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# ATTENTION ALL BRIDES-TO-BE

### Make your big day even more special

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

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

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 is Real Brides

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

### VENUE LIST

The venues that provide this wonderful opportunity for all their brides are:



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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.

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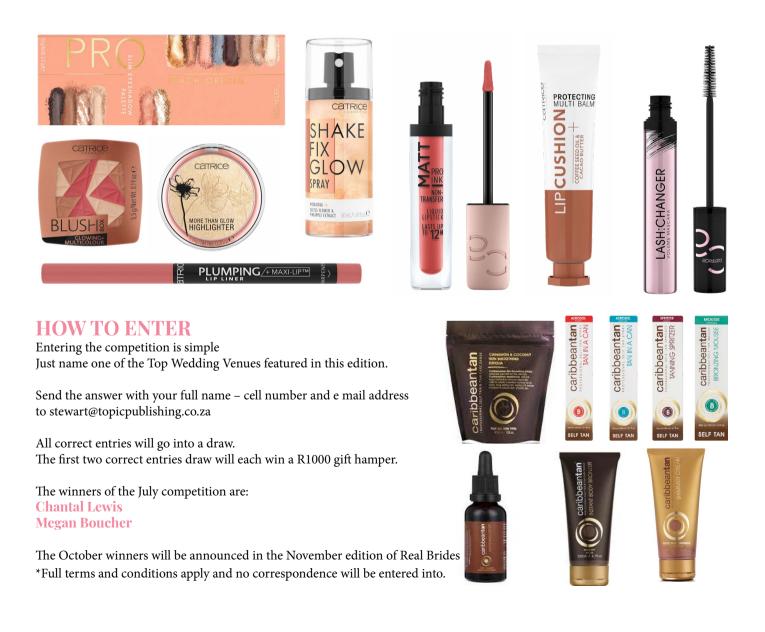
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# DANITA & ANDRE' VAN DER LINDE

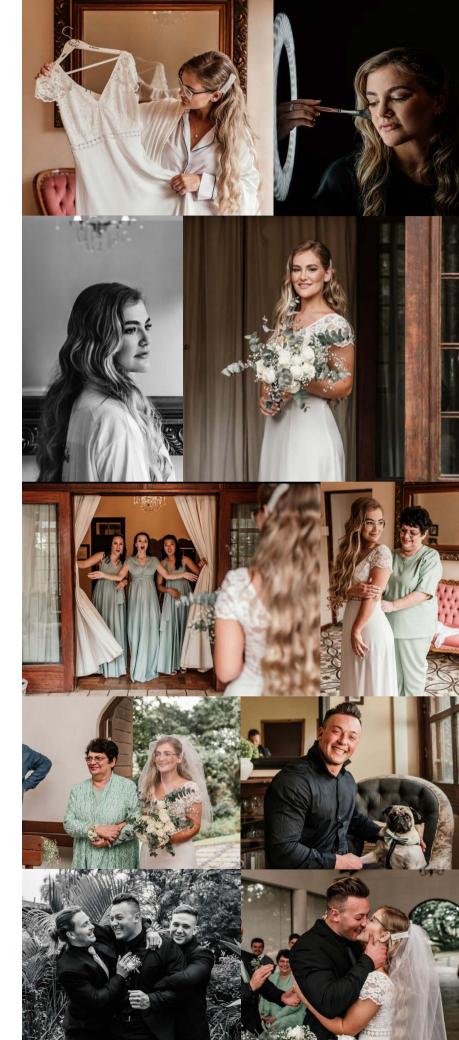
### Scavenger Hunt Proposal

### When and how did you and Andre' meet?

We officially met on the 6th of November 2020, in our hometown (Empangeni). We actually went to the same Primary School, so we knew of each other since then. He moved back to our hometown just before we met. So, we feel it was faith for us to get together and both Andre' and I said from the day we met we knew we were made for each other. Although I am 4 years older than him, to us age is just a number. Every pot needs a lid, and I knew since we met, he was my lid.

### How and where did he propose?

It was our 1-year anniversary. He handed me a chocolate with an envelope. The envelope said: "Go to the place you feel SORTED" - there is a restaurant called SORTED in our town. I was so excited and knew it was a scavenger hunt! We got in my car and drove there. They were not yet open and on one of their doors handle I saw there was another envelope with chocolates. I ran to grab it and it said: "Go to the place we spend our Sundays at." I drove to the church and on the church door there was another envelope that said: "Let's go to your mom, she is part of our story." it was my mom's last chemo that day. We went to the hospital and let go of balloons with my mom and her friends. One of her friends gave me another envelope which said: "Go to the place with your favorite food." We drove to McDonalds; we sat inside and got some food. When Andre' bought the food to me there was an envelope on the pack. The envelope said: "Let's go play the game you always lose." We drove to Imvubu Lodge where there is putt-putt course. We played a game (and I won!) and inside the last hole there was an envelope. The envelope said: "Go to the place with the best view." Imvubu Lodge has a sea view restaurant and we drove to their restaurant. We had a cocktail and shared a pizza. I turned around for a few seconds, when I turned back to the table there was an envelope on the table. The envelope said: "Go to our favorite fishing spot." We got into the car and drove to MeerenSee Boat Club. But when we turned into the street there was boards on the trees next to the road with arrows on. He didn't sav anything, but I thought maybe it was a market, so I followed the arrows.





Venue and food : Collisheen Estate Photographer : Elysian Photography Flowers : Transfigured décor Dress : Bridal creations Makeup and hair : Kiss and Makeup KZN Wedding cake : Annetjie Stoltz Music and sound : DJ Ash Then on the 3rd tree, the board had my name on. On the 4th tree the board said "You are the love of my life." The 5th said "Will" the 6th said "You" 7th said "Marry me?" when I turned to the passenger side, there he was with a ring in his hand. And he started to talk, but I just grabbed him and said "YESSS!" and we both cried a lot.

#### Tell us about you dress?

I wanted something plain, simple, and most important of all – comfortable. The first dress was my mom's pick. It was a very big princess dress, it was very heavy and uncomfortable. I then tried on a very plain fitted dress, but it just didn't look good on me. I explained to the lady more or less what I was looking for, and a few days later she sends me pictures of 2 dresses she ordered. A while later I went to try on the dresses and there was my dress, when I put it on, I knew it was mine. I felt like a bride.

