

Wedding Checklist

As Soon As You Announce Your Wedding, and no later than 6 months before

- Decide upon a wedding budget.
- Draw up a tentative guest list.
- Set a suitable date for the reception and ceremony. Contact The Rocks Restaurant at Honeysuckle Cottages to arrange a tour of the property.
- Decide upon the size of the wedding party. Traditionally, the number of bridesmaids and groomsmen is equal.
- Nominate your Matron of Honour or Chief Bridesmaid, have your groom choose his best man.
- Start looking at wedding dresses and cut out pictures from magazines of those you like. This is a good time also to have a look at the attendant's dresses.
- Check out still photographers and videographers. Ensure you ask to see examples of their work. Book these as early as possible as great photographers and videographers get booked out well in advance.
- Have a look at invitation styles. The invitations need not be ordered until 3 - 4 months before the big day.
- Book music, either live or a disc jockey. Start thinking of the music types you would like. Have a look at the most popular songs on line.
- Choose your wedding transport.
- Commence browsing through travel guides for a honeymoon destination that's perfect for you and your new husband.
- Interview florists and book. The final decision of your wedding flowers isn't normally required until six weeks before your wedding day.
- Interview hairdressers and make up artists. Many are booked out more than 12 months in advance, so ensure you place your booking now.
- Arrange wedding insurance.

Six months to go to the wedding

- Choose your wedding dress, and your attendants.
- Decide on the style of suits for your husband and groomsmen.
- Order wedding rings - many times the jeweler will need to hold onto your engagement ring for a few weeks so the wedding and engagement rings can match.
- Book your honeymoon and arrange for passports if required.
- Go through the invited guest list once again and check upon the numbers.
- Decide upon wedding favours for your guests.
- Register your gift list at a Bridal Registry.
- Book accommodation for you and your guests at Honeysuckle Cottages.

4 months to the wedding day

- By now your wedding dress and your attendant's dresses should be selected and deposits made. The wedding rings would be made and back from the jeweler. Cars, photographers, videographers, the Wedding Cake, reception, church or celebrant should be booked and reconfirmed.
- Contact your celebrant or church and arrange to fill in an "Intention to Marry" form.
- Decide on final guest numbers and order invitations. Order place cards, thank you cards, wedding ceremony books and any other stationery you may require. RSVP for the invitations should be 4 weeks before your wedding day.
- Keep a list of gifts received and who they are from. Ensure you send thank you notes within 2 weeks of receiving the gift.
- All honeymoon travel should be booked.

2 months to the wedding day

- All invitations should be sent by now and replies flowing in. Ensure you keep a checklist of who is attending your wedding.
- Arrange for fittings of your dress.
- Men's suits should be hired.
- All of your bridal showers and pre-wedding parties should be planned now. Send out invitations about 3 - 4 weeks before.
- Organise your menus for The Rocks Restaurant
- Choose your flowers in consultation with your chosen florist.
- Choose your Master of Ceremonies.

1 Month to Go...

- Confirm Everything.
- Arrange for final fittings on your dress. Choose your wedding shoes and start wearing them in, around the house.
- Have hair trials and make up trials.
- Draw up the seating plan for the reception.
- Hold pre-wedding parties.
- Make final payments.
- Arrange traveller's cheques for your overseas trip.
- Decide on whom you would like to make speeches at the reception. Ensure they know their given role and how much time you have allotted for their speech.
- Upgrade your household contents insurance to cover for the gifts you are receiving.

1 week to go

- Confirm everything.
- Pick up your dress from the Bridal Store.
- Have a rehearsal of the ceremony.
- Start packing for your honeymoon. Pick up any last minutes items now.
- Put together a Wedding Emergency Kit containing Panadol, Band Aids, a hanky, spare lipstick, spare pantyhose, etc.
- Pick up all your honeymoon tickets and reconfirm flights.
- Prepare your own speech if you would like to make one.

On the day

Wake up after a good nights sleep and enjoy a warm bubble bath.

Ensure you eat a good breakfast.

Enjoy the relaxing time at the hairdressers and make up artist.

Your mother will probably be more stressed than you.

Beware, the day will go all to fast. Try to enjoy each moment as it occurs. Have a beautiful wedding.

After the Wedding

Enjoy your honeymoon

Make an appointment to see photographer

Send thank you for the gifts