

TROPICAL HIDEAWAY

An idyllic seaside location provides the perfect setting for this emotion-packed celebration



“DAD AND I walked down a mosaic-tiled aisle.”



“MY ENGAGEMENT ring has a princess-cut diamond.”



“Try and organise everything early – I was surprised by how little time I had to enjoy the lead-up”



“MY STRAPPY ivory heels were covered in diamantés.”

Rachel & Andrew

WHO Rachel Ball, 25, contracts administrator, and Andrew Forster, 42, sales manager.

WHEN April 19, 2009.

WHERE A ceremony and reception were held at Villa Botanica, Woodwark, Whitsundays, Qld.

GUESTS 80.

THEME “We wanted a relaxed, semi-casual feel. Our chocolate, gold and burnt orange colour scheme complemented the garden setting.”

DRESS “I wore an ivory and gold satin dress covered in crystal beading. It featured a trumpet skirt, chapel train and embroidered lace overlay.”

DRESS COST “\$1200.”

HEADDRESS “I wore my nanna’s veil, which she wore on her wedding day in 1948.”

BRIDAL PARTY “My twin sister, Rebecca, and Andrew’s two daughters, Rebecca and Jacqueline, were my bridesmaids. Andrew had two childhood friends as groomsmen.”

BRIDESMAIDS’ DRESSES “They wore gold, strapless bodices that sat over flowing, chocolate-coloured skirts.”

INVITATIONS “Our initials were incorporated into the design, which featured shades of cream, gold and chocolate.”

FLOWERS “We carried posies of cream roses, white tulips, white freesias, white lisianthus and camellia leaves.”

CEREMONY “Seeing his beautiful daughters walking down the aisle before me made Andrew

very emotional. The outdoor, civil ceremony took place in an intimate setting, which meant that everyone could hear our vows. Afterwards, guests enjoyed canapés and lychee bellinis on the seaside verandah.”

DECORATIONS “A bowl filled with tropical leaves and orange vanda orchids sat on each table, along with chocolate-coloured tea-light candles. Napkins were wrapped with chocolate-coloured ribbon, and an orchid tucked into each one.”

ENTERTAINMENT “Andrew’s nephews from the UK surprised us when they got up and played their violins. My dad and his band performed when everyone was ready to dance.”

COST “\$25,000.”



"WE WERE married under a wood-carved pavilion surrounded by our family and friends."



The Menu

CANAPÉS

Vietnamese rice paper rolls; Moroccan lamb cutlets; chicken satay skewers; fresh hand rolls; mixed sushi selection with pickled ginger, wasabi and soy; vegetarian omelettes

MAINS

Selection of in-shell oysters; king prawns; marinated scallops wrapped in prosciutto; whole poached Tasmanian salmon; chicken breast filled with brie and sun-dried tomato; roasted baby potatoes served with rosemary sea salt; and panache of summer vegetables

DESSERT

Wedding cake; fresh tropical fruit



"ROUND, WHITE paper lanterns were strung above the tables."



Contact Rachel's Dream Team

PHOTOGRAPHY Whitsunday Photographer (www.whitsundayphotographer.com.au).

BRIDE'S DRESS The Fashion Gallery (07 4721 2330). **VEIL RESTORATION** Stitch Witch (07 4728 3232). **SHOES** Bridal Shoes Australia (07 5538 4311). **HAIR** House of Hair (07 4946 6878). **GROOM'S OUTFIT** Roger David (www.rogerdavid.com.au).

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES Shazzam (02 4959 1236).

INVITATIONS Dizzi Dezine (www.dizzidezine.com.au).

FLOWERS Savy Flowers (0417 746 011). **CEREMONY AND RECEPTION** Villa Botanica (07 4946 1616). **DECORATIONS** The Event Company (07 4948 3677).

ENTERTAINMENT Eric Ball (0412 688 578).

CAKE Marie Smith (07 4779 3889).

CATERING The Green Gecko (07 4948 1811).

"WE CUT the cake with the same knife my parents used."



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