#### Tell us about your doggy

Penny the pug. He is 4 years old. He was our ring bearer at our wedding. We didn't think he was going to behave, but he did. He was the best ring bearer we could have asked for. Although we must always make sure we have treats for him! We love him to bits.

### What was your color scheme and theme

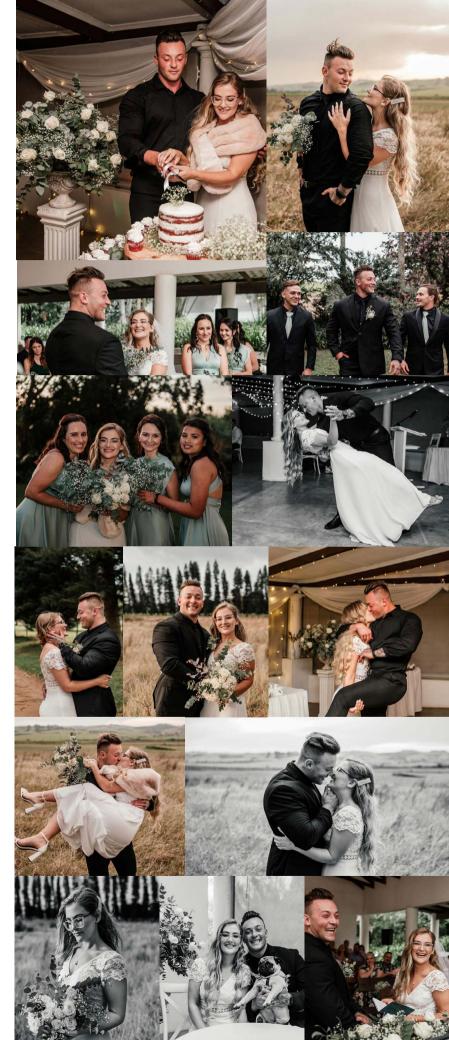
Our color scheme was green and white. White is his favorite and green is mine. Our theme was a wooden look, and the colors just complimented it so well.

### Why did you choose your venue?

Andre' said he really wanted a chapel with a glass window and is pet friendly, and I just wanted to have an indoor wedding because our weather is so unpredictable. We also wanted a small wedding with immediate family and friends. Collisheen had so much to offer and was just breathtakingly beautiful. Andre' and I knew we found our wedding venue the second we went into the chapel. The reception and garden were just an extra bonus as it was also so stunning. Also, the venue is just an hours' drive away from home. So not too close yet not too far, so it felt like a little get away as well.

#### Any Tips for brides to be?

Talk to your spouse about everything that you are stressing about. They don't know what is going through our minds and emotional support is so important. We did the décor ourselves so for months in advance we made sure to do something for the wedding every weekend. Everything came together so quickly. It is too overwhelming to leave everything for the last minute.







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# MIRANDI & PIETER MOSTERT

### A wedding to remember

### Tell us about your proposal?

We went on vacation to KZN in 2020, He proposed to me on the beach

### Why did you choose your venue?

We went for dinner at Fairview and it felt perfect and we decided there and then no the venue

### What food did you have?

Our wedding food was delicious, we had oxtail, chutney chicken, roast veggies, Tzaneen Tropical salad, garlic mini potatoes, sweet pumpkin fritters and spiced rice.

### Who was in your bridal party?

The ceremony was our favourite moment

### Who did your hair and makeup?

Makeup was done by Image by Sune, and my hair: Hair by Ronel

Did you go on honeymoon, and where?

We went to Sun City







# "The ceremony was our favourite moment"

Fairview Hotel Hair by Ronel Image by Sune Nyaleti Events Mighty Fine Photography













Set on 26ha of scenic farmland, lies the Fairview Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, a landmark venue that offers luxury hotel accommodation and function and wedding facilities,

Plus an 18-hole par-3 golf course, well-appointed Zen Spa and beautiful, lush gardens - all idyllic elements for a all-in-one wedding venue.

Fairview Hotel offers various options to choose from to make your wedding-day dreams come true.

Couples can choose between the large Limpopo ballroom, with stately chandeliers that are suspended from the enormous, thatched roof over the 80 m2 wooden dance floor

There is a smaller venue for more intimate occasions, the Baobab Wine Cellar, or the well-groomed estate gardens for an open-air experience.

The latest edition to choose from is the newly developed Fairview Clubhouse, on the embankment of the Letaba River, a semiopen-air structure, with luxurious Afro-colonial interior.

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Our final option, and our only indoor option is our picturesque chapel– a beautiful old stone building, originally a farmyard barn, overlooking our pretty duck pond. Each location has a uniquely beautiful setting for the canapes, while the wedding photos are being taken.



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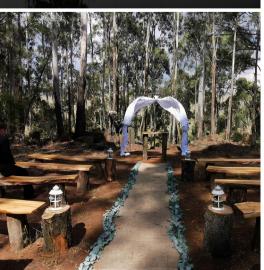






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### BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE ACCOMMODATION

Our farm offers accommodation for 38 guests in 10 beautiful cottages. We are situated only 9 km from Dullstroom so your other guests will not have to travel too far to join in your celebrations.

Dullstroom Country Cottages offers accommodation on the farm which means the wedding group, family and close friends can fully enjoy the peace and beauty of the dams, forests and mountains for the entire wedding weekend. It also means that they never have to travel far for the celebrations.

We have beautifully appointed cottages that are located to maximize the views, either overlooking our dams, the surrounding farmlands or in the case of "Picnic" cottage, a stunning waterfall. All the cottages are self catering with a braai area outside, a fireplace inside and are serviced daily.

For their wedding night we have the "Honeymoon Suite" cottage – a delightful, one-bedroom cottage nestled in the forest and overlooking a valley and dam – a wonderful culmination to their "once in a lifetime" day.



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### RECEPTION AREA WITH WONDERFUL VIEWS

The final celebration of this magical day all happens in the reception area. We offer a room that on one side has fully opening sliding/folding doors onto a timber deck, overlooking a valley with two dams and a gum forest.

The opposite side of the room has sliding folding doors onto the garden, with extensive lawn, flower beds and oak trees.

The timber ceiling, with exposed beams, are tastefully decorated with fairy lights but for the rest, the room lends itself beautifully to your own interpretation of what a wedding "celebration" should look like.

