of war in 1940, to the majestic Oak tree that once served as rest point for the Voortrekkers before crossing the flooded Juksei River. It sadly fell after a thunderstorm but pieces of the old trunk can still be seen memorialized in the garden.

Inspired by an old stone altar in an Oak Forest which has seen the marriage of five generations of Halse children on their beautiful family farm, a charming Chapel was built in the grove of Cottonwood trees. Having grown up on horseback, it also seemed obvious to include a horse-drawn carriage. So began the vision, the "one-stop" wedding venue. Over the years, the unique Summerhouse was completed, followed by the bridal suites and the Guest House. The old chicken run in which old Mrs Harrison grew her prized orchids, then became the beautiful Conservatory.

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the Homestead & Forest chapel

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the Summerhouse & Conservatory

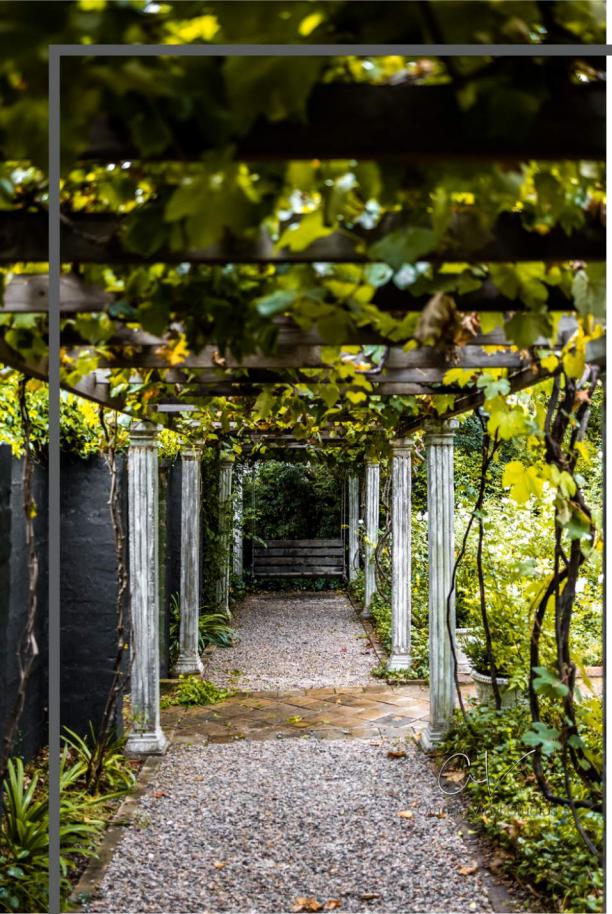
The SUMMERHOUSE venue paired with the CONSERVATORY CHAPEL is an intimate fusion of contemporary glass architecture set in an English country garden. The Summerhouse is a favourite due to the unique look of the venue. Crackling fires in the winter gives the venue a distinctive feel. Easily accommodating 120 or more of your closest family & friends. The Syringa tree that forms part of the venue has one foot inside and one outside, adding to the distinctive look of the venue.



the Dairy & Dairy chapel

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TULA BABA AFRICA
LODGE & VENUE



If you are looking for an exclusive family friendly getaway where you will be welcomed with true African hospitality then look no further than Tula Baba Guest Lodge.

Tula Baba Lodge is a sophisticated Lodge that has lovely entertainment and dining areas that overlook the bushveld and watering hole.

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The Lodge is managed by a family and they are supported by a dedicated team of staff that provides a highly personalized experience. Your comfort is our priority.

For weddings we offer our couples the luxury of choice – whether you are looking for an upmarket or a rustic styled wedding, or anything in between, we have you covered.

Tula Baba caterers for intimate weddings and functions for up to 120 guests.

Our idea is for our guests to come and enjoy a special occasion without a series of rules and hidden costs.





Tula Venue at Tula Baba Game Lodge offers the ultimate wedding destination in South-Africa. Tula Baba Game Lodge is situated on an intimate game farm in the bushveld in the North-West area. It is the ideal wedding location for a unique destination wedding, also perfect for an extended weekend away.

Our couple have various options from a full package done by our vibrant Wedding Planner Andrew, you bring your ideas, and he makes the magic happen. We also offer active packages for fully catered to self-catering weddings. Our Venue is ideal for a small intimate wedding of 10 to 30 guests or a festival celebration of maximum 100 guest. A stylish celebration in the Bushveld, surrounded by the beauty of nature and wildlife as you recite your vows. We offer their bridal couple a wedding of their dreams with a luxurious bridal and groom suite. We work closely with our couples to bring their vision to life, so they can truly enjoy the day with their guests and family.

