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BRIDE

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The importance of keeping your GUESTS happy -

COTTAGE CHARM

After two years of searching, this couple finds a private country estate for their intimate day



"SILK-organza overlay flowed from the top of my dress."



"THE PLACE cards were printed on a leafy patterned card."



"MY HAIR was curled and pinned around a loose braid."

"We saved two pieces of our wedding cake to bring out on our one-year anniversary"

Holly & Kevin

WHO Holly Schulte, 29, curator, and Kevin Ferrick, 31, project manager

WHEN February 20, 2011.

WHERE A ceremony and reception held at Summerlees Cottage, Southern Highlands, NSW.

GUESTS 55.

THEME "A relaxed, pretty country garden feel."

DRESS "For the ceremony I wore a strapless dress with a nude, silk-organza overlay and white, silk underlay. In the evening I put on a white, georgette, V-necked, Grecian-style gown."

DRESS COST "Just under \$2000 for both."

FLOWERS "My bouquet was made up of long-stemmed, white hydrangeas, edged with dusty miller and tied with a gold ribbon."

THE CEREMONY "Kevin and I met before as we wanted to keep that special moment just for the two of us. We danced in the garden out of view from the guests, then walked down the aisle together. We wrote our own vows and read *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear."

THE RECEPTION "Dinner was set in the cottage's beautiful ballroom, where we enjoyed delicious food – it was the perfect space for a big dinner party with family and friends!"

DECORATIONS "The ballroom was decorated with cut-crystal vases filled with hydrangeas and other blue, purple and white flowers."

ENTERTAINMENT "After the ceremony, guests played quoits and croquet in the garden while a live band played acoustic jazz and blues tunes as the canapés were served."

CAKE "My aunty made a fruitcake covered in a pale lilac-coloured marzipan and hydrangeas."

FAVOURS "Each place setting had a vintage fabric napkin onto which my stepmother embroidered our initials and wedding date."

COST "Approximately \$30,000."

"I LOVED the beauty and serenity of the cottage."

Contact Holly's Dream Team

PHOTOGRAPHY Solas (solasweddings.com).

BRIDE'S DRESSES Carla Zampatti (02 9260 9700). HAIRPIECE Sandy Biz's Studio (sandybizs.com.au). SHOES Shoes of Prey (shoesofprey.com). JEWELLERY Chilton's Antiques (chiltonsantiques.com.au).

HAIR AND MAKE-UP Ethix Makeup Beauty & Styling (ethix.com.au). GROOM'S SUIT Saba (1800 441 739).

STATIONERY Materials – Art on King (02 9516 2342). FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS Margaret Young-Whitford (0410 622 340). CEREMONY AND RECEPTION Summerlees (summerlees.com.au).

CELEBRANT Sue Jackman (0434 297 405). ENTERTAINMENT Slide McBride (slidemcbride.com). FAVOURS eBay (ebay.com.au). CATERING Sassy Catering (sassy catering.com.au).





Flowers? Twigg & Blossom, Bowral

What flowers? Lavender, delphiniums, lisianthus and dahlias in shades of mauve

Make-up? Glam Fragrance and Beauty, Bowral

Photographer? David Henry Photography, Sydney

Cake? Made by family friend Beverley Burchell. It was her wedding gift to us – a Belgian chocolate cake that weighed 40kg!

Catering? Peppers Craigieburn, Bowral

Music? DJ Alan Lyle – he was great fun

Wedding night? Peppers Craigieburn. Most people stayed there and we had a low-key barbecue for lunch

with everyone the next day at Nick's parent's home in East Bowral

Best part of the day? Just after the ceremony when the relief of finally being married hit us – we could finally relax and enjoy the day with all of our family and friends. Also, the dancing at the end of the night

More tears or laughter? Definitely more laughter

Honeymoon? Twelve days in Hawaii – a week on Maui and then on to Honolulu. We had a great time, and watched whales swim past our room every day, snorkelled with turtles, hired a convertible Mustang and went on a helicopter trip around Maui. The trip of a lifetime