



we all went to Coffs Harbour to stay at my sister's house. While shopping one day we found a great dress we thought would be a good maid of honour outfit, and it was a purple/aubergine colour so the wedding colours were purples!

THE BRIDAL PARTY: My sister Julie was my maid of honour and my two petal throwers were Nikki Leventis and Tiffany Smyth. I have been friends with both of them for over 11 years. I didn't particularly want to be married and we joked that if it ever happened they would have to be my petal throwers - which they were! Sean's best man was his best mate from school, Angus Kingsell, who was brilliant. My niece Tamara was a gorgeous flower girl and my nephew Christian was an usher and supplied everyone with bubbles.

THE TRANSPORT: Our ceremony was down the road from our house so that I could ride Narnia and dad could walk with me and bring my dogs. There is an accommodation place between us and the ceremony, so Sean stayed there the night before and he was going to walk around the corner. I organised three Harley Davidsons to take my maid of honour and grown-up petal throwers down. However, it poured with rain for three days prior and on our wedding day. I was so very disappointed. I had had a beautiful halter made for Narnia and even had a practice day with mum where I got on her in my dress (an hilarious afternoon) to make sure all was well. On the day, some very kind friends collected me in their Bentley, the girls went down in another friend's car and I had the three Harleys as outriders - they all looked fantastic and the cars had the wedding ribbon.

THE FLOWERS: We didn't have any flowers. I discovered a lady on the net in England who makes crystal bouquets, so I got a crystal bouquet for Julie and I and crystal buttonholes for both sets of parents and our MC - it was so much cheaper than getting flowers and very sparkly...

HAIR AND MAKEUP: I did my own hair - and kept the veil on all night as then it didn't matter what my hair looked like! A good girlfriend of mine is a beautician and she did both mine and Julie's make up. We had a practice ses-

sion and everyone thought she did a good job. I was delighted with our makeup on the day.

WEDDING REHEARSAL: We had to have a rehearsal because there were so many animals and people involved. We had one of the Harleys arrive at my house and I rode Narnia down the street to get the timing right, but when we got to the park I had forgotten to see if anything was going on there and it was busy, so we had to group on the street to discuss things. We popped our harp player (the ten-year-old son of a friend) in the back of his dad's ute with his music stand and we all hung about on the verge with a horse, a Harley Davidson and a child harpist- it was fantastic. The thing that made me laugh the most as I rode off on Narnia was that no one seemed to think it was odd.

THE WEDDING DAY: We chose Peace Park so that I could ride Narnia down and dad could walk the dogs down with us. It also has a small hall (in case it rained!) We were married by Julie Sutton, a marriage celebrant who was perfect for us - we had loads of compliments about her on the day. She had a great sense of humour and was terrific. I found some Celtic vows on the internet which I thought were perfect for how I felt - Sean used the same ones (personally I suspect he thought that easiest), but we did add on the traditional bit at the end about lawful wedded husband and with this ring I thee wed - I love that. We had little bottles of bubbles at our ceremony and champagne and water for the guests while our photos were taken.

THE RECEPTION: Our reception was at H2O, which is a restaurant in Narrabeen. It has a nice atmosphere, was central for most of our guests and has loads of windows and French doors opening out to the park and lakes. Chris, who looked after us, had unending patience and they were brilliant - nothing was too much trouble. We booked the venue about seven months before the wedding and decided on a cocktail party because I think it's more social. For extra decorations we had loads of candles - I love them and don't believe you can have too many. We also had lots of purple rose petals for all