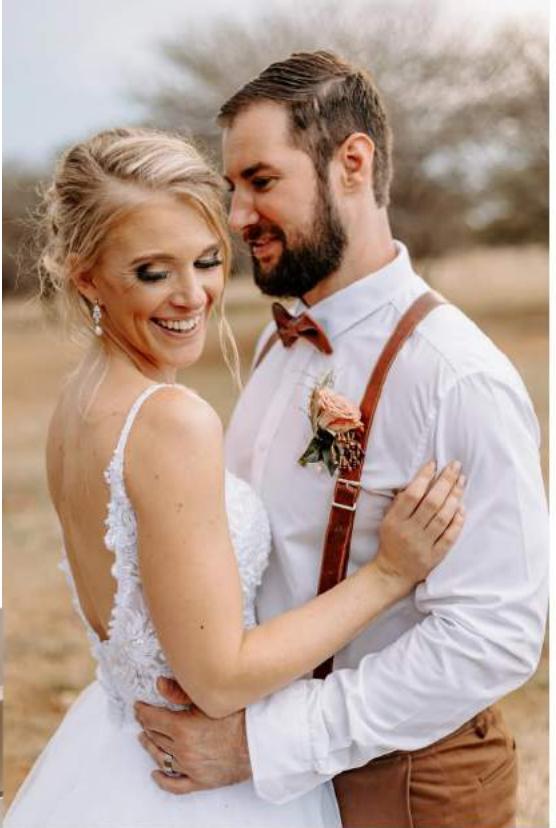
Tula Venue at Tula Baba Game Lodge believes that the focus of any celebration should be the enjoyment you share with your guests.

Tula Venue hosts weddings, corporate events, and milestone celebrations. This venue offers an elegant indoor facility offering a magical atmosphere for a stunning event. The Venue can comfortably accommodate 20 to 100 guests seated. Our Venue has immaculate finishes that gives a touch of elegance. We offer our couples an exclusive experience as we only host one function at a time. Our wedding Ceremonies are held in an open-air chapel under a beautiful Gazebo overlooking the bushveld with wildlife roaming past. Should the weather be a little wet we have a charming Chapel 4km from the Venue that will ensure our couple and their guest stay dry.

The Game Lodge has a Main Lodge that speaks for itself, when you walk into the front door the open plan entertainment area gives the WOW factor. Relaxing on the patios or enjoying a braai next to the pool. The main lodge has six bedrooms can sleep 12 guests and 5 additional cottages can accommodate 12 guests in total. Your wedding guest can stay over and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast the next morning. We have a few lovely accommodation options that provide additional place to stay for wedding parties and families.

Guests are greeted with a professional team. Andrew and his amazing team are available to assist our couple from the minute they arrive. We aim to exceed your expectation.







Lize & Hardus Maritz



"Two Trees"

A portion of your soul has been entwined with mine.

A gentle kind of togetherness,

While separately we stand.

*As two trees deeply rooted
in separate plots of ground,*

*While their topmost branches come together,
Forming a miracle of lace against the heavens."*

— Janet Miles

Psalm 146:5,6 and Jeremiah 17:7-8.

Lize's mother made a beautiful tree of macrame which we displayed at the front of the wedding ceremony and behind our table at the reception. It was made with hours of love and prayers, tediously tying knots and twisting the ropes. We see this as an excellent metaphor for how our marriage is put together and how we will continue to grow and learn together in life. Macrame flowers further filled the tables of the family at the reception.

How special was your proposal?

We spent a weekend on our favourite private nature reserve with our dogs and after a great morning walk while having some coffee, Hardus went on one knee and asked me (Lize) to marry him. It was just us in peaceful nature. A simple and private proposal, a perfect moment.

How did you settle on a wedding date?

Initially we planned on getting married in winter, we bought the dress in February 2023, but Lize suffered a hemorrhage and was unable to live life normally. After going through extensive rehabilitation spending all her energy in survival mode for about 6months we decided we didn't want to wait any longer and in December 2023 we planned a wedding for Friday February 2nd, 2024. The most important part of the day is that we marry each other, and in the presence of our God the holy trinity. We leave the zeros and ones for the computers and focus on 2, 3 and 4. 2 is Hardus's favourite number and 4 is Lize's favourite number. Our day is the 33rd day of 2024 and the year still has 333 days left. We planned an intimate and private wedding with only our parents and siblings.





