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dreaming of a destination wedding



Message from the Minister for Tourism Industry Development

THE HON KATE JONES MP

As Queensland's Tourism Industry Development Minister, I am proud of Queensland's \$25 billion tourism industry that supports around 217,000 jobs.

The Sunshine Coast region - with its coastal beaches and waterways, scenic hinterland areas, national parks, world-class resorts, quality restaurants and attractions, all offering a 'naturally refreshing' experience - is a shining jewel in our state's tourism crown.

Mooloolaba is a picture-perfect holiday spot and my family have enjoyed plenty of quality time here together. Mooloolaba is also a hive of wedding wonder with a well-established, passionate industry to provide all the support you need for a picturesque and unique beach, or wonderfully Australian hinterland wedding, whether large or small.

I am pleased to introduce this magazine, promoting all that is on offer in this region for those who are considering spending their very special day here in Mooloolaba.

Enjoy exploring this beautiful region of Queensland through the pages of this publication and ensure that both you and your guests allow enough time pre or post-wedding to explore the wonderful tourism experiences of the Mooloolaba region while here.



Message from the Mayor of Sunshine Coast Council

MAYOR MARK JAMIESON

Picture-perfect beaches and idyllic coastal parks. Where else could you find such a spectacularly diverse location for your special day than Mooloolaba?

For couples who live on the Sunshine Coast, or those who are looking for that perfect experience, Mooloolaba offers a great natural landscape and an exceptional climate all year round.

If you are planning a destination wedding, Mooloolaba also boasts exceptional dining and a myriad of accommodation options for your guests to choose from. It also provides the perfect base for exploring everything that our Sunshine Coast has to offer - from our pristine and vibrant hinterland to our many magnificent beaches.

The Sunshine Coast is also easily accessible, being just over one hour north of Brisbane and with direct flights to the Sunshine Coast Airport from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland.

I encourage you to explore how Mooloolaba and our Sunshine Coast could provide the perfect setting for your unforgettable day.

from the desk of the editor



The wedding industry here on the Sunshine Coast is vibrant, professional and our relaxed lifestyle means the planning of your celebration feels truly personalised.

I'm so proud to present this stunning publication showcasing the perfect wedding destination - Mooloolaba. I'm also proud to represent the local Industry professionals who came together to create the contents of this beautiful magazine - a gift for Mooloolaba and for you.

You will find every detail and every top tip you could dream of within these pages and all from wedding experts in the know. So, sit back and enjoy!

We also invite you to view the helpful blogs, links and even more information available on our website to ensure your Mooloolaba wedding is world-class!

See you in Mooloolaba!

Love, Suzanne





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President, Mooloolaba Chamber of Commerce

GRAEME JUNIPER

I am pleased to invite you to our community and to present this incredible publication showcasing our region as a world class wedding destination.

Mooloolaba has long been celebrated as a stunning holiday destination and we know you will enjoy celebrating your wedding in our vibrant region.

A special thank you must go to our incredible Mooloolaba Chamber of Commerce Wedding Sub-committee, enthusiastically led by Suzanne Riley. Our committee is a passionate, award winning team of local professionals who volunteered their time to gather the content for this amazing wedding project including an online version able to be shared worldwide.

Thank you also to Sunshine Coast Council who have supported, facilitated and embraced the vision of this entire project.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to beautiful Mooloolaba.



Visit Sunshine Coast, CEO

SIMON LATCHFORD

If you dream of saying 'I do' with your feet in the sand or surrounded by subtropical rainforest, there's no better place than the Sunshine Coast.

Mooloolaba, voted the fourth best beach in Australia by TripAdvisor in 2019, offers an unforgettable holiday experience, with a vibrant food scene and plenty of activities on offer for couples and their guests to explore.

Across the region we have a well-established professional wedding industry, making it easy for couples to plan their special day. With so many beautiful accommodation options, they may even choose to extend their stay for a Sunshine Coast honeymoon.

We hope you enjoy discovering all our region has to offer as you plan your dream Sunshine Coast wedding.

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MOOLOOLABA'S SPECTACULAR CEREMONY *locations*

Imagine an idyllic beachside or parkland setting; arriving by boat, kombi or limousine; walking down a hidden pathway to reveal the ultimate wedding backdrop.

All of this awaits you in Mooloolaba. Boasting an array of stunning ceremony locations, Mooloolaba has all you need to create the ultimate dream wedding including the #1 Beach on the Sunshine Coast according to Trip Advisor.



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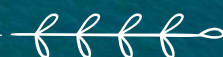
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TOP TIPS

HOW TO BOOK YOUR MOOLOOLABA CEREMONY

1. Choose your **destination and time**. Your booking will be allocated a 3-hour time period.
2. Go to **Sunshine Coast Council website** www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
3. Search **Wedding Permits**
4. Download Application for **Wedding/ Formal Ceremony** document
5. Email the completed document to mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
6. A **council permit** will then be issued outlining the defined ceremony time and location name
7. **Get excited!** You've taken the first step towards your destination wedding!



CEREMONY *locations* SPOTLIGHT

MOOLOOLABA COVE

Mooloolaba Spit Parkland – Parkyn Parade



The jewel in Mooloolaba's wedding crown. With panoramic views across the ocean from Mooloolaba to Coolum and beyond. Enchanting pathways are your natural aisle to this ceremony location. With a stunning rock wall nearby this is a photographer's dream.



