

# Real Brides

A bride with dark hair and a floral crown stands in a white lace wedding dress, holding a large bouquet of blue hydrangeas, white roses, and greenery. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a light-colored wall with horizontal blinds.

South Africa's Exciting  
Wedding Magazine

August 2022

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# TOP WEDDING VENUES

One of the most important decisions you will have to make when planning your wedding is to choose your venue.



Your choice of venue will help you determine a multitude of important factors such as a theme, number of guests, décor, food and drink and accommodation requirements.

In this edition we feature and highlight a number of top wedding venues that are rated as some of the top wedding venues in South Africa.

Doing your research and looking for the right place to host your wedding is time-consuming and can be a difficult task because there are literally hundreds of venues to choose from countrywide.

TOP WEDDING VENUES provides:

- A full overview of the venue
- Great photos of the venue
- A link to a virtual tour of the venue or to their website

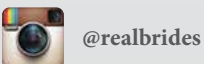
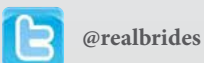
To help you with your planning, Real Brides has launched a new series named TOP WEDDING VENUES.

Top venues featured in this issue of Real Brides will be branded with the TOP WEDDING VENUE emblem above



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# Exciting competition is launched

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## HOW TO ENTER

Entering the competition is simple  
Just name one of the Top Wedding Venues featured in this edition.

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All correct entries will go into a draw.  
The first two correct entries draw will each win a R1000 gift hamper

The winners of the July competition are:

**Natascha Watson**  
**Chloe Robyn Lynch**

The August winners will be announced in the September edition of Real Bride.

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# CATHERINE & BRIAN DE BEER



*The beach, winelands and vintage cars, what more could you ask for!*

## **When and how did you and Brian Meet?**

We were neighbours in our university residence, Academia, for three years. From the first moment we met, let's just say we both decided quite adamantly we weren't interested! But two months later on a night out with mutual friends, something clicked between us. We fell in love and have been together ever since.

## **Tell us about your proposal?**

He proposed to me in Mauritius! We swam out to a small island off the mainland - unbeknownst to me the ring was hidden in the GoPro battery pouch and I had no idea he was carrying the battery in his hand – no wonder he was reluctant to go under the water! While he was setting up the GoPro for photos, he ended up on one knee and asked me to be his wife!

## **How many months before your wedding date did you start planning?**

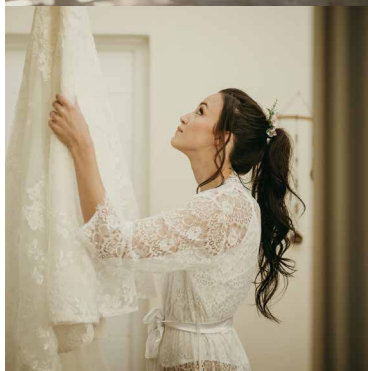
Our wedding was unfortunately quite badly affected by the COVID restrictions so what was originally a 1.5 year planning journey turned into something that lasted another 2 years!! South Africa went into full lock-down about 3 weeks before our original planned wedding on 4 April 2020. After postponing our large wedding for a second time from 4 April 2020 to 10 October 2020 to 3 April 2021, we decided to elope with our closest family and friends on 10 October 2020. We then had to postpone the 3 April 2021 wedding again because of COVID-restrictions only finally to have our special renewal of vows celebration on 2 April 2022 with all our dearest family and friends!

## **What was your favourite part of planning?**

Probably not answering the question but my favourite part of planning was on the day of the wedding seeing all the hard work come together and be even more than I ever imagined.

## **Why did you choose your venue?**

We picked Cape Point Vineyards for the perfect balance between vineyards, ocean views, mountains and natural beauty. The food there is also really good.







*“Mighty Fine  
are extraordinary!”*

*Wedding coordinator: Nu Experiences  
Photographer/Videographer: Mighty Fine  
One-line drawing guest favours: Olive & Arrow Creative  
Venue and Food: Cape Point Vineyards  
Dessert: Crumb Cakes by Anmar  
DJ: That DJ Guy  
Decor and Flowers: Authentic Planning  
Coffee Bar: JEM Coffee  
Dress: Veil Bridal Couture  
Car: Zonneveld*



**Tell us about your photographer?**

We used Mighty Fine for our engagement shoot and April 2022 wedding celebration. They are extraordinary! The photos and videos they take are truly magical - and the personalities of the photographers are just a cherry on top of the sensational work they do.

**What vintage car did you use?**

We were originally supposed to have a 1964 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III but on the day, ended up with a beautiful 1960 Bentley S2. Absolutely stunning!

**Tell us more about your food?**

We had the most exquisite food. The chef at Cape Point Vineyards did such a fantastic job with the canapes, starters and mains. We had everything - pork, prawns, lamb, and vegetarian options. Our desserts were made by the incredibly talented Crumb Cakes. We had the most spectacular assortment of filled doughnuts and tarts.

**How did you feel when you said I do?**

It was really special for both of us when we officially got married in October 2020. With everything that was happening in the country and across the world at that time with COVID, it truly was a very special moment - almost a relief that we got the chance to. It felt even more special in April 2022 to renew our vows because we were able to have all our special friends and family there.

**Any advice to brides to be?**

Don't sweat the small stuff. I have quite a neurotic personality so I tend to obsess over every little thing - your guests aren't going to remember most of what you are spending so much time perfecting. Atmosphere, food, music are some things to focus on but never forget the true sense of why you are getting married and enjoy every moment.





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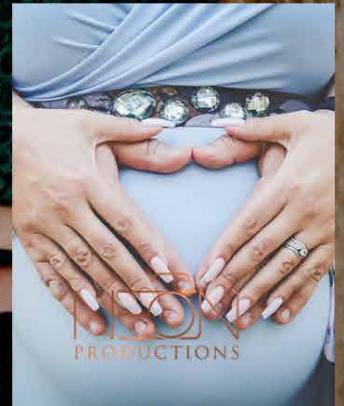


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## Goedgeleven

Goedgeleven is nestled in between scenic farmlands and situated just outside Durbanville, about 200m past the “Lichtenburg / Paarl – R312” turnoff on the Klipheuwel road

The host Charmaine Gouws has more than 25 years in the wedding industry and brings their passion to life at Goedgeleven.

Goedgeleven started as a small family owned business where brides came for their wedding stationery and decor ideas.

With many of the brides returning stating: “no one could implement the ideas”, Charmaine started bringing the bride’s dreams to reality by commuting from venue to venue, doing the decor and flowers, while at the same time co-ordinating the wedding on the day and at the respective venue’s.

Amongst the services offered is a quaint little chapel for intimate weddings that can comfortably seat 80 to 100 guests.

With the side doors of the chapel able to slide open, we can bring the tranquility of the garden and pond “into” the chapel and make the wedding ceremony even so much more picturesque.

The reception hall can comfortably seat 150 guests and with glass doors opening onto the pond, it allows for spectacular views over the water and landscaped gardens with views of surrounding farms all around.

Centre of the hall offers a comfortable sized dancefloor, under a customised fairy light and floral coronation ring, which again was made specially for unique photo opportunities.



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**TOP VENUE**  
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*Goedgeleven*





With an inhouse DJ that sits one level above, with a birds eye view over the hall and dance floor, he ensures that the event is at all times filled with clients customized playlists while still accessible for special requests, creating so much more memorable moments.