We have round or rectangular tables with "tiffany" chairs, a wood burning fireplace giving a lovely ambiance, plus two closed combustion fireplaces for those chilly Dullstroom nights.

We have an in-house chef who will create a delicious personalized menu to suit your requirements. Her scrumptious canapes are the perfect filler before the equally tasty main meal.

Our in-house decor is extensive and includes the most elegant glassware, vases, candlesticks etc and for the more rustic look we have timber slice "underplates" and succulents.



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Our stunning locally designed and made dresses are fashioned with imported material. The style and fabric flow beautifully and compliment all body shapes.

We cater for sizes 6-16 and will be adding more sizes soon.

When you come for your fitting before your photoshoot you also get to choose a flower or Diamante crown, all included in the cost.

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MORGAN BAY HOTEL



The Morgan Bay Hotel Established in 1946, is a newly renovated, third-generation, family-run hotel.

Situated a short 45 minute drive from East London along the Wild Coast of South Africa and nestled between a mile of unspoilt beach and breathtaking cliffs, you will be spoilt for choice on ways to spend your day.

Morgan Bay is a place for the incurable romantic and is fast becoming a favourite beach wedding venue in the Eastern Cape. The mile-long beach, ocean and majestic cliffs create a breathtaking backdrop to the most romantic of wedding ceremonies.

Our air conditioned venue, with beautiful parquet floors and elegant down lights, can easily be transformed into your dream wedding reception We offer three stunning options for your ceremony depending on the style you ultimately prefer.

You are welcome to set up on the grassy terraces in front of The Venue, where you will have a sea view with waves rolling in and out as you say your vows – Chairs will need to be hired for your own account.

Alternatively, St Peter's is a quaint church situated in Kei Mouth, 15 km's from Morgan Bay and accessible by tar road. The church seats up to 100 guests.

The other option is the Milkwood Spa Terrace, which is available for intimate weddings of less than 80. The hiring of this space is dependent on how busy the spa is for the day.

For your reception the Venue, decorated in a neutral palette works with almost any colour scheme and or theme. In the evening, over 250 starlight's are lit creating a magnificent starry night effect.

Our kitchen prides itself in serving some of the best fare along the Wild Coast. We serve an elegant plated meal and can cater for your personal requirements. All allergies are best catered for where possible, however we need to be informed of these in advance.



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The Hotel dining room is renowned for its lavish 4-course dinner. The menu is created dependent on what is in season and we recommend that you dine with us the night before or after your event to savour the experience.

Alternatively, 'The Deck' restaurant and bar is open and serves an a la carte menu from 17h00 – 20h00 hrs. We can offer guests platters of Pizza's from our oven on the outside deck if you prefer something very casual.

For yourselves and guests staying in the hotel, breakfast is included in your accommodation tariff. External guests are welcome to join you for breakfast on any morning. We offer a full English breakfast in the hotel dining room. Bookings will need to be placed at the reception the night before.

We offer a fully licensed bar and supply all liquor for the servicing of your event and can accommodate your budget accordingly.

You are welcome to set a budget for your event and we will keep you posted on the consumption, you can then top up on this or run into a cash bar service.

We offer a cash bar service for your event over and above the bubbly and wine which is a popular choice amongst couples.

You are welcome to bring in your own MCC or Sparkling wine, corkage will be charged at R35.00 per bottle.

We have a custom selection of wines to celebrate your evening with, which you can choose from our wine list attached. We do not allow any other beverages to be brought onto the premises due to our restrictions of the license.

The hotel boasts 40 rooms en-suite with all hotel amenities. Please advise if you wish to book rooms for just yourselves, your wedding party or extended family and friends. We will offer favourable rates on group bookings.

Not only will your day end off with joy, love and happiness, but also a complimentary romantic full sea facing room will be part of your experience with a few gifts to celebrate your special day a little further.





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The property has some breathtaking locations where you can have your photographs taken on your special day or gathering. A beach setting, to beautiful gardens with Kranses.

We can recommend a few great photographers to capture those moments.

There a several local artisans, who create wedding cakes and cakes for special occasions, please contact them directly from our recommendations below.

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All our parking is situated in the front of the hotel and managed by our security personnel. Should you feel that you would like an extra car guard during your event, we will arrange this for you.





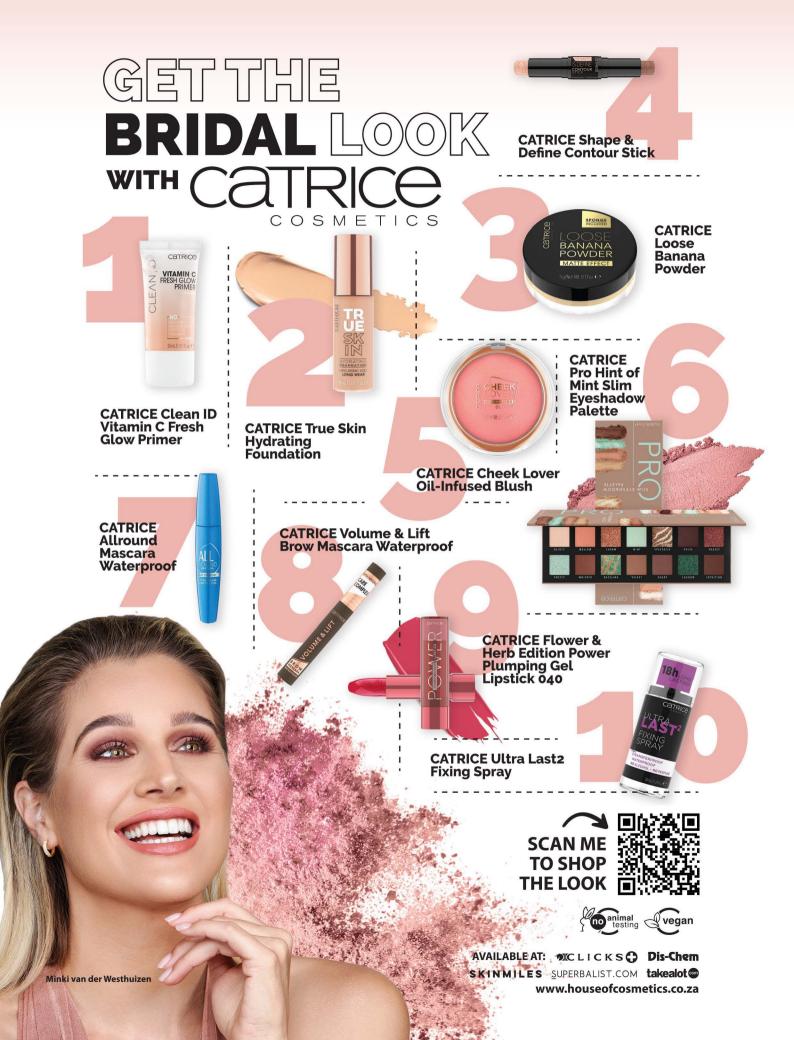
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# TAMLYN & EUGENE ROETS