“Wanitta’s won a photo of the day award for one of her photos at our wedding.”

Venue, food, bar: God's Gift Events

Photographer: Wanitta's Photography @wanittasphotography

Hair and make-up: Chantelle Meyer from “Stay Make Up and Beauty”

Groom flower pin from @meganthebird

Florist I can only assume was the venue's preferred supplier

@flowerblossweddings

Accommodation: White linen guesthouse

Officiator: Dr. Lieze Meiring

Attorneys: Stegmans Incorporated

Gifts: Honey from the farm Lekkerbreek where we got engaged.

What made you choose your venue?

We wanted a natural surrounding with a practical venue for a very close family ceremony and simple reception. We didn't want a traditional wedding and all the must-haves and should-haves. The location was to be safe and easily accessible to our family. There was sufficient accommodation very close by the venue to prevent any travelling at night.

The venue offered backup power for loadshedding (period of no electricity for two and a half hours), which started as I was about to walk down the aisle at 4pm. We wanted to get married on the specific date even though it was a Friday. The venue is a beautiful forest just outside of Pretoria. They offer their preferred suppliers and act as the host on the day. We did not appoint bridesmaids and groomsmen as the venue coordinated the setup and all the suppliers.

Tell us about your photographers?

Wanitta is a great photographer with a heart of gold. She is extremely talented and very intuitive. We worked very well together, more like a friend than a service provider. She won a photo of the day award for one of her photos at our wedding. She is highly recommended for all types of events and photography.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

The wedding dress is "Venus" from @brideandcosa. My mother bought my dress, it is a long sleeve dress since we initially planned to get married in winter. We loved the soft comfortable fit and flower patterns of the lace. Due to the long recovery after the injury, I didn't fit into the dress anymore and had to focus a lot of energy to get healthy in time for the wedding and to fit into the dress again!

What food did you have?

A German Beerfest with variety of German breads for starters served with Spundekls (paprika-onion dip) and Luckelesks (cottage cheese, sour cream, chives, dill, caraway). For mains we had Eisbein (served off the bone), chicken schnitzel, Nurnberger Bratwurst (German sausage) with sides of Speise kartoffeln salad (warm potato salad with cumin), Mohrengegemuse (creamy carrot dish) and Sauerkraut (German fermented cabbage dish). For dessert we had German waffles served with hot cherries and ice cream. The food was excellent.

Did you go on honeymoon?

We went to the Northern Drakensberg to spend time together in nature and to do some hiking. Starting in Clarens followed by Golden Gate Highlands National Park, we completed several great hikes. Ending our trip at Cathedral Peak hotel, which was recommended to us by our good friends. We also enjoyed some more great hiking at Royal Natal national park where we'd love to return to in future.



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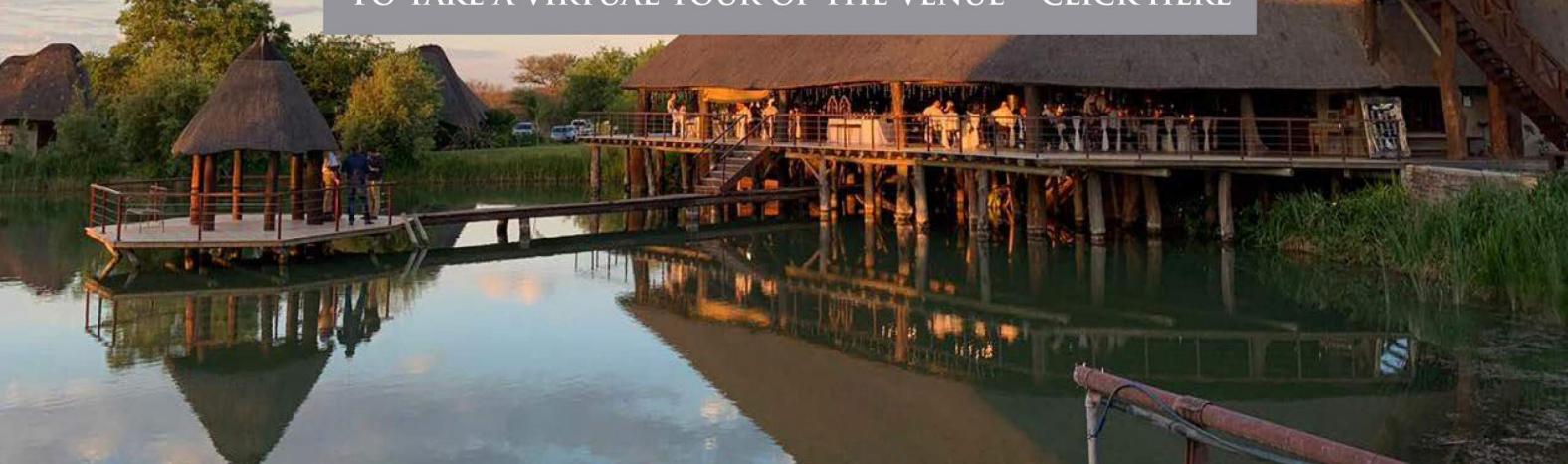
"We take photos as return ticket to a moment otherwise gone"