Goedgeleven offers events and special occasions for groups between 40 – 250 guests, which comprises weddings, funerals, birthday parties, christenings to big corporate events and NPO benefits as well, all whilst supporting local business and in particular Alta Du Toit Children's Home.

Our catering is of the highest standards and quality with Chefs Stefan & Ryan doing our in-house catering, thus ensuring that no guest is ever left unsatisfied.

They create visually and palate pleasing menus as well as individualized desserts placed on a multi layered dessert table, enticing even the non-dessert lover to try a taste or two.

Our beautiful gardens contribute towards the elegance of the function and the pallet furniture and cushions allow our guests to sit and enjoy their drinks and canapés.

At night we light the outside fire pits and the air is filled with wood aromas, with the outside fairy lights lit the venue becomes a truly spectacular picture with reflections on the water.



Your host  
Charmaine Gouws



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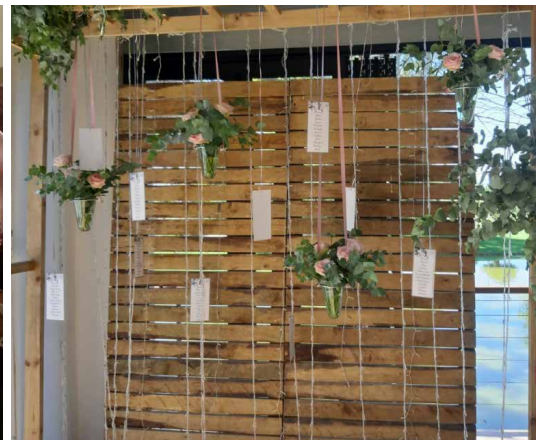
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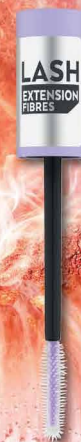
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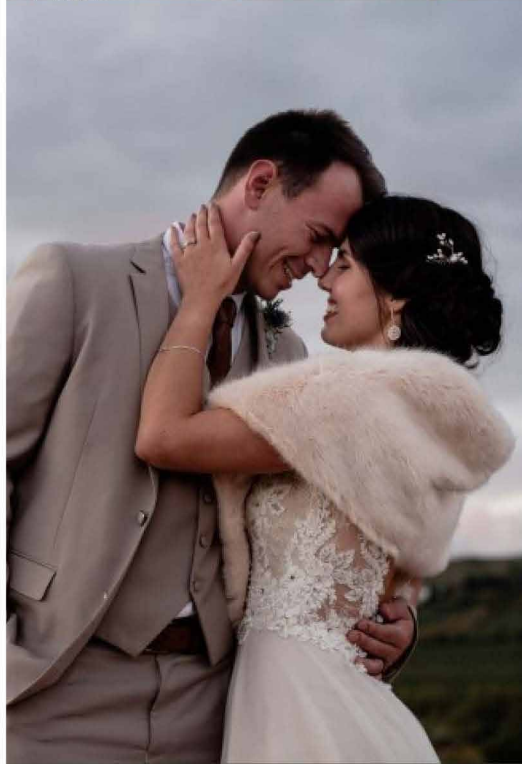
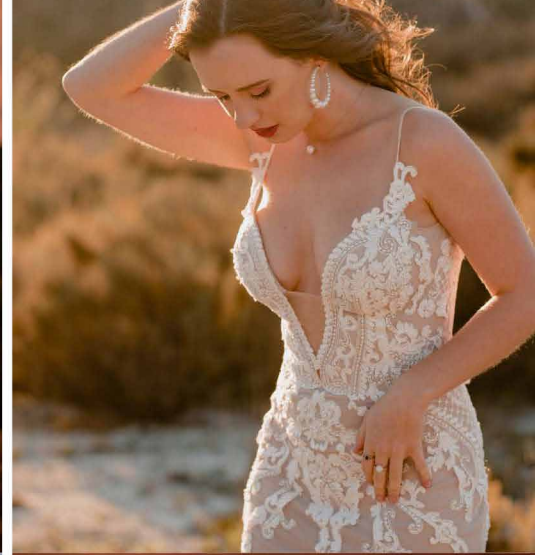
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# ANGIE & LEROY SWANEPOEL



## Sunset Silhouettes...

### Please tell us about your Love story?

We are happy to share our "love story" with you as the proposal came as a complete surprise to many, including me. Although our lives were full and rich in many ways, we both felt something was missing. As all love stories should be sweet and tender, ours meets the brief.

Angie's version: On the 20th January 2021, I received a Facebook friend request from LeRoy which I duly accepted. We started chatting on Messenger. I was not looking for a relationship but more for friendship. He asked me out on a coffee date the following day. I was very busy at work so opted to meet him for coffee 2 weeks later. LeRoy was not having any of that and convinced me to have breakfast with him, 4 days later, at the Kidds Beach Tearoom. I met a man who made me laugh and found my sarcasm adorable. We have been inseparable since then. Best decision we ever made. We have both had our share of heartache and heartbreak, now was the time for our happy ever after.

### LeRoy's version:

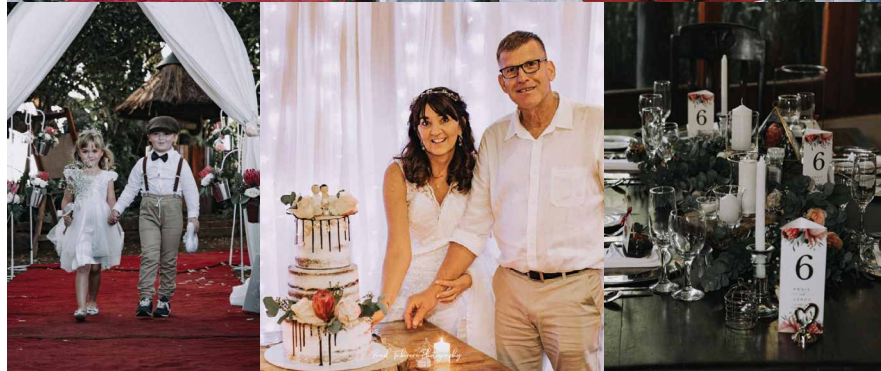
I was browsing Facebook "People you may Know" and all of a sudden I came across a photo of the most beautiful woman. I decided there and then, this is the person I want to meet. Angie did not make it easy..... But I persevered. I do not take NO for an answer. Our first date was breakfast at the Kidds Beach Tearoom. After meeting Angie, I had made up my mind that this is the woman I want to spend the rest of my life with and marry. Ever since that day, we spend all our time together. I could not wait to do life with her... We each met our person. This verse reflects our love story: "He makes all things beautiful in His time".

### How many dresses did you try on until you found "the" one?

The first one I tried on was THE ONE. I tried on 4 dresses in total but kept coming back to the first one.

### What was your favourite part of your big day?

The whole day was so beautiful but walking down the aisle and seeing my man in absolute tears, made me realise just how much he loved me. Both my sons were part of the wedding party, and their speech touched my heart deeply. I am blessed with 3 wonderful men in my life





*“On the day of the wedding, Rhino decided to photobomb our wedding shoot!”*



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Bride's Shoes: Opari  
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Venue & Catering: Inkwenkwezi Private Game Res  
Wedding Co-Ordinator: Tamaryn Sliker From Inkwenkwezi Pvt Game Reserve  
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Flowers: Wimpie's Flower Yard  
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Dj & Live Performer: Niven Markus  
Officiator: Forever & Always – Mark Dickinson*



### Who was part of your bridal party?

Maid of Honor -Ronel Botha (not only my older sister, but my best friend)

Best Man -Billy Hayes (not only a good friend, but a brother by marriage. He is married to LeRoy's sister, Lesley)

Bridesmaid -Brittany Boone (the girlfriend of Angie's youngest son, Joshua)

Groomsman -Josh Grant (Angie's youngest son, Joshie (22) declined the offer to be flower boy. He did, however, agree to be a groomsman.