### Furkid Ring Barer in the African Bush

### How did he propose?

We were in Ballito for a friend's wedding the weekend of the 22nd of October 2021. On the morning of the wedding, I wanted to watch the sunrise. We got up super early and while I was sitting on the balcony waiting for the sun to rise, he was busy inside. The next moment I just hear Baby and as I turned around, he was down on one knee with the ring in his hand. From there it was a blank until I heard the words WILL YOU PLEASE MARRY ME. He got up and we just stood there holding each other for a while. I had to calm him down as he was shacking uncontrollably. Then he said SO I ASSUME YOU ARE SAYING YES. And that's how it all went down.

### Why did you choose your venue?

We went to a few wedding venues before we went to Tula Baba. We didn't feel at home at any of them. We liked the nature of Tula Baba and being able to have Angel (our dog) with us just sealed the deal for us as we always wanted her to be a part of the wedding. No other places allowed for her to be a part of our big day. Also, we got the venue for the whole weekend and not just the wedding day so got to spend quality time with the family the night before and the day after the wedding. The staff at Tula Baba gave us free range to do what we wanted and went out of their way to make sure we got what we wanted and were happy.

### What was your color scheme and theme?

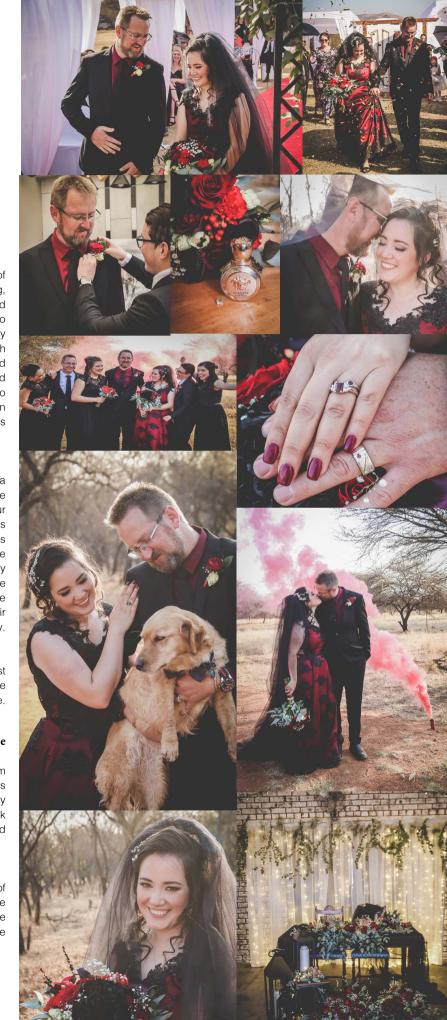
Our color scheme was Red, white and black. To be honest we didn't have a theme. We just wanted our wedding to be different than all the weddings we have attended before. We like to be different.

### Who were your photographers and why did you choose them?

Our photographers were Morgan and Ruan Brink from Neon Productions. She did the photos of one of our friend's wedding and we saw she was really good and that's why we went with her. The bonus was that we got a good black Friday deal from them. We booked her even before we had a date or a venue.

### Bubble Tea! Tell us more?

We saw at most of the weddings we have attended all of them either had a gin bar or a tub full of beers. Eugene and I don't drink alcohol and we thought how about bubble tea, seeing we both like it so much. As we said before we wanted to be different so that's why we did bubble tea.



"We just wanted our wedding to be different than all the weddings we have attended before. We like to be different."

> Venue - Tula Baba Photographer: Neon Productions Wedding dress – iSew Wedding Cake - JP's Cake Florist – Curious Events Makeup – Merichen Makeup Hair – Donna-Sue Priest – Braam Smith from NG Wilgespruit DJ – DJ Swannie

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

We would say that having all our loved ones from all over the world there to celebrate our big day with us was our most favorite. We got to spend special time with them that doesn't happen very often. Having Angel not only there but also being the ring bearer was very special and a moment we would cherish forever.

#### Tell us about your black and red dress and veil?

From the start of planning our wedding I couldn't see myself walking down the aisle in a white dress. I wanted to be different and so I decided I don't have to go traditional and wear white, so I decided on a black and red dress. I also wanted to do a lot of things that weren't traditional and that's also one of the reasons why I went with a different colored dress and veil. To be honest I also wanted to shock a lot of my family members.

I knew it wouldn't be easy to get ahold of a different color dress other than white. No place that I looked at catered for a different colored dress. I got mine made by a lady called Debbie from iSew. She is absolutely amazing. I sent her a picture of what I wanted and asked her if she could make it for me. Luckily, she said YES!!!! The process was so much fun to do with my mom by my side. What I realized is that choosing to make the dress actually worked out cheaper than buying it from a store.

#### Any wedding day advice?

Wedding day advice would be to not sweat the small stuff. No one knows what the original plans were, so they won't know if anything is out of place or not as planned. That's what we were told, and it turned out to be that way. Also. Don't try to impress anyone. It's your day and not theirs. It is possible to have a proper wedding without breaking the bank to badly. Doing table decorations, yourself is possible and saves a lot of money. Shopping around also helps. Don't go with the first quote you get. It will cost you dearly.