MARINA GROVE

Mooloolaba Spit Parkland – Parkyn Parade



Enjoy this naturally beautiful garden setting on the Mooloolaba River with a yacht mooring vista for your ceremony backdrop, ocean views and winding walking tracks surrounded by casuarina trees on arrival.



OSPREY GARDENS

Mooloolaba Spit Parkland



This is the perfect location for a garden and beach themed wedding. With river views to one side and ocean views across Mooloolaba to the other, this grassed natural parkland ceremony garden is shaded by native casuarina trees.



MOOLOOLABA OCEAN BEACH

— Access 168 – 169 —



Situated on the sand with an expansive, spectacular view and exposed coffee rock formations, this location is breathtaking with unmatched views. Please check tide times when booking this location.



PENNY LANE PARK

— Penny Lane —



Penny Lane offers you a gorgeous, grassed parkland dotted with shady trees, overlooking the Mooloolah River and is located within walking distance to The Wharf Mooloolaba and Mooloolaba Esplanade. Street parking is available.



CHARLES CLARKE PARK

— River Esplanade Mooloolaba —



This grassed parkland overlooks the Mooloolaba Marina and offers stunning river views. Adjacent to The Wharf Mooloolaba on River Esplanade, Charles Clarke Park is within an easy walk of Mooloolaba Esplanade.



CEREMONY *locations* SPOTLIGHT

 To book one of these beautiful sites, visit the Sunshine Coast Council website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

ARTHUR PARKYN PARK BEACH

Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba Beach Access 180-182



Quintessentially Queensland, this location has picture perfect soft sand, a spectacular vista and is ideally located next to the Surf Club Mooloolaba and across the road from The Wharf Mooloolaba. This famous tree-lined beach access is a dream wedding ceremony venue.



PANDANUS GROVE

Parkyn Parade, Beach Access 192



This elegant grassed parkland is home to dozens of pandanus trees and is located opposite the famous Mooloolaba Marina. Situated close to Mooloolaba Beach access 192 the site offers stunning on-sand photo opportunities and plenty of street parking for your guests.



THE LAKESIDE LAWN

Freshwater Street, Brightwater



This lawn sits adjacent to glistening Brightwater Lake, famous for its reflections, magnificent sunset photo opportunities and shady trees. A seven minute drive from Mooloolaba Esplanade, this venue is perfectly situated for a Mooloolaba destination wedding.



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So, you've fallen in love with each other
and with Mooloolaba, you've picked a date - you're getting married!

HERE'S WHERE TO START

1. Consider hiring a wedding planner who can work with your ideas and budget to save you hours of time.
2. Follow and like local wedding suppliers on social media #mooloolabaweddings.
3. Book your religious officiant or celebrant, reception and photographer first, aiming for at least twelve months ahead to ensure you secure your first choice.
4. Create *your* dream team and book them in. If you love their work, make sure you also love their personality! They'll be part of a hugely important day in your life.
5. Visit the ceremony venue and ceremony sites so you can truly visualise your Mooloolaba wedding. Plan a weekend visit, stay, play and book to meet your suppliers in person.
6. Send an information sheet with your 'save the date' card. Include accommodation options and local information, suggest that your guests stay longer and make a holiday of your special occasion.

See you soon!

PLANNING LIST

FIRST STEPS

- Choose your wedding date and lock it in!
- Start creating a guest list
- Choose your bridal party
- Work out a budget
- Tell the world you're getting married in Mooloolaba by sending out 'save the dates'

CREATE YOUR DREAM WEDDING

- Planner
- Celebrant / religious officiant
- Legal Marriage NOIM paperwork and ID
- Reception venue and styling
- Entertainment - band or DJ
- Ceremony location – council permit
- Wet weather ceremony - Plan B
- Ceremony stylist
- Church or chapel
- Photographer
- Videographer
- 'Save the date' cards
- Wedding Invitations
- 'Thank you' cards
- Bride attire
- Bridesmaid attire
- Groom attire
- Groomsmen attire
- Dresses steamed
- Florist
- Cake
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Flights
- Pet wedding assistant
- Bridal wedding hair
- Bridal party hair
- Mother of bride and groom hair
- Bridal wedding makeup artist
- Bridal party makeup
- Mother of bride and groom makeup
- Manicure
- Groom's hair
- Groomsmen hair
- Photo booth
- Confetti
- Bonbonniere
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- Hens and Bucks party
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Your guests will be talking about your wedding and their extended holiday for years after they experience your once-in-a-lifetime celebration and all that Mooloolaba has to offer.

We've got the perfect itinerary suggestion for you, so read on.



 Mooloolaba Cove

DAY 1 WELCOME

11am: Take advantage of the early check-in at your hotel, drop off your bags and head to beautiful Mooloolaba Beach!

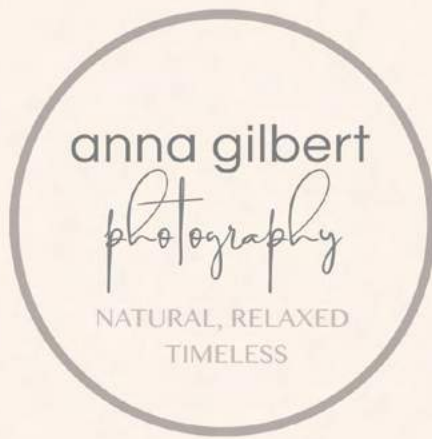
You'll fall in love as soon as you step onto the Mooloolaba Esplanade and see the glistening ocean. Bury your toes in the silky soft sand and enjoy a swim between the flags.