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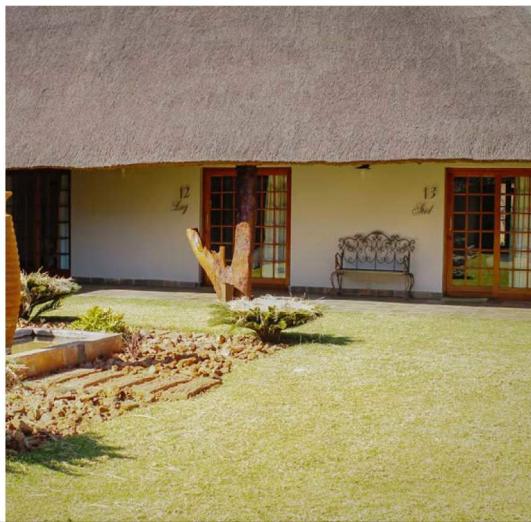
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Suhanri & Johan Emmenis



"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

Tell us about your love story?

It all started at Makro on a seemingly ordinary day. My mom and I were there to buy paints when suddenly, candles fell. It was a small incident, but it led to a moment that changed our lives forever.

Amidst the commotion, I saw you for the first time. It was truly love at first sight. There was something magical about that moment that I can't quite put into words. Later that night, unable to get you out of my mind, I decided to send you a message on Facebook. I asked if you were a packer or a manager, trying to break the ice in the simplest way I could think of.

The following day, I invited him to my house for coffee. We had so many things to talk about, especially since we both attended the same school.

That message was the beginning of everything. From that small, seemingly inconsequential question, a beautiful relationship blossomed. Every moment since then has been filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories.

We both decided that we want to have two children. I am grateful every day for that day at Makro, for the falling candles, and for the courage to send that message. Our love story is unique and special, and I look forward to many more chapters together.

How many venues did you consider?

We only needed to view one venue. As soon as we saw it, we knew it was the perfect place for us to get married. Just like that first moment at Makro, we felt an instant connection and knew it was meant to be.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

My Blue by Enzoani dress was so perfect and beautiful. It had very thin straps adorned with small cubic stones, an open back, and intricate detailing in the front. The long slope at the back added a touch of elegance and grace that made me feel like a princess.

Wearing that dress made me feel not only beautiful but also deeply connected to the magic of our day. It was a reminder of how everything fell into place, much like our journey together—from that first meeting at Makro to the moment we decided on our dream wedding venue. Every detail of that day felt like it was meant to be, just as we were meant to find each other.

I cherish these memories and look forward to many more moments that remind us of the love and happiness we share. Thank you for being my partner, my love, and my best friend.



“My Blue by Enzoani dress was so perfect and beautiful.”



Venue: Mystical Woods
Flowers – Multiflora Johannesburg
Photography – Photography by Marco
Dress – Enzoani

Tell us about your photographers?

Looking back on our wedding day, I am filled with such gratitude for every detail that made it perfect, especially our photographers. They were truly exceptional at capturing each and every special moment, ensuring that every cherished memory was beautifully preserved. From the tender moments we shared during the ceremony to the joyous celebration with our loved ones, they were there, skillfully capturing the essence of our day.

I cannot emphasize enough how wonderful they were in documenting our story. Their professionalism and passion for their craft were evident in every shot. They managed to capture not just the images but the emotions—the love, the laughter, and the sheer happiness that filled the air.

I would wholeheartedly recommend them to anyone seeking photographers who not only take stunning photographs but also understand how to capture the heart and soul of an occasion. They played such an integral role in making our day unforgettable, and for that, we are truly grateful.

What food did you have?

Reflecting on our wedding day fills me with such joy, especially when I think about how everything came together so beautifully, including our delightful harvest table. It truly became the centerpiece that brought everyone together, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Our guests gathered around, enjoying not only the delicious food but also the laughter that filled the air.