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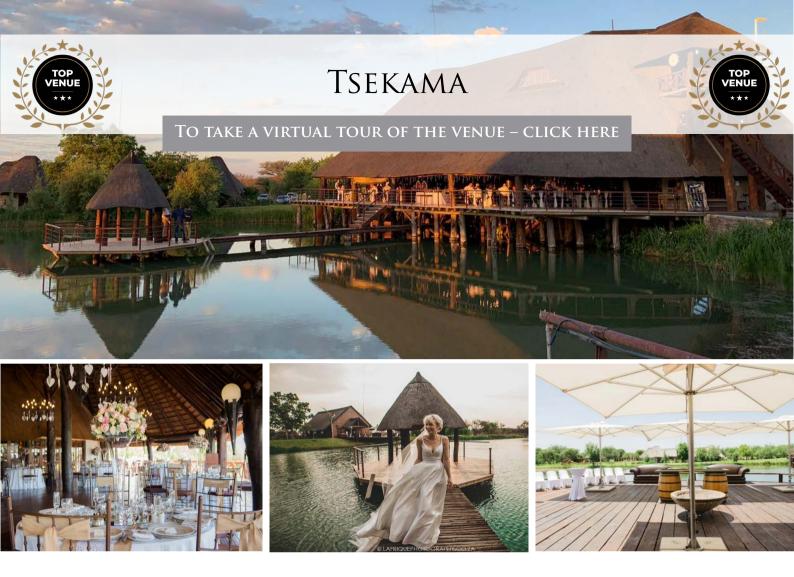
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The menu is flexible and can be tailor-made according to the couple's preferences for their celebration meal.

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We understand the dreams and wishes of every bride and groom, and we will go the extra mile to make sure that all requirements are met.

Tsekama is the perfect venue for adding a touch of magic and style to your wedding day. Tranquil, serene and picturesque, providing a natural but very romantic atmosphere.





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The Lodge is a mere 130 km north of Pretoria near the Kranskop Toll plaza and offers the ideal location for a wedding with a difference.

Imagine your ceremony in the natural splendor of the African bush with buffalo, giraffe, zebra and a wide variety of antelope partaking in your wedding celebration. Please note we have a 80 guest minimum and a 300 guest maximum.

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This wonderful ball gown is everything and more. A ruched bodice leads to a natural waistline with pockets. Buttons to the end of the chapel length train complete the look.





Ensure all eyes are on you as you walk down the aisle. This stretch crepe fit and flare bridal gown features a flattering Off-the-Shoulder neckline that's accented with a pleated bodice. Pleating continues along the sleeves to the back where the style is finished with covered buttons extending to the end of the chapel length train. The dress is lined in jersey for an ultra-comfortable fit all night long. Style: 44295





44304 by Sincerity Bridal is an effortless ruffle skirt ball gown. This dress offers lots of movement. The sheer beaded bodice has a plunging V-neck and V-back. It's paired with a lightweight tulle ruffle skirt that's delicately detailed with a horsehair hem. This dress is even more beautiful in person! Style: 44304



This chiffon A-line bridal gown will leave you looking unforgettable. Designed with an Illusion Sabrina neckline, the sheer bodice is adorned with sequined lace appliqués that trickle along the neckline and cap sleeves to create an off the shoulder effect. It's given a lightweight skirt that makes movement effortless.

Style: 44321





Dance the night away in this beautiful Mikado A-line. A square neckline, peak-a-boo sides and buttons complete the look. And ladies, this gown has pockets!

Style: Alexia



Wow your guests in Hazel. Modern meets sexy in this full lace fitted gown with thin straps and cut out sides.

Style: Hazel



## LUCY AND STEVEN SCHOOMBEE

## Micro Wedding Love Story

## Tell us how your love story started?

Our story began just over 9 years ago. We met each other on a night out in the town when we were at University in Potchefstroom. We danced 3 dances in a row and said goodnight, thinking that we are not going to see each other ever again. No exchange of cell phone numbers, and regret on both our ends for not getting each other's phone numbers and knowing that we won't see each other again and as fate would have it exactly a week went by when I (Lucy) arrived at home to find Steven sitting outside my apartment on the patio having a cup of coffee with a close friend of his who happened to be my next-door neighbor. Here we are just over 9 years later married and with two dogs and parrot.

### Why did you choose your venue?

Having set a date exactly 1 month and 3 weeks after our engagement we started searching for a venue that represents our personalities. We came across Vredenburg Manor House on the internet, and immediately felt that it represents who we are. After a lengthy phone call with plenty of questions for Leon, Vredenburg's wedding coordinator our excitement went up 10 folds. We immediately fell in love with the venue as soon as we arrived, in all aspects it represented all the beauties of the beautiful area we live in and appreciate each day.

It's a lovely setting surrounded by beautiful gardens. As you walk into the manor house you feel welcomed by the house as well as the exceptional staff. We were looking for a venue that felt warm, comfortable, and loved, Vredenburg definitely represents all that. The accommodation is immaculately clean, well presented and has everything that our guests would need.

Our decision to have our wedding at Vredenburg was immediately confirmed after meeting with Leon and Luke. The service that they offer is spectacular, they took on the challenge to take our ideas and wants and make it all a reality without us having to do any of the planning. An amazing all-inclusive service that they offer, from food to flowers and decoration to setting it all up.

## Tell us more about your Micro Wedding?

We were only 35 people at the wedding, only our closest and dearest friends and family. It was spectacular for we were able to spend time with all our guests. The wedding weekend kicked off with a braai Friday night, with spectacular platters made by Vredenburg.







"We decided to catch the last bit of winter magic and get married in August"

> Vredenburg Manor house Photographer – Etienne Botha Cake – Delana's cakes Make up & hair artist – Mari Ver Way

Saturday morning started off with a delicious private breakfast for us as the bride and groom while the guests enjoyed their breakfast in the breakfast room. A glass of champagne was enjoyed in the lovely pajama lounge where the bride and her bridal party was getting pampered and getting ready to walk down the isle at 15:00. The groom and the boys enjoy a fine glass of whiskey in the garden cottage as they got ready.

The ceremony was hosted on a hidden garden under a beautiful tree starting to bloom with the Hottentots Mountain behind us. We were blessed by the beauty of our surroundings as the ceremony took place, special add on was as we were saying our I do's a fish eagle flew over us and 3 squirrels were playing above us in the tree. After the ceremony we enjoyed delicious canapes and champagne on the manor house terrace. The terrace offered plenty of seating and a spectacular view over the pool and gardens.

The reception was hosted inside the manor house in the main dinning room. We started off the reception by cutting the cake. The food was exceptional, true Cape hearty food. For starters we had a spicy butternut soup with homemade cheese bread sticks. Mains was a choice between olive and sun-dried tomato lamb shank served with roasted vegetables and sweet potato mash or the chicken roulade stuffed with spinach, feta and sundried tomato served with roasted vegetables and sweet potato mash. The food was mouthwatering delicious, it was all served warm. For dessert there was carrot cake served with cinnamon pumpkin spiced ice cream.