Master of Ceremonies -Kallan Grant (Angie's oldest son, Kallan (24), also declined the offer to be a flower boy. However, he generously agreed to be our MC for the night. He also agreed to walk his mom down the aisle and "give her away". Their bodyguard duties had come to an end.

Ring Bearer/ Pageboy -Kylo Openshaw (Angie's cousin Jess's youngest son (5))

Flower Girl -Isabella Ehlers (Angie's niece (5))

### How and why did you choose your bouquet?

Our wedding theme was rustic but elegant and the protea seemed the obvious choice. Our wedding stationery carried the theme further with proteas and pennygum. I opted for pink roses in remembrance of our mums as they loved pink roses.

### How many guests?

75

### Tell us more about your food?

Whilst photos were being taken, the guests were treated to snack platters and drinks.

Starters was vegetable soup served with croutons and home-baked bread, coleslaw, green salad

Main Course was roast topside of beef, roast leg of pork, roast herbed venison, mild chicken curry, pork casserole, roast chicken portions, glazed carrots, cauliflower with cheese sauce, caramel pumpkin, peas, savoury rice, roast potatoes served with brown onion gravy or mushroom sauce

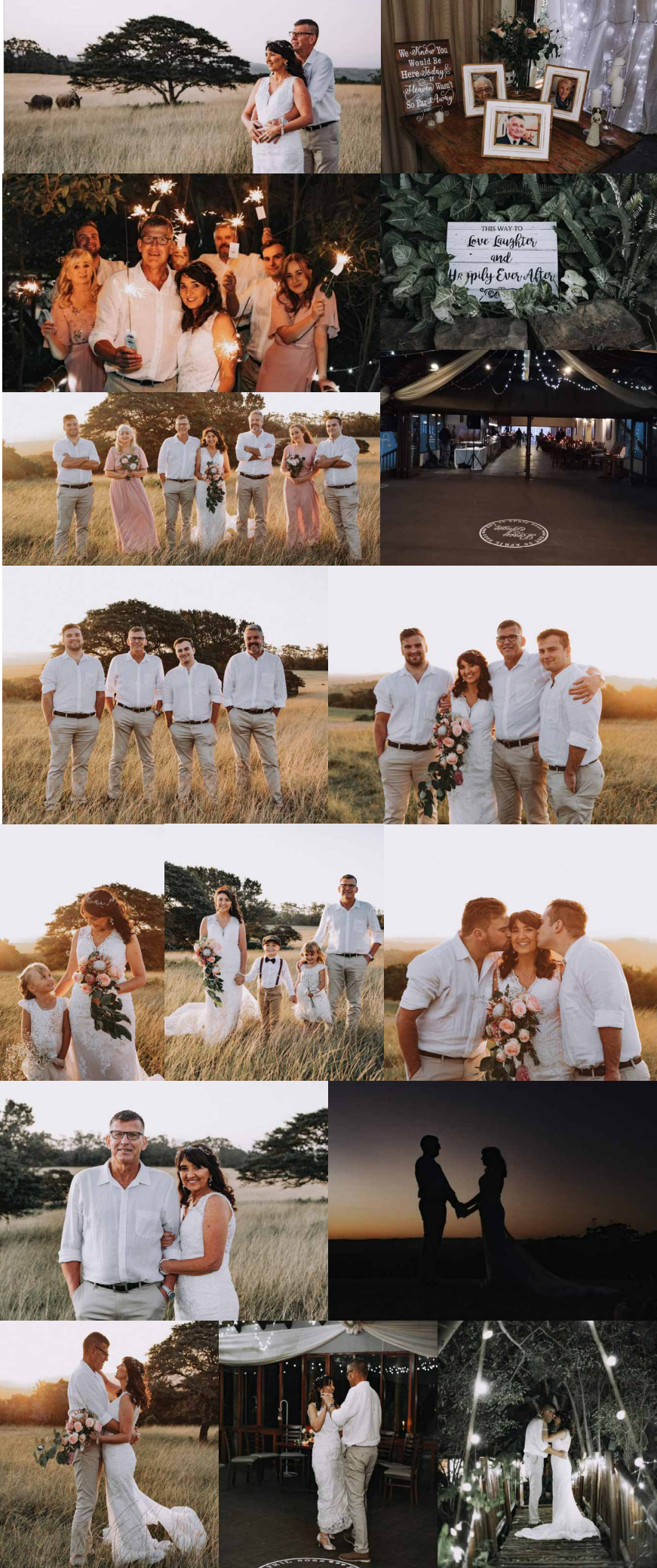
Dessert was malva pudding with custard, ice cream and chocolate sauce and wedding cake (chocolate, red velvet and carrot cake)

### Why did you choose your venue, and what was your favourite part of the venue?

LeRoy wanted an outdoor wedding and Inkwenkwezi Private Game Reserve was one of our options. We went to look at the venue and we both felt it was perfect. On the day of the wedding, Rhino decided to photobomb our wedding shoot!! We were so blessed. The lighting was great and the grasslands were golden in the fading light. Absolutely stunning.

### Any advice to brides to be?

Don't ever stop working on your marriage. No matter how good things may get, or how bad things may seem, just keep working at it. Always try to make it better than it is right now. Keep loving your husband and enjoying life together. Don't sweat the small stuff on your wedding day. If there are any mishaps, just go with it. No one will even notice. It is YOUR day. Enjoy it.





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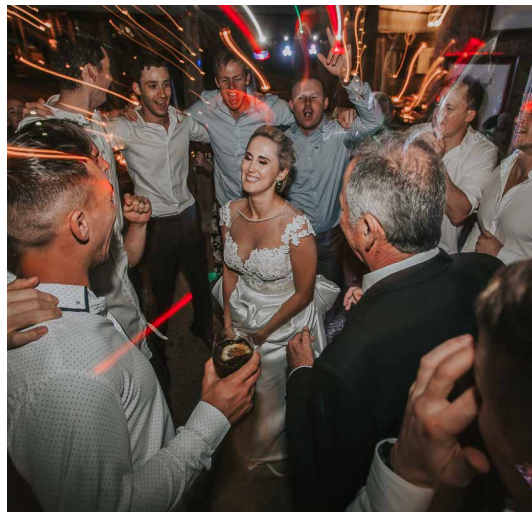
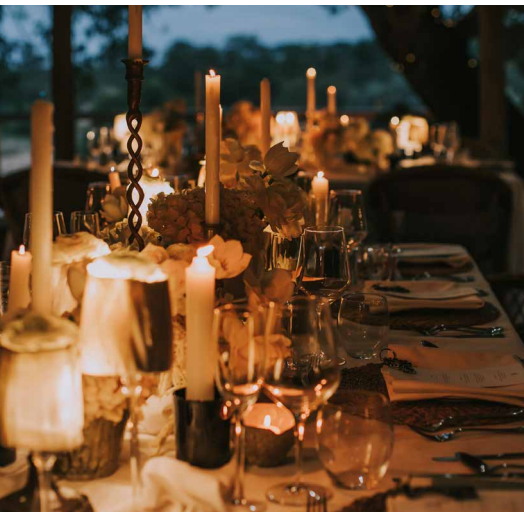
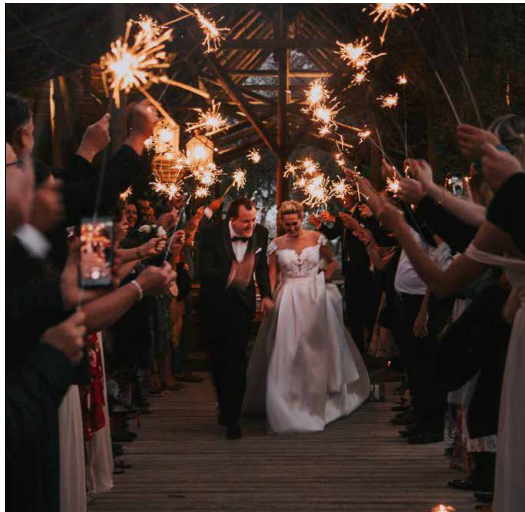
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Your choice of venue sets the tone for your event.