12pm: It's time for a long lunch and there are so many great choices as you stroll along the Esplanade. During Winter, keep your eyes peeled to the ocean as you may catch a glimpse of whales breaching on the horizon.

3pm: After lunch, meander the shady boardwalk to the Spit Parkland and Mooloolaba Fish Market which is the largest retail seafood market on the Sunshine Coast with wild caught seafood unloaded daily straight from the boats. And the best way to enjoy freshly caught prawns is on the beach taking in the glorious views of Mooloolaba rock wall. As you head back to the hotel, there's time for an afternoon coffee or a glass of wine as you pass by The Wharf Mooloolaba before we need to get ready for a night of fun!

5pm: Enjoy a pre-dinner drink at one of Mooloolaba's amazing wine bars. Sample fine wine and canapés at Bella Venezia, where you'll be able to enjoy sunset views over the Ocean. Or you may want to venture to First Avenue where you'll find the sophisticated ambience of Back Lane Tapas and Wine Bar or Cellar Door on First. The Dock Mooloolaba has three exciting bars to choose from including the main bar, garden bar and river bar - all offering a great variety of beers and cocktails with a relaxed vibe. Boston Shaker Bar will have live music and you'll feel like you've stepped back in time amongst the Art Deco furnishings and spirits from yesteryear such as prohibition whiskey.

6.30pm: Our pre-wedding dinner reservation has been made so we will take a short walk to the award-winning Augello's Italian Pizzeria situated right on the Mooloolaba Esplanade. With something to please even the fussiest of palates, this amazing Italian menu and relaxed setting will offer us a great opportunity to chat and connect. No speeches tonight, just fun and laughter. →



Congratulations!

You've just said *yes....*

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DAY 2 THE WEDDING DAY!

Early morning: You're invited to play nine holes on the rolling green hills of Headland Golf Course, let's keep the groom distracted and entertained.

Ladies: If you pre-booked your hair and makeup stylists to visit your hotel room, this will be a decadent, pampering morning. Enjoy!

Lunch: Head back to the beautiful Esplanade or The Wharf Mooloolaba precinct, and you choose! There are so many restaurants and cafés, you'll be spoilt for choice, but you must be back at your hotel and dressed ready to party no later than 2.30pm.

2.30pm: Time to head to the beautiful ceremony garden 'Mooloolaba Cove' at The Spit Parkland to await the 3pm arrival of the bride as we enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the ocean. After the ceremony it's time for a few photos, so we'll be heading off to the rock wall! Guests will head to Frank and Lotti under the trees of the Esplanade where you'll be treated to Oysters and Spritzers.

5.15pm: Make your way to the Ocean View room, upstairs at the Surf Club Mooloolaba, the vast seascape and incredible menu will take your breath away. Put on your dancing shoes and be ready to be entertained by the DJ.

DAY 3 LET THE CELEBRATION CONTINUE

7.30am: Breakfast will be served for our group at De Ja Vu Café, overlooking the ocean on the Mooloolaba Esplanade until 11am for those late to rise. We can't wait to share all of your stories and snapshots from last night's celebration!

10am: We have an amazing array of activities to choose from if you wish to explore beautiful Mooloolaba, so if you're checking out, stow your bags and let us enjoy the day.

12pm: Choose from a day of shopping on the Esplanade, a rejuvenating spa treatment, a whale watch tour, river cruise, jet ski, electric tricycle hire and more. If you'd prefer to explore further afield, Australia Zoo is a short drive away, or for the more adventurous, try the Tree Tops high ropes and zip-lining experience at the Big Pineapple.

Evening: Tonight we'll let our hair down as we meet at The Wharf Mooloolaba to listen to cool live music with dinner and wind down after a fabulous three day festival.

Till Late: Still feel like partying after dinner? You can join the locals and dance on the Esplanade to cool Salsa tunes, just follow the sound of the music!

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Whether your wedding party will be an intimate celebration or if you have a multitude of guests flying in from across the globe we have a selection of venues and accommodation to tick all the right boxes below:

Venue	In - house DJ	Pre -wedding canapes	Onsite ceremony	Wet weather option	Fine dining	Sit down	Stand up Cocktail	Band
The Surf Club Mooloolaba	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Lakehouse Sunshine Coast	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
See Restaurant		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Augello's	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Cellar Door on First		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Dock Mooloolaba	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Whale One	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Mantra Mooloolaba Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Annabella Chapel	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Bella Venezia		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank and Lotti		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

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Landmark Resort and Spa	✓	✓	✓	
Newport		✓	✓	
Osprey	✓	✓		✓
The Beach Club	✓	✓	✓	
Mirra Chana		✓		✓
84 the Spit				✓
Breeze Mooloolaba		✓		
Mantra Zanzibar		✓		✓
Mantra Sirocco	✓	✓		✓
Mantra Mooloolaba Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓

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#MemoryLove

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TOP TIPS BEAUTY

1. Book a trial. This gives you time to work on the perfect look with your hair and makeup artist. Don't be afraid to share your opinions.
2. Book hair and makeup suppliers who will come to you, this makes for a much more relaxed preparation time.
3. Hydrate well before and during your big day.
4. Any new skin regimes should be started well in advance of your big day to avoid any breakouts or reactions.
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By Lou O'Brien

Home Town: Brisbane

Ceremony Venue: The Surf Club Mooloolaba, Ocean View Room

Reception Venue: Mooloolaba Beach Events at The Surf Club Mooloolaba



Brittney and Harrison celebrated their marriage surrounded by friends and family overlooking the spectacular Mooloolaba Beach Cove.