The evening was surrounded by candles and 3 fireplaces blaring with a fire. For the grandparents there was a lovely lounge with a comfortable couch Infront of a fireplace where they sat and enjoyed their dessert. The dance floor was surrounded by orchids, candles, fairy lights and a blazing fireplace.

#### We love your dress! Tell us how you chose it?

Tried on quite a few dresses, but when I tried this specific dress on it covered all 3 of my requirements. It was breathtaking on me, It matched my personality and who I am and lastly but most importantly I felt comfortable in the dress.

#### What was your favorite memory?

There are too many to say that we have a favorite memory. One of our appreciated moments during the day was when we realized we have yet to have any canapes and had a grumbling tummy that the staff had made a platter plate of canapes specially just for us. We stood in the manor house kitchen as husband and wife having a glass of champagne and snacking away.

#### Tell us why you chose your wedding date?

We adore the Cape winters and not wanting to wait another year before we say I do we decided to catch the last bit of winter magic and get married in August, which was only a month and a half after we got engaged.





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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.

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## CASSY & LANCE DE BRUIN

## Rain on your wedding day is good luck

### How and when did you meet?

Over the phone! He was a frequent caller in my department for the work he was doing at the time. According to him, I had him at "hello". Every time he'd call in, he would request for assistance from me and hold for long periods of time, claiming that I'm always so helpful. He eventually asked for my number, and I said I was not comfortable giving out my number but that he could add me on Facebook. After a few months of chatting on Facebook, I eventually decided to give him my number and met up. We started seeing more of each other and we have been together ever since. I always tease him about that fact that he didn't ask me out on a date and that we just happened (LOL).

#### Tell us about your venue?

An old friend of mine got married at Jasmine Hills Country venue a good couple of years ago and I completely forgot about the venue. As Lance and I were searching for venues in the Eikenhoff area, Jasmine Hills appeared on the search list. I mentioned to him how beautiful the venue is and suggested that we go and view and he was more than happy to do so. Upon arrival at the venue, we both fell in love with the view. The venue overlooks the south of Johannesburg and has beautiful gardens with trees leading up into a mountain, perfect for taking pictures and creating unforgettable memories. It was the perfect fit for the vision we had. The venue has a beautiful chapel and exquisite garden where the ceremony can be held, and we were really looking forward to a garden ceremony but due to the weather we had to have the ceremony indoors. It also has two very spacious reception halls and we chose the Jasmine Hall. The gardens are breath-taking and great for an outdoor ceremony.

### What was the wedding planning like?

We started planning our wedding in December 2020 with 10 May 2021 as the wedding date. Little did we know that we would only be saying our "I do's" in April 2022, due to the COVID restrictions. We had a tough time deciding who to invite and who not to, both our families are extremely large. There were times when we even considered going to court and getting married there. Things eventually started falling into place once COVID restrictions started lifting. We managed to set a date in January 2022 for 17 April 2022.



## "We managed to pull off a real fairy tale of a wedding"

Catering: Suraya – Jasmine Hills Country Venue Decorations and Flowers: Quinton Bailey Dress Designer: Cloudious Hair and Makeup: McKayla Moses Nails: Esther Beauty DJ: Erwin Japtha Cake: CakesbyP

This left us with very little time to plan an entire wedding, with only the venue secured. However, with the help of our amazing families, our wedding coordinator Suraya, at Jasmine Hills and our vendors we managed to pull off a day that we will remember for the rest of our lives. Months later we still get complimented on the beautiful wedding we had. Coming to my dress... My wedding dress designer had to complete three bridesmaid's dresses, flower girl's dress, mother of the bride's dress and my dress. The entire bridal party's attire was completed two weeks before the wedding except for mine. My final fitting was done on Thursday before the wedding day! The anxiety and pressure were unreal, but so worth it when I finally got to put on the completed dress. The planning was extremely stressful but in hindsight we managed to pull off a real fairy tale of a wedding.

## We love your cake, who made it and what flavor was it?

My cake was made by a high school friend Petunia who started her own business (CakesbP) and is flourishing in it! Initially, we were planning on a simple one tier cake, but we decided to go big, as we are only getting married once. The cake had three flavours. Chocolate, vanilla and red velvet. Not only was it good on the eye but tasted amazing too.

#### Who was in your bridal party?

Maid of Honour: Euphemia (my sister) Bridesmaids: Robin (my cousin) and Brownwynne (Lance's cousin) Best Man: Andre (Lance's best friend) Groomsmen: Euphamian (my brother) and Ashley (Lance's close friend) Flower girl: Tyronique (my sister)

### What was your favorite memory?

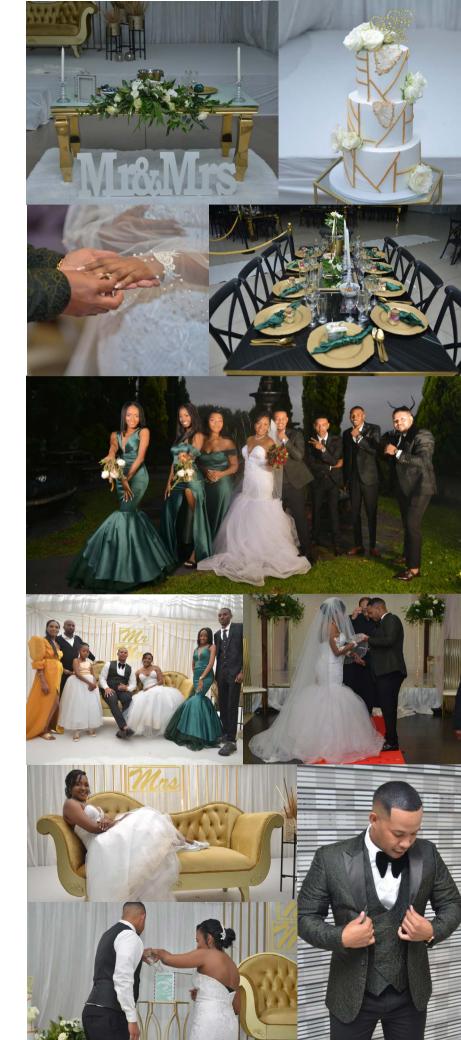
It's really tough to pick a favourite memory because there were so many moments which stood out. However, my first was entering the chapel and seeing Lance standing at the alter waiting for me to walk down and the other was my parent's speeches. The rain also tried stealing the show but had a beautiful day, nonetheless.