The menu was a true delight, offering a choice of both beef and chicken as the main meats, ensuring there was something to please every palate. The dishes were prepared with such care and attention to detail, reflecting the love and effort put into every aspect of our day. Alongside the Savoury mains, the fresh salad provided a refreshing complement, while the delightful pumpkin fritters became an instant favourite among our guests.

Of course, no celebration is complete without dessert, and ours was nothing short of spectacular. The rich chocolate pudding added a decadent note to the meal, while the unique doughnut cake stole the show with its delicious flavours. It was the perfect sweet ending to a perfect meal, leaving everyone with smiles on their faces and hearts full of happiness.

Any tips for brides to be?

Plan Ahead: Start planning as early as possible. This helps reduce stress and ensures you get the venue and vendors you want.

Set a Budget: Decide on a budget and stick to it. Prioritize what's most important to you and allocate your funds accordingly.

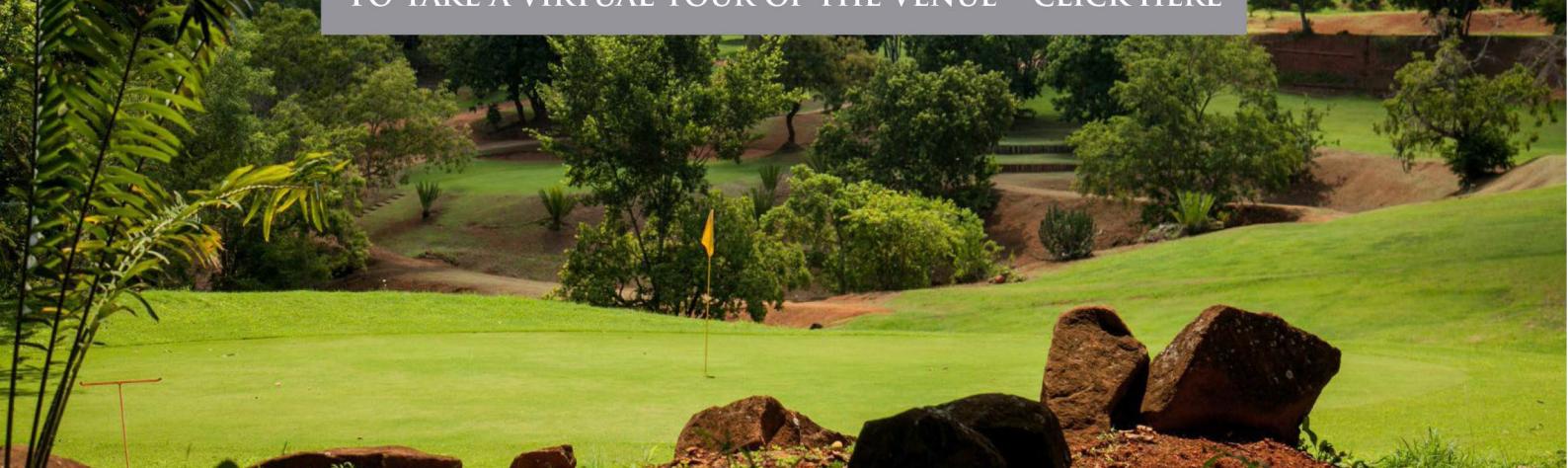
Stay Organized: Keep a wedding planner or a digital organizer to track tasks, appointments, and payments.





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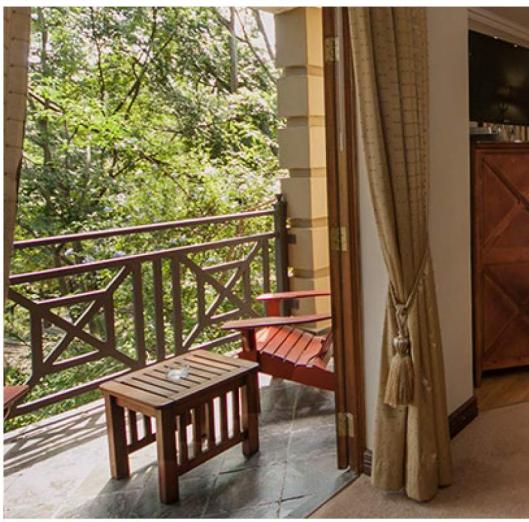
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Simoné & Johan Pretorius



"Two are better than one, for if they fall, one will lift up the other."
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Tell us about your proposal?