They dreamed of a ceremony that was elegant, relaxed and central to Mooloolaba where they knew their guests would find everything they would need close by. It was important to the couple to surround themselves with local suppliers, who they nicknamed their 'dream team', so that they could completely relax and enjoy their day.

Guests were asked to put their own cameras and phones away and just be present during the ceremony and entrust the photographer to capture all the gorgeous details of the day.

WEDDING DREAM TEAM

Photographer: Images by Lou O'Brien

Celebrant: Suzanne Riley

Flowers: Magnolia Grove

Video: Coastal Love Collective

Hair: Rolling Scissors

Makeup: Hannah Mills Makeup



TOP TIPS PHOTOGRAPHY

1. **Local knowledge is invaluable.** Mooloolaba has a treasure trove of local hidden gems for that 'wow' factor photo and your local photographer will know each and every one, as well as sun and shade spots and wind directions. It's all in the details.
2. **Have a wet weather plan for photos.** If you've booked stylish accommodation, even if it's raining, this can be a great space to take wet weather photos.
3. **Timing is everything.** Allocate enough time before and after your ceremony to relax with your photographer so there's no rushing to capture those special memories. Discuss sunset timing with your photographer, you want to factor this soft, pretty light into your photographic plan. Sunset and tide times can be easily found online.
4. **Love your suppliers.** Find a photographer who you click with, someone you feel comfortable with. A photographer who is positive, adaptable and easy-going will make your wedding day flow and your images will be natural and beautiful.

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By Julie-Ann Brown

Hometown: Brisbane

Ceremony Location: Mooloolaba Cove

Reception Venue: Pier 33 Mooloolaba



Anita and Liam are based in Brisbane and their vision for the ceremony was a spectacular water's edge location so they were immediately drawn to Mooloolaba Cove, Mooloolaba Beach.

Their 95 guests were all out-of-town visitors to this stunning destination so it was important that their wedding location choice offered everything their guests would need with ease.

The ceremony and reception really did look like a dream come true, with their styling choices featuring lush greenery with magnolia leaves and white flowers dotted throughout.

As their guests headed to their reception venue to enjoy canapés overlooking rows of white yachts moored at the Mooloolaba Marina they were treated to a spectacular pink sunset.

Anita and Liam ventured with their bridal party around the esplanade with endless photographic opportunities and on to Point Cartwright with stunning views from the headland back along the world-famous beach.

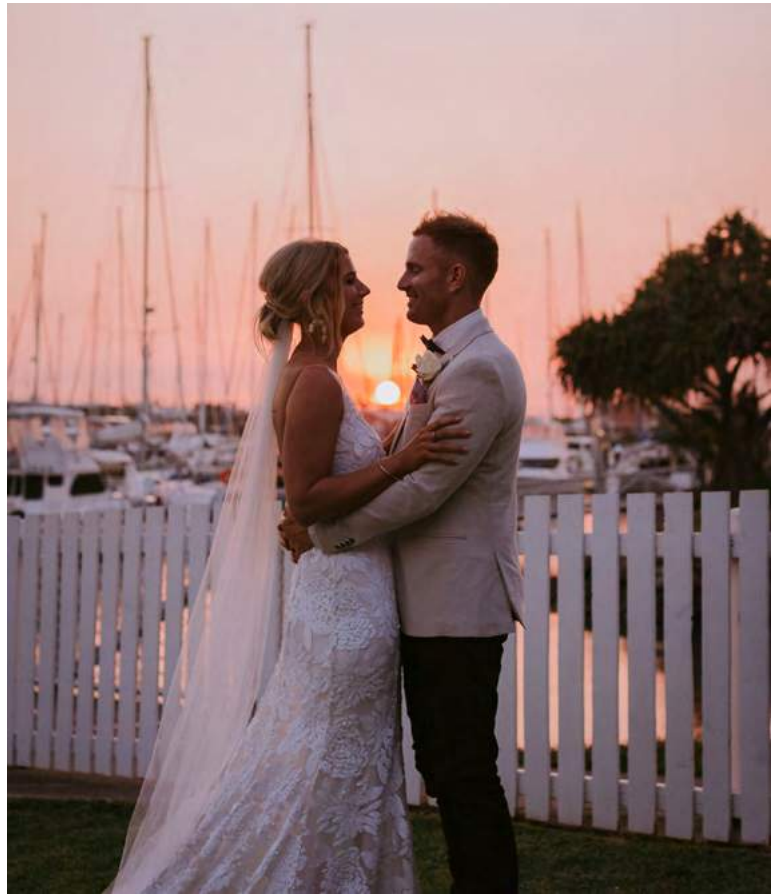
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By Suzanne Riley

Hometown: Mt Maunganui, Tauranga, New Zealand

Ceremony Venue: Annabella the Wedding Chapel

Reception Venue: The Surf Club Mooloolaba





Julieann and Darren invited their 85 guests from New Zealand and afar to holiday with them as part of their wedding celebrations, a true ‘destination’ wedding.