#### How many guests did you have?

We started out with 60 guests, then moved to 80 and eventually settled at 100 guests. Most the guests were family and a few very close friends.

#### Did you go on honeymoon, and where?

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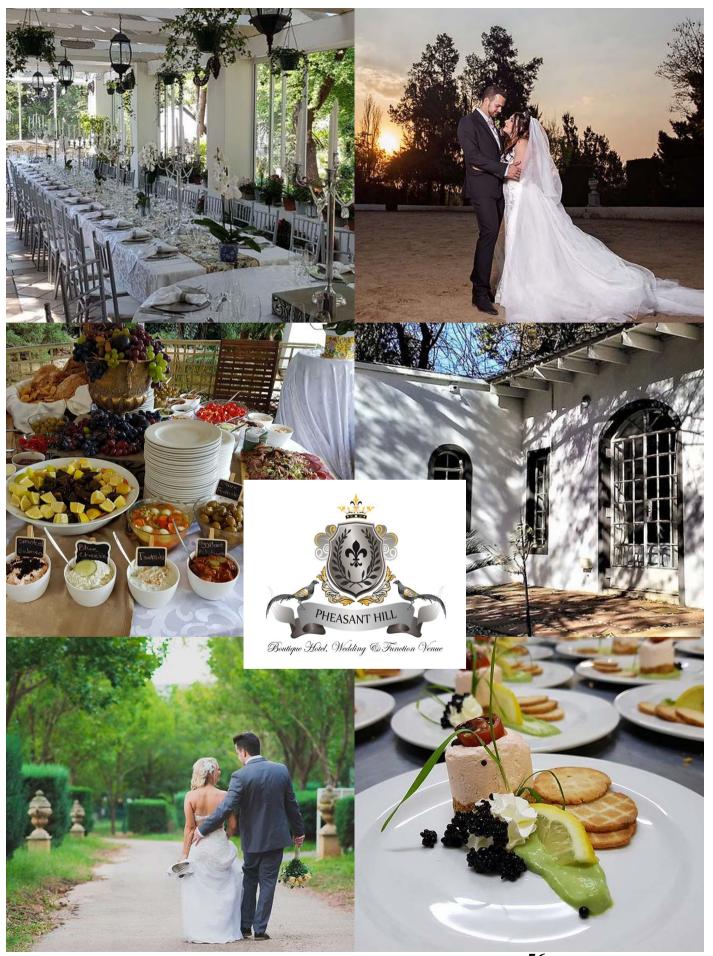




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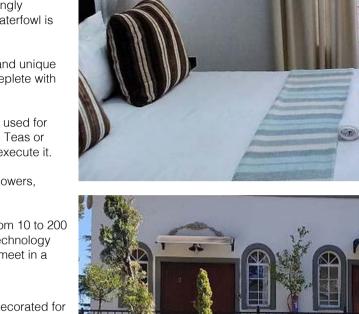
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Goedgeleven is nestled in between scenic farmlands and situated just outside Durbanville, about 200m past the "Lichtenburg / Paarl – R312" turnoff on the Klipheuwel road

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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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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### Tell us about your proposal?

It was my husband's 26th birthday and I have decided to take him camping for the weekend. We went to Drakensberg in the middle of winter and we were freezing. We were sitting at the fire every night just enjoying each other company and the in love feeling definitely kept us from freezing. My husband is not the most romantic person but when he does something the though and emotion following is indescribable. I have not given it one thought that the proposal would Then on the last night camping it was about 10 pm I have decide I am going in getting into my pj's and getting ready for bed. He was still outside and said he will be on his way, a few minutes later he calls me out saying there is some that I should see I should hurry up. I was already cozy and did not want to go and he call again and when I open the tent the was standing on one knee with the most beautiful ring asking me to be his Wify. That moment was so pure and there was just so much love I would not change any part of it.

A thousand words can't describe a moment like that.

#### Why did you choose your venue?

The reasons that we choose Bellwood was because the venue is so beautiful you don't even have to do a lot of flower or décor because the reception as well as the forest chapel just have that special kind of feeling. We have also chosen the venue because of the great accommodation, I have always wanted a big family wedding and this venue made it possible we were able to have all the family together the Friday evening before the wedding to have a great dinner and a great time at the bonfire.

The service at Bellwood was also amazing, and they made us feel so at ease and they were so helpful on the Friday to make sure that the biggest day of our life would be perfect.

#### How long did the planning take?

When we got engaged, I already had plans of what I like and a vision of what I wanted. But I am a very luck girl and my husband help a lot with make most of the decisions. We were engaged for 9 months and about a Month before the wedding everything was ready and planned.



## "A thousand words can't describe a moment like that."

Mighty Fine Bellwood wedding venue CHC Catering DJ Worx Rozalee Beauty Hair by Nikki Elre attire Designs

#### Tell us more about your wedding dress?

From the beginning I wanted a big princess dress. I just felt like it's the once day you can go crazy and where the big dress because when every will you get that opportunity again. I went to 4 different wedding dress stores in Durban and I have found the perfect dress that I love but unfortunately it was way out of my budgets so I had to say good bye and leave it at the store. I felt very anxious that I would not find a dress like that and that I would not be 100% satisfied with anything else.

Then I phone Renalda, she had made my matric farewell dress and some of my friends wedding dresses. I was very adamant that I don't want a dress made because I'm scared it won't give me the same feeling the one gave me that I fitted. But Renalda was more then amazing she took the appointment, she sketched my dress and the day it was finished and I had the dress on it was even more the I could dream of. All the elements of the dress that I had fitted the first time was in the dress that she made and there was so many other elements that we added to the dress that I did not event know I wanted at first, but at the end it was more then I could have wished for.

#### Who took your photos and why did you choose them

I have contacted Mighty Fine for our wedding video as well as our wedding photos because myself as well as my husband loves their style and the emotion that they capture. They don't just pitch up and shoot you wedding day, they make time to get to know you and what you (the couple) are all about so that on the day they can capture all the special moment and you can really see the love and emotion in every picture and that is why we chose them.