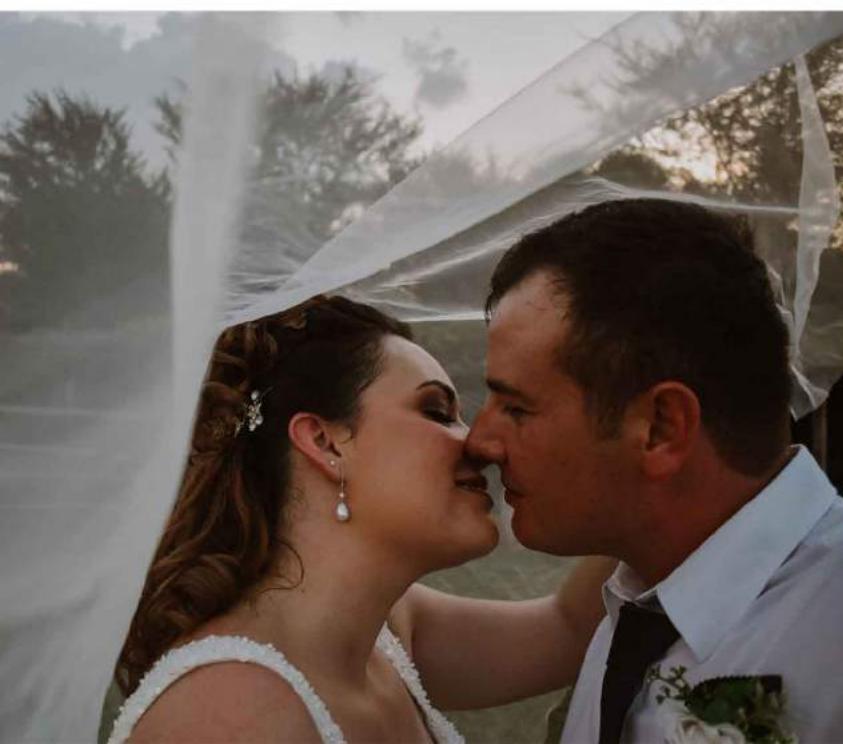
From the moment I met my husband I knew I was going to marry this man one day. He was taking way too long to "pop" the question, so I decided to take matters into my own hand. Luckily, it was also in my favour that it was a leap year. So, I asked his parents' permission and bought a ring. On July 25th, 2020, we were lying in bed, just talking about our day and I nervously just asked "Will you marry me?" He turned to me and said, "Am I not the one supposed to ask the question?" For a moment I thought that it was not going as I had planned, but then he smiled and said, "Of course I will" and I immediately just started crying, because for a moment I really started panicking. It was not something fancy or expensive, but it was an incredibly special moment for us.

Tell us about your venue?

Our venue was Zakopane Country Village in Brits, Northwest. I instantly fell in love with the venue the first time I saw it. With its beautiful gardens and cute little chapel.

Who did your decor and flowers?

The Décor was a DIY kind of situation. With the help of my mother and a few friends the venue looked great. Daisy flowers in Brits, Northwest did my flowers. They did a perfect job and I loved everything about it.



“I instantly fell in love with the venue the first time I saw it.”



Venue: Zakopane Country Village, Brits

Make-up: Beauty by Chanteléze, Brits (Chanteléze)

Hair: The Modern Cut, Brits (Melanie)

Photographer: Groete vir Sproete (Suzanne)

Dress: Lily Fields

Bridesmaid Dresses: Shein

Flowers: Daisy Flowers, Brits

DJ: Ryno Le Roux

Wedding Cake: YJDMpire, Rustenburg

Tell us about your photographers?

My photographer was Suzanne van der Berg from Groete vir Sproete. She did an amazing job and I absolutely love the photos.

Who was in your bridal party?

My best friend Kiara, who kept me sane with the whole wedding planning. If it weren't for her, I would be in a madhouse right now LOL. And a dear friend Enge that also was a tremendous help on everything.

Any handy tips for brides-to-be?

At the end all the worrying, stressing and "bridezilla-ing" will not matter. If you have your man by your side, you will be okay. Enjoy every moment of the planning and take in EVERY moment of your wedding day, because it goes by so fast.





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Junior & Geraldine van Niekerk



"Marriage is not I give 50% you give 50% marriage is we both give 100%.."

Tell us about your love story?

We were friends for 10 years, just friends. We then moved in together keeping things platonic. After two years of living together we decided to take our relationship to the next level and started dating in May 2021. We quickly realized that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together as we are truly best friends. Three months later on 27 August 2021 we got engaged, and less than a year later on 06 August 2022 we promised forever to each other in front of God and all our family and friends.