Perhaps you picture yourself saying your vows under the shadow of an acacia tree amid the vast open savannah that is Africa.

Maybe you prefer a more secluded ceremony in a dry riverbed with only an audience of whatever wildlife happens to be passing by.

Perhaps you'd choose the sublime luxury of your lodge surroundings – whatever your choice, Thornybush will make your day picture-perfect.

### “I do” at sunrise

It may seem a little on the untraditional side, but sunrise is the most magical time of the day in the bush. Imagine waking up with the morning chorus, being whisked away in your private vehicle to a magical spot deep in the African bush – just the two of you, binding your lives in a private elopement as Africa welcomes in a new day.

### “I do” at sunset

One of our most popular wedding setups, which is able to accommodate bigger groups and a much more lavish affair. Spend the afternoon in the camp getting ready, while your guests enjoy a game drive to your secret wedding location. We'll set up a bush bar, adorn your altar and wait for your arrival as the African sun dips into a golden hue. We couldn't think of a better way to usher in your “I do”, ultimately customized by you.

### “I do” at the lodge

Perhaps a bush wedding isn't quite what you're after, but you still dream of the magnificent backdrop of the African bush. Choose any one of our lodges as your wedding venue and we'll take care of the rest. With beautiful views over the Monwana river beds, and watering holes teeming with wildlife; your wedding at our lodges is the perfect African-metropolitan affair. All wedding receptions will take place at our lodges, but if you are after a purely African experience we are happy to envision a reception under the stars.



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There are not many wedding venues that allow for watching elephants in the morning and dancing under the stars that night.

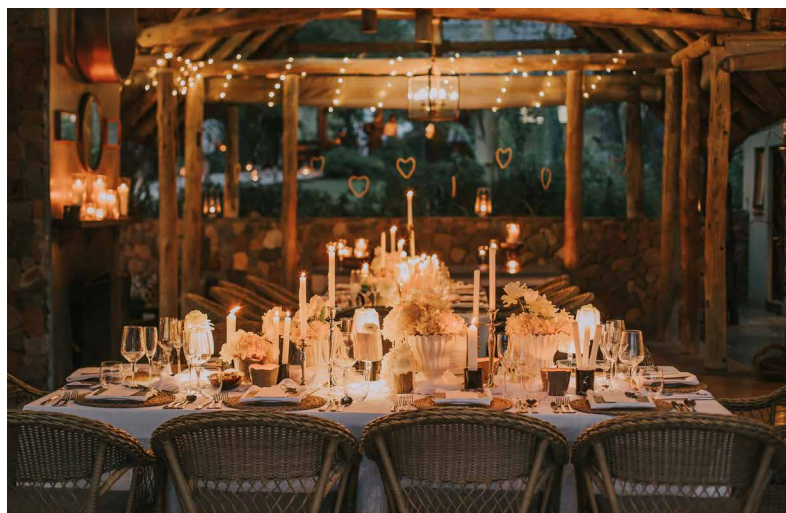
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# JUSTINE & JONNATHAN

## POPE



*A real Pinterest Wedding!*

### How did you and Jonnathan meet?

Jonnathan and I met on Tinder, of all the places in the world. Tinder was it. It was actually just when I logged on to delete my profile as I was tired from all the creeps. As I logged on I received a very polite message from a very handsome Jonnathan. I thought well why not. So I messaged him and said that I am deleting my profile but if he wants to he can whatsapp me. 2 minutes later I had a message "hey its Jonnathan". we chatted for a few days and I was invited to a Sunday morning breakfast which was refreshing. We chatted for hours and booked tickets for an event 6 weeks in the future. The rest is history.

### You had such wonderful details, was anything DIY, Tell us more?

I am a very creative hands on person, so quiet a lot was DIY, my fantastic bridesmaid Bianca spent many hours painting and cleaning with me. I even put the groom to work. The hanging cans with flowers were all cleaned hand painted and punched by us, the jars for the candles were all cleaned and laced by us. I wrote all the chalk boards and designed the cake stand and had it laser cut, I then varnished it and stuck the proteas on. The fairy lights in the hanging bottles (were drank by me) the lights placed in the bottles by me. The arch was made by the venue and so were the stands for the gin and beer glasses. The decor was all done by my fantastic mother and he friend. The styled the flowers and Penny gum the styled the arch and decorated all the tables, mom (Lisa Evans) and Erika Roodt thank you the decor was fantastic.

### What was your favourite part of your big day?

Our wedding was perfection, how could I pick a favourite part? I loved the time with the girls (my bridesmaid, mother and my other mother Jackie), walking down the aisle to see my handsome almost husband bursting with joy and pride. Having so many people saying such wonderful things about me and my hubby. Having all our families together. The street food or the ice cream or the candy bar, donuts, smores? The drinks? If I had to pick one single moment, it would be our first dance. Particularly the moment where we did the dip.

### A customised dress, how stunning tell us more?

Lizette and her team at Bridal Alchemy are just incredible. Our wedding was very unconventional





*“Our wedding was very unconventional  
and definitely not the norm”*



*Neon Productions - Photography and videography  
Conclave Country Lodge - venue  
Bridal Alchemy - brides dress and mom and Jackie's outfits  
Tip Top Tailor clearwater - grooms suit  
Oh flowers! - Brides bouquet, bridesmaid bouquet and button holes for the guys.  
Mia May - Makeup and hair  
Browns - Rings  
Erika Roodt Event Management - decor  
Mark Beling - Music and DJ  
Copperlake Brewery - Gin and beer on tap  
Pretty fly for a cacti - Guest gifts  
Whisk away ice cream and sorbet - Ice cream cart  
Crafford Productions - VW kombi photobooth  
Krispy Kreme - Donuts  
Parties and Cakes - The cake  
Ryan Hogarth - non denominational officiant*



and definitely not the norm. I did not want a white dress to start off with, I wanted something different and something unique. I was not confident and didn't feel like a bride until Lizette built me up and made me a princess dress that made me feel like a queen.

**A photobooth Combi?**

I have always loved VW Kombis and will definitely own one, one day. I was googling wedding ideas and came across a company in America who does these photo booth kombis, and I had my heart set on it. I came across Flossi, Crafford Productions VW Kombi photobooth. This was definitely a highlight and was the same price as a regular photobooth. The operator was extremely accommodating and it was a hit, everyone had a blast.