They fell in love with Mooloolaba and loved that absolutely everything on their wish list for their guests and for their wedding day was right here, even the airport.

Julieann said “We chose Annabella the Wedding Chapel for our ceremony as we loved the idea of a Coast and Country feel. The Chapel is such a short distance by car from Mooloolaba where everyone was staying and I fell completely in love with it.

Guests raved about our ceremony, it was romantic and at the same time it totally reflected our love, our personalities and had the right blend of fun and laughter, we felt ‘in the moment’ as though everything happening was so genuine and so us, so memorable!

Mooloolaba was a dream come true for a wedding destination, I still have to pinch myself that everything and everyone was so perfect. →



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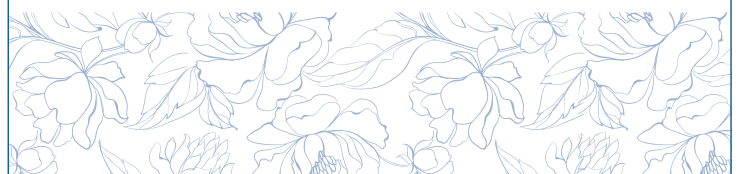
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Mooloolaba was a dream come true for a wedding destination, we still have to pinch ourselves that everything was so perfect.

Darren and I are proud that we introduced so many of our friends and family to Mooloolaba, the town absolutely shines. Our guests fell in love with Mooloolaba during their holiday and most are planning to revisit, all of them agreed it was the best wedding they'd ever been to. Darren and I plan to visit every year now and Mooloolaba will forever more be in our hearts and our history”.

WEDDING DREAM TEAM

- Celebrant:* Suzanne Riley
- Venue Stylist:* Blush Weddings and Events
- Photographer:* Rachel Cutler – Immortalising Moments Photography
- Photo shoot:* Annabella the Wedding Chapel Grounds and Mooloolaba Ocean Beach.
- Transport:* Deluxe Kombi Service
- Hair:* Hunt and Hair
- Makeup:* Makeup by Jess Connolly
- Cake:* Chocolate 2 Chilli
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ANNA & PAT
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Following the nuptials, canapes were served as family and friends gathered to watch the light dancing on Brightwater Lake. After sunset, guests moved indoors for the reception. Tables were set with rustic timber boards, gold terrarium candle holders, framed menus and large vessels of fresh florals beneath elkhorn chandeliers.

Guests enjoyed an indulgent feast prepared by Executive Chef Damian Grimes. Food was matched with local Australian wines and beers. Anna and Pat served their wedding cake as dessert with raspberry coulis and cream before hitting the dancefloor. A truly magical wedding.

By Kellie Armstrong

Hometown: Brisbane

Ceremony Location: The Lakehouse Deck

Reception Venue: The Lakehouse

WEDDING DREAM TEAM

Photographer: Karen Buckle Photography

Florals: The Orange Blossom

Makeup: Prue Conway



Hair: Sarah Neill

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WEDDING GUEST *guide*

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Temperature



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Temperature

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Mooloolaba Beach is straight across from the sprawling Mooloolaba Esplanade, so it's easy to pop over to order lunch on the go, coffees, drinks and every beach accessory you could wish for.

Mooloolaba Esplanade shopping heaven will delight, filled with boutiques, galleries, jewellery and so many wonderful shops to browse, there is everything you could want including divine cafes where you can lazily sip your coffee al fresco, overlooking the expansive blue ocean, elegant world class restaurants, a beautiful promenade as well as an array of gelato or frozen yogurt treats for the sweet tooth. →



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Foodies, you are in for a treat. Let's just say, if you love variety and quality Mooloolaba has a reputation for some of the most stylish, world-class eateries. You will discover the finest dining experiences with elegant and extensive wine lists, the most relaxed family cafés and everything in between. If cocktails are your thing, start to make a list now of what you'd like to try, Mooloolaba has many vibrant cocktail lounges usually hosting live music and chilled out vibes. Ask a local or your hotel receptionist for their favourite menu, restaurant, cocktail or bar and hear their enthusiasm. You can always diet after you return from your holiday!

At SEA LIFE Sunshine Coast the children will love seeing the naughty seals during the seal show, usually doing something they're not supposed to and entertaining all. Finding Nemo in the aquarium is a must do, as is walking through the technicolour world of the jelly fish and the underwater shark tunnel. Delight in the marine life from the billabong to the ocean and have a hands-on experience with the sea stars in the tidal touch pool.

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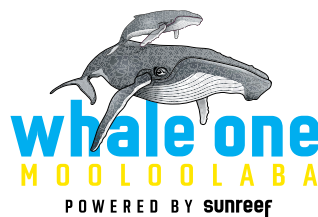
During Winter, you can book a swim with the humpback whales and swim right alongside them in their environment, this is a true wonder just offshore from Mooloolaba. You might be lucky enough to spot the dolphins and whales passing by as you sip your cappuccino on the Esplanade, however you

are guaranteed a whale sighting experience onboard one of our amazing whale watching tours that leave from The Wharf Mooloolaba and the river. Take your camera and don't miss a minute of your experience with these graceful giants.