How many venues did you consider?

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What made you choose your venue?

The beautiful scenery





“Enjoy every moment including the planning because the day goes by so fast.”

Venue - Naftali estate
Décor and Flowers - Tent rent Upington
Photography - Liz-Marie Marais photography
Catering - Honey blue catering
Thank you presents - Joncoll Kakamas.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

I tried on so many pretty dresses and had such a lovely experience with a lot of vendors but in the end, I found my dream dress. A beautiful bridal manor dress with long lace sleeves and lace bodice and a silk skirt, and it has pockets!!!

Tell us about your photographers?

She is so kind and has a bubbly personality which suited us. She took her time to get the perfect shot. She also includes an engagement shoot in her wedding package as well as add On's like a photobook.

What food did you have?

Main course:

Spit braai
Braai broodjies
Potato salad
Green salad

Dessert:

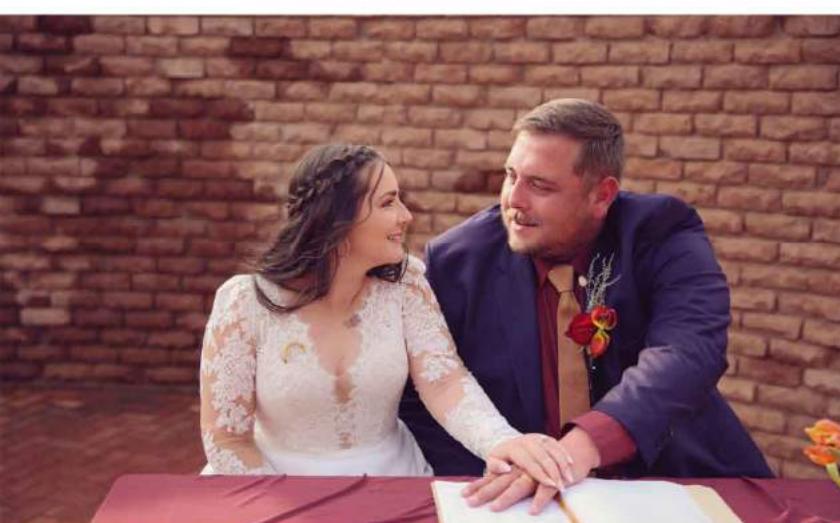
Lemmingtons
Cupcakes



Any tips for brides-to-be?

Do not stress

Enjoy every moment including the planning because the day of everything goes by so fast.



Danica & Michael Anthony



Tell us about how you met?

We met in August 2020 through Danica's mom's cousin. Michael and Marco played Golf together at the Gilloolys Golf Range. Marco thought we would be a perfect match and passed my contact number to Michael. Marco's words were that "Michael is the salt of the Earth" and his match making skills worked. After 3 months of chatting through the COVID pandemic, we finally met up for a date at Mythos in Bedfordview in August 2020.