**Tell us more about your photographers and videographers?**

Morgan became more than just our wedding photographer, she built me up and made me comfortable with the fact that I didn't have a bridesmaid at that time. She said she'd basically be a bridesmaid, which she was she just created such a positive happy space and her and her team kept the good times flowing. Her and her team were fantastic and even calmed me down and helped me out when I got caught up in a bunch of thorns. The photos and videos were fantastic, I could not have asked for a better team to capture our perfect day.

**Tell us more about your food?**

So I didn't want the usual wedding buffet. I wanted to do things differently. I wanted street food. We did a few different dishes but many of them flowing throughout the day and evening. It just kept the whole day flowing and kept people moving around and mingling which is what we wanted.

**Why did you choose your venue?**

We chose the fantastic Conclave Country Lodge. We searched and search and searched for the right venue. We needed accommodation onsite as we didn't want people driving home afterwards. We wanted to get married outside but it had to have a backup indoor chapel if needed. We did not want the run of the mill menu which the venue would need to accommodate and we needed great food and service as my mom owns Simply The Best Catering and the bar was set very high. The Conclave went above and beyond and accommodated all our crazy requirements.

**Any advice to brides to be?**

Don't over spend on the non-important stuff, like flowers and decor. Don't stress about anything on the day. Let everyone else do the stressing, just go with the flow and everything will fall into place. Do your research on the photographers and service providers. Luckily I chose wonderful providers who exceeded expectations. Don't do anything you don't want to do, don't let anyone tell you how your day should be and don't be pressured in to having anything you don't want. It is a special day but we are in 2022 there is no norm anymore. Break the mould!








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# TARRYN & MORNAY NICHOLLS



## *Black Dresses are in!*

### **Please tell us about your Love story?**

Well we met in my father's office lol, my father owns his own business and Mornay came to pay his burial. He sat and we started speaking, exchanged numbers. At first I wouldn't answer his calls or reply to his whatsapps, but he was so persistent and just wouldn't stop so I just gave in and the rest is history.

### **Was your proposal a surprise?**

Yes most definitely. He proposed to me on my birthday, we went out for lunch and before we left he went down on one knee and popped the question.

### **Tell us about your Black dress?**

I love the colour black, I think it is elegant, sophisticated and just stunning. Besides I don't understand why a woman would want to end up looking like some other bride on their special day. I haven't seen a bride in a black dress and I think it was honestly a first for many. I thought of going for something unique.

### **What was your favourite part of your big day?**

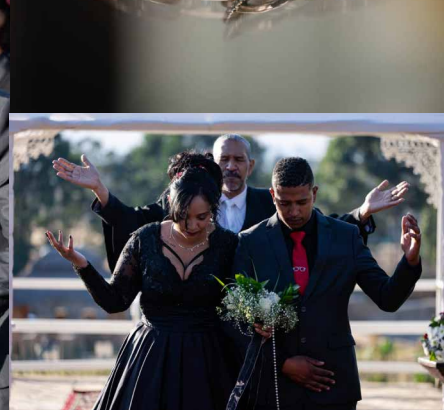
I think I must say when I walked down the aisle seeing Mornay waiting to fetch me in tears. I always made a joke telling him if he doesn't cry for me I'll turn around and walk away, but I think the moment my father and him hugged when giving me away was just something else. I think that was the most emotional part having so many guest in tears. The hug between the two was priceless.

### **A Mickey and Minnie cake? Tell us more**


We grew up watching Mickey and Minnie mouse and they were or still are a true reflection of friendship and love after all these years they still going strong and I think that is what we looking for. They symbolize love that's been there for decades. Besides it's something different.

### **How and why did you choose your bouquet?**

My bridal bouquet and all other bouquets I left in the hands of my maid of honour. I gave her my colours and she surprised me with the most beautiful bouquet, simple yet very elegant.





A full-page photograph of a bride standing outdoors at sunset. She is wearing a long, black, lace-sleeved gown with a long train. She is smiling and holding a bouquet of white flowers. The background shows silhouettes of trees against a warm, orange and red sky.

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*Venue, Catering & Decor: Jasmine Hills  
Pastor: Mark Harris  
Photographer: Dinepe photography  
Florist: Beatrice Stanger  
Cars were supplied by the Blom Potte*



**Tell us more about your food?**

We had a winter wedding so we were looking at food that people would enjoy, a traditional menu, foods that would keep them warm. We were looking for cosy and delicious at the same time and I must say Aunty Suraya and her team of Jasmine Hills did not disappoint.

**Tell us about your venue?**

After checking out a few venues, we decided on Jasmine Hills. A beautiful venue, beautiful view and very welcoming. I think what did it for us as well was the fact that when we spoke to aunty Suraya we knew that she would do her best to make our day extra special. I think I can truly say Jasmine hills was the best venue by far.

**Any tips for new brides?**

Firstly when planning a wedding, the PLANNING is of the utmost importance. Consider wedding size, wedding party, and work on your budget. I think what is important is that you can't do everything on your own so have your love ones help you. I was truly blessed with the best. My mother, was there from the beginning to end, she supported me with everything, tired but never complain of what she had to do and I think it is important for every bride to have a go to person to give direction.







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The Carriage House – an authentic log cabin – is a cosy romantic cottage for two guests.

The Ferns – our 6 new rooms for 12 guests – is situated opposite The Brewery, and each en-suite room has a cosy fireplace and a little patio with a lovely view to the horse paddocks.

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# ZANTELE & ANDRE KEYTER



*A never ending love story!*

## How did you and Andre Meet?

We met in 2015 at a wildlife auction. We talked till morning hours, and I liked him but was not interested in a serious relationship. But he never gave up and worked hard to win my heart a few months later.

## How did he propose?

Close to where we live is a small restaurant, and we eat there almost every week! We live on a game farm and need to get helicopters out frequently. Nothing was out of the ordinary and as we flew over the farm, my then boyfriend asked the pilot to fly around a bit and as we came over the small restaurant, I just saw all the cars and even mentioned how busy they are. When we got closer, I saw the big words "Bokka trou met my" in chalk dust on the ground. I turned around and all I got out was "Really?". Once we landed, we walked to the heart shaped with chalk dust and he popped the question! Both our family and friends were there to celebrate the big moment! Biggest surprise of my life and not once did I suspect anything.

## Tell us about your Denim Jacket?

We got married in May 2022 when the temperatures are already low. I get cold easily so definitely needed something to cover up as we were in a thatch roof venue with open sides as well. I looked around and the usual faux fur, jerseys and coats just wasn't me. Someone suggested a denim jacket and the idea just got me hooked! I was finally Mrs Keyter when I put my jacket on!

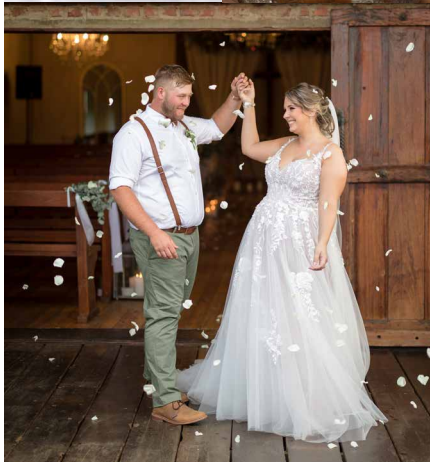
## What was your favourite part of your big day?