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TOP TIPS FROM LOCALS

We asked the locals for their favourite outing ideas for you and your guests, and we think you'll absolutely love them!

Our children love all the bright, modern activity playgrounds. Fish and chips after a day of fun in the surf or a relaxed family BBQ is a favourite and so many of our parks offer world-class ocean views. Pack a picnic or arrange one through your hotel.

- **Want to try surfing?** Book in for a couple of fun surfing lessons for the whole family.
- **Want to try stand up paddle boarding or kayaking?** Hire is available if you are heading to the river or you can hire a boogie board or surf board and head to the ocean.
- **Take a canal cruise** from The Wharf Mooloolaba to while-away the afternoon enjoying the beautiful Mooloolaba river and canals and seeing the sights.
- **Spritz n Oysters** is popular with live music on the Esplanade, under the trees at Via Italia during the afternoons.
- **Play a game of volleyball** on the beach every Wednesday evening - go alone or take your friends! Everyone is welcome to join in.
- **Try Latin dancing** on the Esplanade with the locals at Lot 104 on Sunday evenings, it's free and everyone is welcome.

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GROOM'S ADVICE *from a bloke*

The most significant question you have ever asked is 'Will you marry me?' and she said 'yes' ... so now it's time to plan the wedding day.

This day will be one of the happiest days of your life, you will have many important decisions to make with your bride in the lead up and it can be a little daunting.

We asked a few of our favourite grooms to share some gems of wisdom that ensured their day ran smoothly and included personal touches that were meaningful to them.

Our panel of blokes consisted of Tom Baldwin, Joel Birthisel, Tom Fleming, Tristan Tidbold, Matt Walker and Michael Dwan. →



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My advice for any bloke is to make sure your best man books your buck's day well in advance of your wedding day and don't include any extreme sports. Mine was two weeks before the wedding and I rolled my ankle so badly playing paintball that I eventually needed surgery and I was hobbling around on the wedding day.

Our best decision was booking Suzanne as our Celebrant. We saw her at a friend's wedding and we loved her style and approach. When my nerves really kicked in she gave me her camera to take a selfie from the arbour with all the guests in the background ... it was hilarious and really calmed me down, very clever.

tom



Later in the evening after speeches and all formal duties are complete go find your wife and take a step back into a quiet spot away from everyone and reflect on your wedding. Take in all the amazing people in the room together in one spot all having a great time, knowing when is this ever going to happen again?

Just take it all in, take in every single moment of the day. There may be some little hiccups on the day, but at the end of it all it is about you and your partner and celebrating with all the people you love.

Joel



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Even the toughest bloke, be ready for a wave of emotion when you see your bride. I'm not an emotional bloke but I was in waterworks when I saw her for the first time, a wave of emotion hit me that's hard to describe. It was honestly quite raw. I just froze and kind of melted when I saw her because she looked so beautiful and perfect ... I knew I was totally in love with her.

My best advice is don't feel you have to stick to 'tradition.' Bree had her four brothers as bridesmaids! You also don't need to leave before everybody else – Bree and I were the last to leave our reception. It's your day so don't let anybody tell you what to do!

tom



My advice for any bloke is to make sure you have your speeches ready and printed before the wedding day ... I didn't and it was a big rush and a bit stressful to get them done the morning of.

If you have a buck's party, make it just one day/night which is more than enough if you do it right! Oh, and make sure you invite your oldies, they love to party and will out drink any of your mates.

Our best decision looking back now was booking a videographer, he was really good and it's good to watch the day in a video. →

tristan



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On the wedding day if something doesn't go to plan don't stress about it, just brush it off and keep enjoying yourself.

If you're planning a buck's party, it's always best to talk to your partner beforehand and see if they are uncomfortable with anything. Just because it's a buck's party it doesn't mean you can do anything you or your mates want.

My best advice is we wrote personal vows to each other and hearing them was my favourite part of the day. I wrote what she meant to me and what I wanted to promise her, it was important to me. On the day I spoke them to her and it wasn't like public speaking, it was really personal.

matt



There is a fair bit to organise. Chip away at it and have plenty of conversations with your partner about what needs to be organised next.

Also, even if you only have a short way to walk, organise transport, it rained on my wedding day and I wish I'd organised a ride.

My best advice would be to spend time with your friends or family for the surrounding days, make it a weekend affair. We had a gathering on the Friday night and then I spent the day with my three groomsmen and then Mum and Dad prior to the ceremony. Try to enjoy the whole weekend because it goes too fast!

michael





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SUZI & JESS

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By Suzanne Riley

Hometown: Mooloolaba

Ceremony Location: The Wharf Mooloolaba

Reception Venue: The Wharf Mooloolaba



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We loved that we were able to celebrate our wedding day and a legal marriage surrounded by all of our closest friends and family.



Suzi and Jess are Mooloolaba locals and knew there could be no other place than their beautiful Mooloolaba to share their very special day.

They chose the same designer Judy Copley Couture for their gowns and were so spoilt for choice that they decided to have two gowns each, one for the party and one for their beach photo shoot.

The wedding was always going to be about two things, their love and the party. Their celebrations centred around food and fun, choosing a cocktail style reception so all guests could mingle and dance to their DJ who pumped out music all night. Their love is so precious, there were so many goose bumps and heart bursting moments.