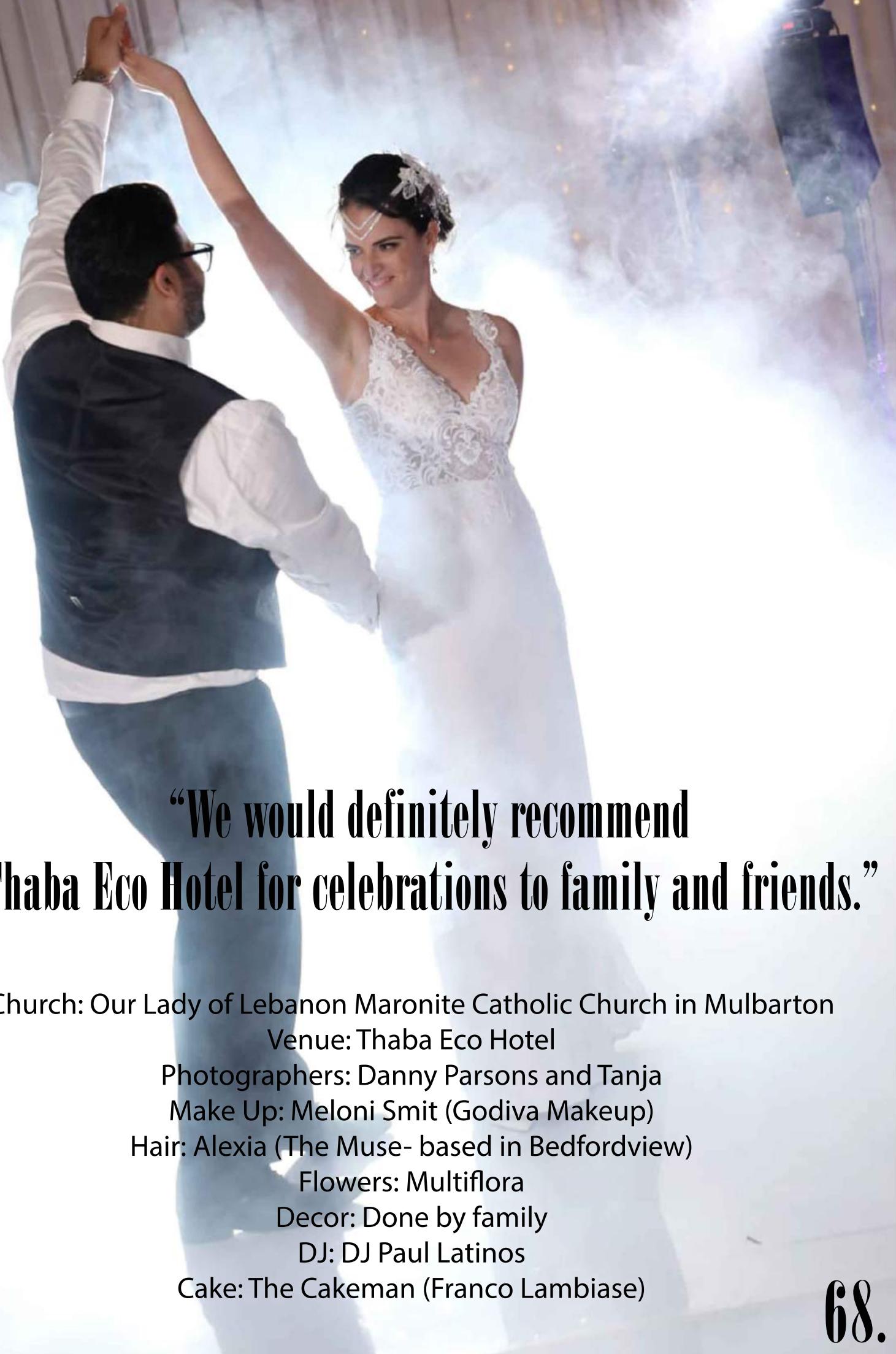
Tell us about your proposal?

Michael decided to "pop" the question by first inviting my parents for coffee and asking their permission and for a blessing. Our families struggled to keep this a surprise for me, but they managed. On our 2-year anniversary on the 14 August 2022, Michael asked me to marry him in the most special place, in the garden of the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Mulbarton (Johannesburg South). Our close family was present on this special occasion and following the proposal, we had our rings blessed by Father Fady and Father Jean. We then had a joyous and celebratory lunch at the Italian Club in Bedfordview, Settebello.

What made you choose your venue?

We got married at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church on the 20 April 2024. I got ready at Thaba Eco Hotel in the South of Johannesburg, proceeded to the church and we all went back to Thaba for the Wedding Reception. The venue was near the church, and we really enjoyed the vibe and nature that the venue gave us when we went to view it. After booking Thaba, we were invited for food tasting, which was out of this world, absolutely amazing. We were assigned to a wonderful lady, Hazel, who ensured everything was taken care of and we were left stress-free. Her expertise and organisation in events were incredible. Everything was well organised and everything ran smoothly on the day of the wedding. We would definitely recommend this venue for celebrations to family and friends.





**“We would definitely recommend
Thaba Eco Hotel for celebrations to family and friends.”**

Church: Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Mulbarton

Venue: Thaba Eco Hotel

Photographers: Danny Parsons and Tanja

Make Up: Meloni Smit (Godiva Makeup)

Hair: Alexia (The Muse- based in Bedfordview)

Flowers: Multiflora

Decor: Done by family

DJ: DJ Paul Latinos

Cake: The Cakeman (Franco Lambiase)

Tell us about your photographers?

Danny Parsons and Tanja were our photographers for the day and Arnaldo Mandel was our videographer. They were well organised and worked well as a team as they all knew each other. We were impressed with their professionalism, punctuality, and amazing work. We would definitely recommend them to friends and family.



Tell us about your dress?

I bought my dress from Bride and Co. It was designed by an American designer by the name of Viola Chan. I fell in love with the first dress I tried on, but I gave a few more a chance before making my decision. After buying the dress, we added the overskirt and the detachable sleeves.



What was your colour scheme?

The colour scheme was White, Navy and Silver.





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