Cliché but everything! From getting ready with my bridesmaids, finally being able to wear my wedding dress. Walking down the aisle with my dad, seeing all the happiness and happy tears in the chapel, and just celebrating the special day with our closest family and friends. It was a girl's dream come true day! But walking down the aisle and seeing my husband to be face was a moment I will always cherish.


## Your dress is gorgeous, tell us more?

I did not believe you will find 'the dress' but when I was zipped up in my dress, I knew immediately that was the one! There were no second thoughts!

The ladies from Fynbos Bridal Boutique really went out of their way to help me. From trying dresses on to adjustments and even helping me get my dress on time to me in Limpopo.







*“When I was zipped up in my dress, I knew immediately that was the one! There were no second thoughts!”*

*Venue - Tsekama Wedding Venue  
(Flowers, Décor, Food, everything for the wedding itself)  
Photographer - JCS Photography (Christiaan)  
Videographer - Motion Craft Films (André)  
Dress - Fynbos Bridal Boutique  
Make Up - Lozaan Make Up, Hair and Photography  
Hair - Studio H (Annie) and Wild Creations (Rochelle)  
Leather ties & belts - Lievleer  
Bridesmaids Dresses - Gelique*



### Tell us more about your food?

Our wedding venue made our food. All our guest could not stop talking about the delicious food. Canapés were served while we were taking photos. There were different types of bread, fruit, cheese, biltong, and jams. We were a bit untraditional and cut our cake after the ceremony for them to eat the cake with the canapés. Our main meal was Lamb 'potjie' and Rump steak with baby potatoes made with garlic butter or rice.

### Tell us about your venue?

Because we live in a small town in Limpopo, all our friends and family live not to far from us. So we were looking for places in a small radius. I was looking at Tsekama's wedding pamphlet and loved what I saw. Luckily I was at a wedding there a few months later and saw all the ins and outs!

They are professional but make you feel welcome and not stress about anything! Since I have seen what amazing weddings they have done previously, I knew it was going to be perfect.

The food, accommodation, décor, and flowers EVERYTHING was perfect!

Great Thank You to Tsekama Wedding Venue for hosting our big dream day.

### Who were your photographers?

We decided to have a photographer and a videographer to capture our big day.

Our photographer was Christiaan Schmidt from JCS Photography and our videographer was André Mostert from Motion Craft Films.

I was looking at photographers and every time somebody would suggest a photographer, I always went back to JCS Photography. His photos are on another level for me!

He really makes you feel at ease even when you are running late! I will refer him over and over again!

André from Motion Craft Films also made us feel calmed and guided us on what to do.

The videos I have seen what he has done previously make the excitement for the final video overwhelming!

### Any Advice for new brides?

Everybody told me that there are going to be things that go wrong - for me there was a lot! But realizing that it is such a small matter and that absolutely nobody notices, just go with it. Enjoy the moment and make sure to stop by all your guests' tables. They appreciate you coming to greet them and talk to them during the busy night. Also try and get a venue that does most of the work and arrangements. Our venue did everything and I don't know how I ever would've done everything on my own! Take a drink and go stand one side of the reception and just look.. Look at all the people celebrating YOUR lives as a MARRIED COUPLE. Just make sure you enjoy the day because it becomes one of your best memories of your life!







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The first venue is named HOMESTEAD – the choice of venue for many magical celebrity weddings. Homestead is a hidden gem tucked away in an enchanted indigenous forest. With the addition of four fire places in the winter the Homestead offers a comfortable venue to celebrate with family & friends.

Our second venue is SUMMERHOUSE – an intimate fusion of contemporary glass architecture set in a manicured vintage garden. With crackling fires in the winter the venue offers the perfect setting for a winter themed wedding.

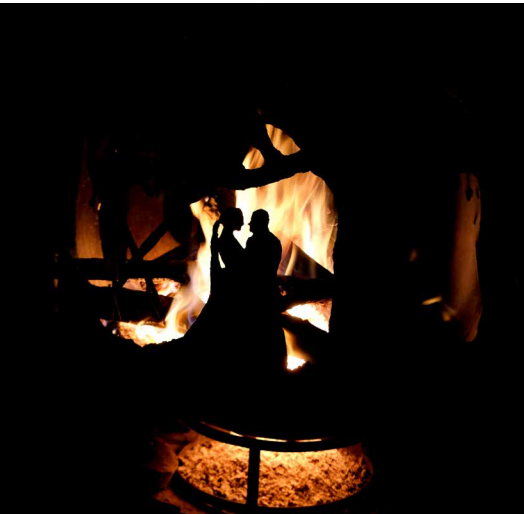
The third venue is the historic DAIRY and Dairy Chapel, built by Italian Prisoners of War. This lovely old venue offers magnificent sunsets and is surrounded by expansive golden fields.

In addition, we have three Bridal dressing rooms, in close proximity to each venue, for the use of the Bridal party on the day of the wedding.



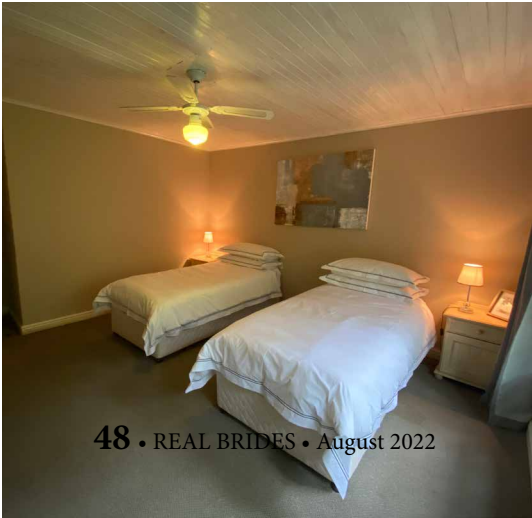
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In-house coordination and outstanding event management enable the client to meet specific objectives cost effectively and with minimum fuss.

As the seasons come and go our dishes change with the flavours and colours of our environment. We source high quality ingredients that are always freshly prepared. Create your own special menu to delight your guests and suit your budget.

Our friendly family of staff know that no celebration is complete without great food, brilliant service and at Oakfield Farm your wedding cuisine will be a feast to remember!

Please enquire about our Guesthouse for your guests who are looking to stay over on or before your wedding day. The guesthouse which is particularly suitable for groups of between 8 and 12, be it the family of the bridal couple or a corporate booking.

Our three fully serviced luxury Bridal Suites are the perfect romantic getaway for the newlyweds to retire to after their BIG day. Included in the Wedding Package (Please ask your Sales Coordinator for more info on our Wedding Package). A hearty breakfast is included and is served either in the dining room or in our beautiful gardens on request.

### Suites & Dressing Rooms

Our farm style accommodation, with its crisp linen, fluffy towels combined with tastefully decorated homely furnishings giving you that "home away from home" experience.



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### Guesthouse

Situated in the original Pear Orchard of the farm, the Guesthouse has 3 twin rooms with 2 shared bathrooms and 1 en-suite double room  
Loft with 2 single beds and 2 "pull-out" beds.  
Maximum of 12 guests

### The Oak Suite

Nothing will prepare you for the rich splendor and comfort of the Oak Suite.  
Air-conditioned  
En-suite bathroom, with al fresco showers  
King size bed with sumptuous bedding  
Mini bar and a tea/coffee station

### The Rose Cottage

The Rose Cottage is the ideal romantic getaway and the name says it all.  
Air-conditioned  
En-suite bathroom, with al fresco showers  
King size bed with sumptuous bedding  
Mini bar and a tea/coffee station

### Nguni Suite

The ideal suite to escape, relax & enjoy the beautifully manicured gardens.  
Air-conditioned  
En-suite bathroom, with al fresco showers  
King size bed with sumptuous bedding  
Mini bar and a tea/coffee station  
Your stay promises to be one of peace and tranquillity that Oakfield Farm is famous for.