We created an incredible wedding ‘festival’ and celebrated for days.

Suzi said, “We invited absolutely all of our friends and family to our wedding. This was a day that meant so much for us both, in history’s page, it will be known for generations to come that we chose each other as a partner for life and this beautiful moment was witnessed by our nearest and dearest.

Our ceremony was so emotional, our mums walked us down the aisle along with our beautiful children, we shared many laughs, tears of joy and we were surrounded with love and support.

We chose a cocktail reception on the Mooloolaba Wharf so that our 100 guests could mingle. Our celebration was complete with a giant donut wall, wedding cake and dessert buffet table”.

WEDDING DREAM TEAM

Celebrant: Suzanne Riley

Photographer: Images by Lou O'Brien

Dresses: Judy Copley

Lashes: Voss Lashes Mooloolaba

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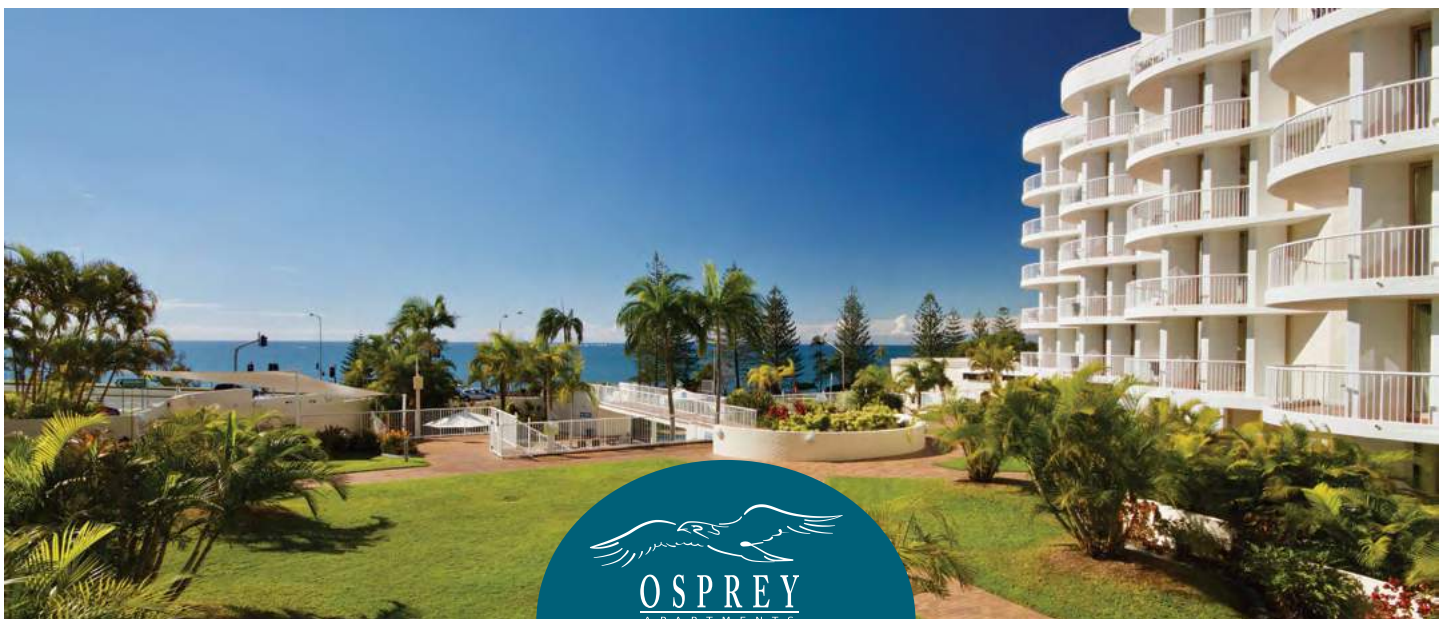
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TOP TIPS CELEBRANT

1. **Don't worry about the weather**, it is what it is. Have a wet weather back up plan that is as fabulous as your plan A.
2. **Create an 'Our Wedding' Facebook group** or Facebook event and invite all guests to use this to connect.
3. **Ask your celebrant to step aside** before they pronounce the kiss so that your photographer can capture that first kiss without the celebrant photobombing.
4. **Think outside of the square** for witnesses. I love to suggest that the Mums sign, they are then the first to kiss and congratulate you and their signature sits next to yours in history's page.
5. **In Summer** ensure you have plenty of seating, a water station, parasols and sunscreen at the ceremony and plan to have the ceremony somewhere shady.
6. **Confetti is fabulous**, rose petals, confetti bombs and bubble guns add to the fun. There are tonnes of choices and the photos are amazing too!

Tips from Suzanne Riley Marriage Celebrant
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TOP TIPS BRIDAL WEAR

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2. **An experienced bridal assistant** will know the shape of gown and colour that will suit you best, be prepared to fall in love with a gown you might not have considered.
3. **Buy a gown that fits you now.** So many brides put themselves under pressure buying a smaller gown and spend months stressing about fitting into it.
4. **Take along a few photos** of gowns you really love the look of, have an idea of what you like, shape, neckline, style etc.
5. **For your last fitting** take in the underwear and shoes you'll be wearing on the wedding day, the height of your shoes will change the hemline of your gown so check this at your fitting.
6. **On your wedding day** put on the air conditioning and allow extra time for getting dressed, especially if you have a lace up or button up back.