#### What was your favorite memory?

One of my favorite memories was the Friday night before the wedding, all the family was gathered at the bonfire chatting and having a great time, when my husband and I decide to go to the reception to go and have a look. That was the most amazing moment, standing in the middle of the reception looking at all the hard work that went into the wedding and how beautiful everything look.

#### Any tips for future brides?

I was very lucky that I had a husband that helped a lot with the planning and that was very supportive through the whole process. And one thing that I want to tell future brides is that just remember it's your day, you only get one like that don't care about what other people will think or the opinions of to many people. Plan the wedding of your dreams and the people that really care and loves you will share that incredible day with you, without having any opinions of negativity.





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## LIZELLE & ALEX DE WAAL

#### Love and Neon Lights

#### Tell us how you met?

We met at University. I was doing my Honours degree and he was in his final year. Both of us volunteered to assist with the 1st Years' orientation. I saw him for the first time on the 22nd of January 2019 on campus while attending a meeting where we were planning the orientation. He tells the story where I came into the room wearing my big round glasses and he immediately thought I was the most beautiful girl he has ever seen. The following 2 weeks we got to know each other, but just a little. We found out we have a few shared interests, fitness, movies, and all things space related being a few of them. And after those 2 weeks when orientation finished, so did our encounters.

Fast forward to the 12th of May 2020, deep in lockdown, he was browsing on Instagram and saw I had posted a portrait of myself on Instagram and he decided to leave a comment. "Oh wow", he said, and I just replied with a blushing emoji. A few days later, the 16th of May, I posted another photo of myself wearing a blue crown and a blue cape which is the same blue crown and blue cape worn by Queen Elsa from Frozen, one of my favourite Disney films. He commented again, but this time with "Do you want to build a snowman?" and I followed with "come on let's go and play". And so we each replied with a line from the song in the film and from that day we haven't stopped talking to each other.

#### What month did you get married in and why?

We got married in July! I have always wanted to get married in winter. I love the cold weather. We had a look and the months of May through to August and felt July would suit us the best. I wanted our wedding to be nice and cozy. We even gave our guests blankets as a wedding favour. There stood a sign next to the blankets saying, "to have and to hold in case you get cold". Our wedding logo is embroidered onto the blanket so it will forever be a reminder to them of our special day.

#### Tell us about your food?

What better food to have in winter than comfort food? And what better comfort food than pizza and pasta?



"I sang "La Vie en Rose" in French in front of all our guests, to my husband because he loves it when I sing the song."

> Wedding planners: Event Wizards Photographer: Mighty Fine Catering: Villa San Giovanni Bar Service: Liquid Chefs Wedding Cake: Mrs B Love 2 Bake Marquee: Downings Marquee Table chocolates: Jack Rabbit Wedding dance: Extreme Dance Projects Makeup: Makeup by Annelize Hair: Bridal by Armon

My family and I used to go to a family-owned Italian restaurant called Villa San Giovanni at least once a week growing up. If there is one thing our guests keep mentioning about the wedding, it is the food and how much of is there was. We love hearing how much our guests enjoyed it all! We had a variety of 3 pastas and three pizzas. And when it came to dessert, we took a trip to France serving macarons, crème brulee, caramel cake, etc. I took French as a subject at school, so the French culture and cuisine grew on me, especially macarons! They are my favourite.

#### Tell us more about your wedding dress?

I had a very specific idea of what I wanted in my ahead. I felt like I would need to have it tailor made to get what I want. However, I still went dress fitting to keep an open mind. And I am very glad I did! I booked a dress fitting at Vonve Bridal Couture. I loved the first dress I tried on there and it stuck with me. I found out they can completely customise the top part of the dress to my linking. I felt so relieved knowing that I found my dream dress! I still have it hanging in my closet and I don't think I will ever be able to sell it. I am already imagining wearing the dress again when we do our vow renewals decades from now.

#### Who took your photos and why did you choose them?

We researched so many wedding photographers/ videographers, as we felt that it's very important to capture the day so that we can have a visual reminder of our special day. We were looking for a specific style. A style that's authentic and that captures the real and raw emotions of the day. So, after going through many profiles on Instagram, we chose Mighty Fine for our photos and videos. We got a great package and special with 3 camera operators, a drone operator and a photobooth. We loved seeing the creative photos our guests took at the photobooth. So many special memories were made and captured.

#### Any stand out moments from your wedding day?

It was important that our wedding encapsulated who we are and what we like. From the pianist we had playing all our favourite Disney songs, to the Italian and French cuisine, to designing our own wedding stationary. And even getting married on our family farm. Everything spoke a little bit about who we are, and that made the whole wedding stand out to us. If we do have to choose a moment or two it would be the following two: the groom doing his speech in the form of a story called "The Man and the Princess", which had so many people in tears, and the moment where I sang "La Vie en Rose" in French in front of all our guests, to my husband because he loves it when I sing the song.





### **ANTENUPTIAL CONTRACTS** *What You Need To Know*

#### "An Antenuptial contract sets out the manner in which your property is dealt with in the event that a marriage comes to an end through death or divorce."

In South Africa, we have three types of marriage regimes, being married in community of property, being married out of community of property with the inclusion of the accrual and being married out of community of property with the express exclusion of the accrual system.

#### What are the legal consequences of the different marital regimes?

- a) Antenuptial contract with the inclusion of the accrual system
  - the two parties remain separate legal entities and may contract in their individual capacities;
  - you are not liable for the debts incurred by your spouse;
  - you both share equally in the growth of your estates from the time you get married, you share what you have built up together and
  - if you have a wealthy estate before marriage, you can exclude it specifically from the accrual.

- b) Antenuptial contract with the exclusion of the accrual system
  - The two parties remain separate legal entities and may contract in their individual capacities:
  - you are not liable for the debts incurred by your spouse; and
  - you do not share in the growth of your spouse's estate.
- c) Marriage in community of property
  - everything the couple owns, and all their debts and assets are shared equally;
  - the property of each party automatically becomes the property of both parties and forms a part of the joint estate;
  - in the event of death or divorce, both parties will be entitled to their half share of the assets and liable for the half share of all debts.

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

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For outdoor entertaining, there is a braai and wooden deck in front of the lodge. The deck is built over the edge of the mountain with incredible panoramic views and is ideal for pre-wedding photos! Enjoy an early morning cup of coffee on your balcony or the deck whilst watching the sun rise over the misty valley - anticipating the excitement of the day ahead!

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