### Office Hours

Viewing can be arranged, by appointment only, Tuesday to Sunday.  
Weekdays between 08h00 - 16h00,  
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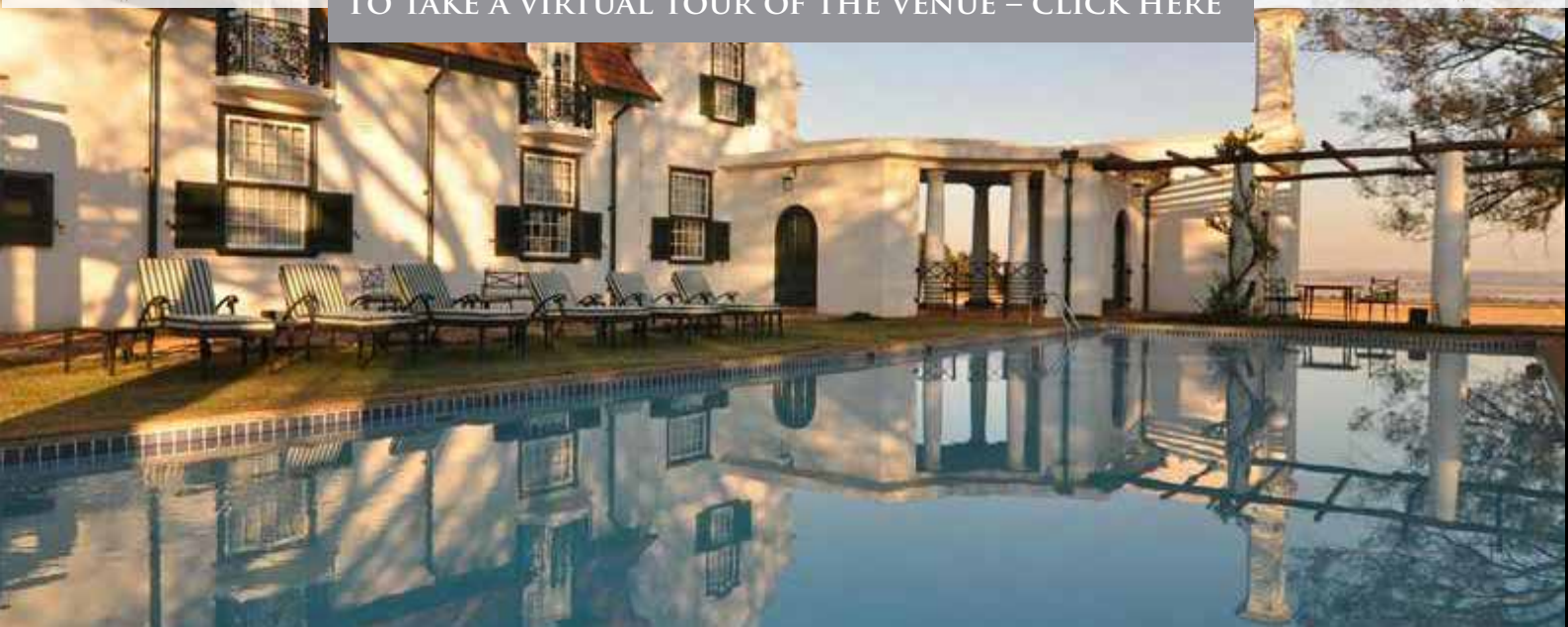
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## MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY UNFORGETTABLE

Your big day deserves nothing less than to be as perfect as possible, and that is a promise at WELGELEGEN MANOR - in classic English residential style.

Named the Land of Abundance, Balfour is located south east of Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, just off the R23 that leaves the N3 north of Heidelberg and heads into the province of Mpumalanga. Balfour nestles in a region given over mostly to farms, game farms and bushveld.

It is called Cosmos Country because it is this area that annually explodes with varying pink and white cosmos flowers during autumn, a breath-taking sight for any visitor.

Although our facilities at Welgelegen Manor are best suited for smaller groups, we work hard to make sure this special occasion takes off stress-free, and has the class and luxury elements we pride ourselves on.

We further offer professional, flexible and personalised wedding and function services. Be it a small intimate and romantic weddings to larger special birthday or anniversary, we are here to assist you in create a truly unusual and memorable experience just a short drive from Johannesburg.

The extensive gardens and Manor house are perfect for signature weddings or small intimate celebrations as a wedding venue near Johannesburg. This ideal setting accompanied by our exquisite rooms, superb service and exceptional food will make your special wedding simply unforgettable.



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Welgelegen Manor is equally a perfect wedding venue option near Johannesburg, or as a romantic honeymoon choice for couples looking to make their new beginnings extra special.

The four suites in the manor house are exceptionally large and overlook the pool and side rose garden whilst the four suites in the carriage houses offer two twin suites on the upper level and two garden suites with entrances to the inner rose courtyard.

All of our luxury accommodation options at the Manor stay true to Welgelegen Manor's classic English residential style. The eight suites fuse contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage associated with this historical property.

Hand-in-hand with the luxury of your rooms and facilities, the extraordinary dining at Welgelegen Manor is an experience on its own. Welgelegen Manor's resident chefs ensure luxury dining experiences during your stay.

Whether it's a picnic in a secluded spot on the estate or gardens, a lavish celebration dinner in the private dining room, or dinner a deux in your suite, our passionate staff will ensure your meal is a special experience.

After your gourmet dining experience and a day spent exploring the beautiful sights and scenery the Manor has to offer, we welcome you into your classic, elegantly perfected accommodation for the night. All of our luxury accommodation options at the Manor stay true to Welgelegen Manor's classic English residential style.



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The bathrooms are welcoming and spacious, offering a unique combination of style and function. The four suites in the manor house are exceptionally large and overlook the pool and side rose garden whilst the four suites in the carriage houses offer two twin suites on the upper level and two garden suites with entrances to the inner rose courtyard.

The Carriage House Suites (Luxury Suites), the twin suites on the upper level of the Manor House, offer beautiful views of the grounds. These rooms accommodate either single beds or a king size bed, and all rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

The Deluxe Garden Suites have the advantage of an entrance to the inner herb courtyard. These rooms have a king size bed for those needing some time out and relaxation.

The Manor House Suites (Superior Suites) offer exceptional grace and comfort with views over the landscaped terraces, pool or rose gardens. The bathrooms are welcoming and spacious, offering a unique combination of style and function.

Contact us today for more information on booking your escape, your wedding and conferencing facilities, or about our current specials and packages. We will tell you how we can help you create the perfect day – we promise to give all our attention to every detail, and that we will sure that the day goes as smoothly as possible.

Our friendly family of staff at Welgelegen Manor are happy to keep in touch before your arrival to ensure every detail of your wedding or getaway is met and perfected.

Welgelegen Manor is situated 30km south of Heidelberg, Gauteng. Please see our map for more information on the best possible routes from your side of the country, or contact us directly for assistance.