Tips from Yvonne from
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SAMI & CHRIS

real wedding

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By Ben Connolly

Hometown: Chinchilla, QLD

Ceremony Location: Mooloolaba Cove

Accommodation: The Mantra Mooloolaba Beach



Sami and Chris's wedding was fun and laid back just like the couple themselves.

Before Sami had even left for the ceremony she was perched, veil flowing in the wind on the rooftop of the Mantra Hotel. The couple chose to hold their ceremony and have their photos taken at the glorious Mooloolaba Cove as there are just so many amazing locations there. Their photos and wedding album reflected the excitement, fun and mix of emotions of the day that carried on long into the evening at the reception...





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Sami said, "We chose Mooloolaba as our dream wedding destination. We live 4 hours away and often holiday there with our family so we'd already fallen in love with the area, we absolutely love spending time there. We loved the convenience of everything being so central for us and our guests and it's such a beautiful place where we knew everyone would enjoy. We invited 80 guests and they travelled from far and wide to spend our special day with us, only 2 were locals so our wedding felt like an amazing get together and holiday.

Organising our day was so easy, our suppliers were on point and just made our wedding day even more perfect

and enjoyable as they took away the stresses of everything- we just had to arrive and enjoy ourselves.

Our day was more than perfect, with so many memorable moments, As the bride, I absolutely loved seeing my Dad for the first time ... doing the big reveal when he saw me in my wedding dress. I'm very much a Daddy's girl and I was the first daughter to get married, so very emotional.

We were so proud inviting our guests to our ceremony, Mooloolaba Cove looked world class, we both agree the walk down the aisle and seeing each other in the most perfect setting was like a dream come true".



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TOP TIPS GROOM'S ATTIRE

1. **Book your appointment** at least three months before the wedding day and we advise only the engaged couple attend.
2. **You really don't need a jacket!** Here on the Sunshine Coast we have beautifully mild weather so vest and pants in light colours will look and feel cool and fresh. By adding a dash of style and fun with suspenders and cool wooden or feather bow ties, you can truly personalise your look.
3. **Socks**, even if you're having a formal affair it can be fun to have matching theme socks or funky colours. If you're going traditional your socks must match the colour of your trousers ... and please no ankle socks.
4. **The perfect tie length** is where the bottom of the tie sits at the top of the belt.
5. **On the day** keep your pockets clear of anything other than a hanky. You don't want bulges where bulges shouldn't be in the photos.
6. **Button holes** which are also known as the lapel flower can be tricky to position, so ask your florist, planner or celebrant to pin them for you properly.
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DONNA & ROBERT
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By Suzanne Riley

Hometown: Aberdeen, Scotland

Ceremony Location: Mooloolaba Cove, The Spit Parklands

Reception Venue: The Boat Shed

Donna and Robert travelling Australia
from Aberdeen in Scotland, they
dreamed of an intimate, beach
elopement wedding in paradise ...





Their dream came true when they saw Mooloolaba Cove and this is where they were married. Robert gave his new bride a beautiful necklace engraved with the co-ordinates of the exact location. They were thrilled to announce their marriage on their return to Scotland and a huge party ensued.

They said planning an elopement was so easy in Mooloolaba, everyone they spoke with was filled with excitement, help and information for them, it was an absolute breeze.

They carefully transported his wedding attire along with them for their entire world trip.

Robert wore a traditional Scottish outfit complete with kilt made from his Anderson Clan Tartan with a traditional kilt pin, sock laces and flashes and sporran. Donna was the picture of bridal-romance in a gown she fell in love with at first sight. They cut a strikingly handsome couple as they exchanged vows underneath the setting sun at Mooloolaba Cove.

ELOPEMENT DREAM TEAM

Celebrant: Suzanne Riley

Photographer: Nicola Brander Photography

Number Of Guests: 2



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2. **Wedding signage** is not only beautiful but practical. Think sweet directional signs down long pathways and personalised welcome signs so your guests know they're in the right place.
3. **Choose a local Sunshine Coast dream team** of wedding professionals. We are spoilt for choice with award winning suppliers, you'll save on travel and any extra surcharges and they are sure to have precious local knowledge.
4. **Put together a detailed run sheet** in the weeks leading up to your wedding celebration with a timeline of your day. Ensure contact numbers and any relevant information is included and make sure all suppliers involved have a copy.
5. **Choose a style that is reflective of you both** as a couple and choose colours that you love, it's not necessary to follow fashion trends.

Tips from wedding planner **Julie-Ann Brown**
www.sunshinecoastwedding.com




GETTING TO MOOLOOLABA

Mooloolaba is approximately an hour and 20 minutes from Brisbane by car along the Bruce Highway and is centrally located to all the attractions of the Sunshine Coast.

 There are direct daily flights from Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and seasonal flights from Auckland (July – October).

 All major bus companies service Mooloolaba with direct door to door services provided by Sun-Air Bus Service, Con-X-ion Shuttle Bus and Air Shuttle Bus Service from Brisbane Airport.

 Coming to the Sunshine Coast by train is also a good option with local bus company Sun Bus meeting each train service from both Landsborough and Nambour stations providing a service into Mooloolaba.



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