

Astra

Featured Bride

Vicky Thompson
married Sam Thompson

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BACKGROUND TO THE WEDDING:

TELL US ABOUT THE PROPOSAL: I had an amazing proposal! It started off with breakfast in bed and then he took me to a secret location. We ended up at Nelson Airport and he took me on a scenic flight over Nelson. We went over Rabbit Island Beach and he kept asking me if I could see anything and I was saying no nothing. Then when I looked again I could see a huge love heart with 'will u marry me' written inside, I turned to Sam and laughed and said is that for me!! He said yes and pulled out the ring! It was very cute and unexpected. Then we stopped at an island and had a picnic lunch together to celebrate

Why was your groom "the one": He is more than my everything!! He is funny and always knows how to make me laugh, when I'm grumpy and he is around I have to try and hide my smile because I can't help but be happy. He is a clown!! Sam is very loving and I know he will love me for the rest of my life! My life would not be complete without him

What was the feeling you wanted for your wedding day: hmm that's a hard one. I wanted it to be FUN and to just have a great day, and for things to go right of course but just to have fun and feel the love!!





Providers – only tell us if you were happy with what they did for you and if there is something special about the item let us know: I had my ceremony and reception at Monaco resort nelson, they are amazing!! Chelsea was my wedding planner there and took away a lot the stress of having a list of what needed to be done and when, she would do most of the niggly bits. They set up the marquee exactly the way I had asked and clean the whole thing up so you don't have to worry about the mess!! PERFECT! Also our photographer Brendon Mathews was amazing, he would come and meet with us and chat about what we were looking for in the wedding pictures. He made the most stunning wedding album for us and made the day so much fun with his wittiness. The bridal crew all had fun in his presence.

ON THE DAY: The day was great, I woke up with a present on my bed from my husband to be, a mushy card and perfume. Everybody kept saying how relaxed I was. I felt like I was getting ready for somebody else's wedding. Then I put my dress on and it was like 'wow look at me!! I'm getting married' then a bit of nerves set in but mostly excitement! The day went as planned, sunny day, and just overall perfect!



WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Seeing my husband and hearing his vows he wrote for me.

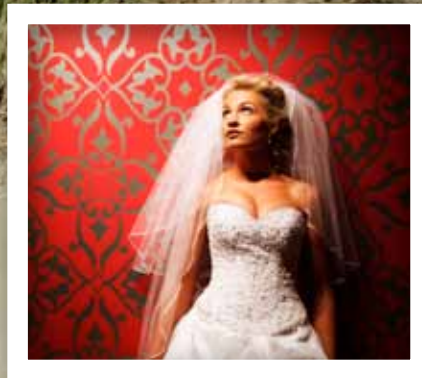
WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU DID IT AGAIN: Nothing!

What would you give as advice or recommend to other brides: Chill out, relax. Have fun and try to get all the little jobs done first. Write a list and tick off at least 5 things each week coming up to the day.

WERE THERE ANY DISASTERS YOU WANT TO SHARE: The day before the wedding all our decorations that we had ordered and paid for got lost in the post!! I left it up to them to fix and on the day we had new stuff that looked even better than what I chose the first time.

ALL ABOUT THE GOWN: Stunning!! It was big and traditional, I loved it and so did everyone else, I kept it a secret to everyone and on the day it was a big surprise for everyone, not even my mum or bridesmaids new! I felt like a princess in it.





WHEN DID YOU TRY ON THE GOWN:

Was it the first/last or somewhere in the middle. It was the last shop I went to that day after about 7!! and I can't even remember how many I tried on that day. As soon as I put it on I loved it and wanted it!! I did the dress 5 months before the big day

WHO CHOSE IT FOR YOU: Astra bridal listened to what I liked about wedding dresses and picked it from the rack, then I decided yes this is my wedding dress.

WHAT MADE IT SPECIAL FOR YOU I.E. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE IT. I felt like a bride, I looked at the slinky dresses that look lovely and thought I would want one of those but it didn't make me feel like a bride in it, when I tried this dress on I feel like a bride. Plus I really like the traditional look.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT NOW: Astra bridal cleaned it for me and have boxed it up so it doesn't get wrecked. I thought about cutting out the corset and getting it framed but I want to keep it complete in case one day somebody else like my daughter wants to wear it.

Vicky's dream team

Gown: Maggie Sottero

Shoes: From Astra Bridal, dyed purple by Astra for the wedding.

Bridesmaid Dresses: I designed them myself and got a dress maker to make them. Electric purple with silver circle broche, halter with boning and ruffled up the top.

Mens Suits: Made for men and mens wear. Boys in grey pin striped suit and Sam in white,

Hair: Solo hair dressers, Dal and Gene.

Makeup: Karyn Stratford, artistic beauty.

Flowers: White hydrangea and white roses, mixture of fake and real.

Location: Monaco resort Nelson.

Catering: Monaco catering.

Entertainment: Avago DJ, Alison.

Stationery: Speedy print Nelson.

Photography: Moments Brendon Mathews.

Transport: Ford tiphoones.

Celebrant: Steve Rollo.