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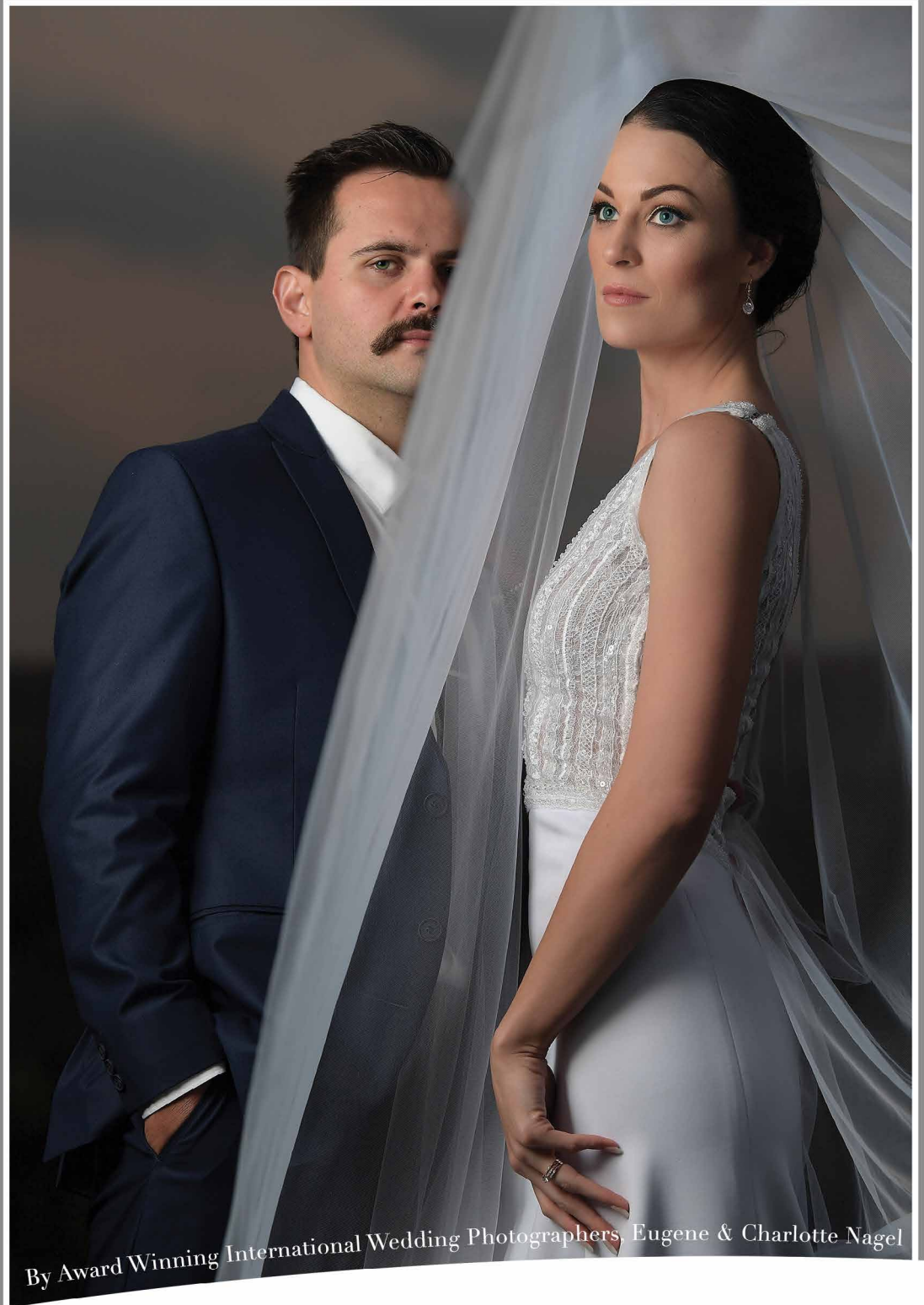






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Just thirty minutes from central Durban and an arm's length from Ballito, Collisheen offers a perfect venue for weddings and functions.

We cater for everything including conferences, banquets, launches, exhibitions, meetings, corporate training and events.

Two venues complete with our private chapels, beautiful gardens, bridal salon and outdoor arena with water feature and landscaped gardens, make this the perfect venue for stylish weddings.

Over the last 20 years, Collisheen Estate has earned through top class service and a high level of professionalism, an outstanding reputation as a weddings and functions venue.

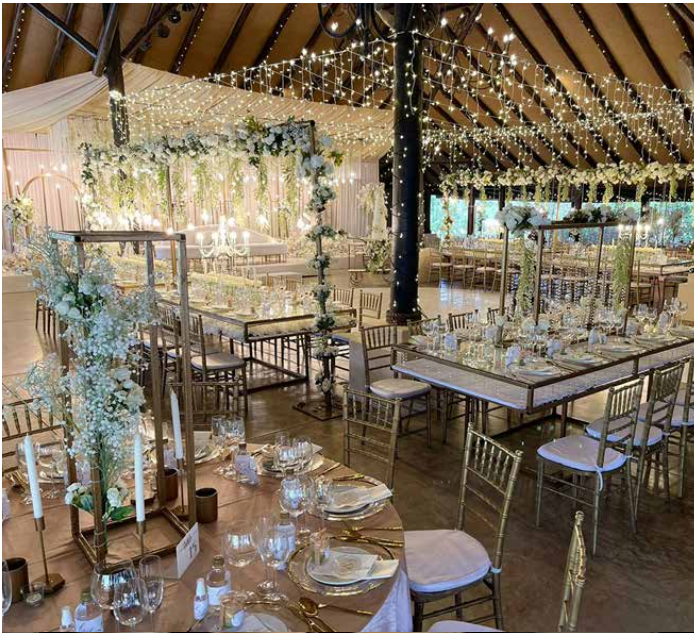
Our functions venue facilities are very flexible so please feel free to ask us should you have any special requests.

Collisheen has a bed & breakfast on the premises, and we are close to an extensive range of accommodation – from luxury country hotels to bed & breakfasts and self-catering facilities, should your guests want to stay over.



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Located on a sugar farm and set amongst magnificent old trees, the estate offers private function facilities that are exclusively yours for your special day.

Panoramic views of undulating sugar fields are complemented by the warm “family” hospitality of the staff at the estate – making this a private function facility like no other.

This wedding venue will have your guests in awe at the surrounding beauty and tranquillity and is sure to make your special day one to remember.

Orchid House is a 150 square meter open-sided building which can accommodate up to 140 guests with a dance floor – perfect for a more intimate wedding or function. The Venue overlooks the picturesque garden, which is full of fairy light wonder.

The Boma, our larger venue, is a 400 square metre open sided building which can accommodate up to 400 guests with a dance floor and a stage area, and is set in beautiful gardens which, at night, are transformed into a fairyland with lights in the trees and bridge.

A private chapel, water feature and dark wood poles, with tiled roof structure is surrounded by seemingly endless space

Collisheen Estate has two conference facilities that can accommodate between 20 and 400 delegates, depending on the seating configuration.

Our conference facility comes fully equipped with everything you need to make your conference run smoothly and efficiently. We aim to please in every way, and if our conference facility does not cater for some of your needs, please get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Collisheen Estate’s bed & breakfast has been a welcome addition to the Collisheen family.

We have converted Douglas Liege & Zillah Hulett’s original homestead into a three-room bed & breakfast, all en-suite. Loads of space and high ceilings are characteristic of homes built in the early 1900’s and Collisheen is no different.



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