



the tables, crystal 3D wedding confetti, normal wedding confetti, lit branches and lit branches with flowers, strings of lights, wine glass charms, wedding toilet paper of a bride and groom (it was so cute!) and on the toilet doors we had collages from our hen's and buck's nights that I made and had printed.

At the reception we had another bubble machine and as we entered the venue our petal throwers let off petal cannons, which were brilliant!

WEDDING FAVOURS: We sent our guests a photo of them taken on the day and we created a CD of the music to send them with the thank-you cards - the music they suggested to us with their RSVPs.

THE WEDDING CAKE: We had a four-tier arrangement. The top tier was a traditional cake (fruit with marzipan) decorated with a purple ribbon and crystals. The other tiers had a selection of petit fours on them - it was nice and colourful as well as popular. Our cake topper was actually the first thing we bought! It was the only one we could find that had a bride and groom on a pushbike - it's metal with enamel and very small. We got it sent over from France, except the delivery man didn't deliver it so it went back to France to come back again - we suspect it's the most expensive topper around! It's very small, so our wedding cake was only 15cm diameter.

THE MUSIC: We asked our guests to let us know their favourite song to help us with our music for the second part of the night. At the reception we had a three-piece jazz band with Jane Irving as our singer - we were lucky to get her, as she has since moved to New York.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER: We were very lucky that a family friend, Geoff Barden, used to be a wedding photographer and he offered his services. He also gave us a wedding album and CDs with all our photos on.

THE WEDDING NIGHT: Sean wanted to go to a hotel and I wanted to come home. He said that wouldn't work as I would then be looking after the animals in a wedding dress, so we stayed in The Falls Retreat, where Sean stayed the night before our wedding. It was nice as quite a few guests also stayed there and we had breakfast together the next morning.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS... Dad picked up the petit fours for us the morning of the wedding and took them to the restaurant. The patisserie (not Heavenly Cakes; they were fantastic) called a few hours later to say they had forgotten to give him some of them, and could we go back and get the

remainder! They finally agreed to deliver them. My dress could be worn with or without straps, but I preferred with so we had the straps adjusted for me. Mum collected them from the dressmaker and promptly lost them. On the wedding day she blamed dad, but either way they were nowhere to be seen so I was strapless (needless to say she has since found them!). My brother-in-law is in catering and he sent down the champagne glasses, silver buckets and tablecloths with a friend for us to have at the ceremony - all the men were meeting at 2pm to decorate at the park. The friend went missing in action in the local shopping centre and she arrived over a half hour late, to a very frosty reception. But the worst thing for me was that it rained! All that training with Narnia and all the planning... Then after the ceremony, when the others were in the hire cars to go to the reception, the driver asked us to go last in our car but the others drove off and left us. We went down to the restaurant but when we arrived, we were the only people there - literally! My other sister Nicci and her family arrived a bit later, and then about 15 minutes after that the hire cars delivered our bridal party.

AND THE BIG QUESTION... would you do anything different if you were to do it again? Yes! I would have a much larger RSVP. I have no idea why I made them so small, and I would also remember to include a return address on them. I would have gotten ready at mum and dad's house - our house isn't too good in the wet and it isn't very big, either, so it was rather full with all the bridal people, family, dogs, cat, three Harley riders, photographer, video man (another friend) and wonderful Bentley driver in there...

The Suppliers

- DRESS: Gorgeous Gowns R Us, St Ives. Tel: 0412 608 664
- SUITS: Spurling, Narellan. Tel: 02 4647 5977
- HAIR AND MAKEUP: Bronwyn's Beauty (friend)
- WEDDING VENUE: Peace Park, Oxford Falls. Tel: 02 9942 2111
- CELEBRANT: Julie Sutton, Frenchs Forest. Tel: 02 9451 5769
- RECEPTION VENUE: H2O Café Restaurant, Narrabeen. Tel: 02 9913 1360
- CAKE: Heavenly Cakes, Dee Why. Tel: 02 9905 3554
- FLOWERS: Crystal Weddings, UK. www.crystalwedding.webs.com
- WEDDING NIGHT ACCOMMODATION: The Falls Function Centre, Oxford Falls. Tel: 02 9452 1300