

Sam & Brooke

Fraser Island Wedding

10th August 2018

How did you decide on your wedding venue?

We always wanted to have a beach wedding and have had a long love affair with Fraser Island. It's such a beautiful, relaxed environment, that also doubled as an awesome weekend getaway for our guests. When we saw the private 'Sunset Beach' at Kingfisher Bay Resort, we fell in love with the spot immediately.

What was your wedding theme?

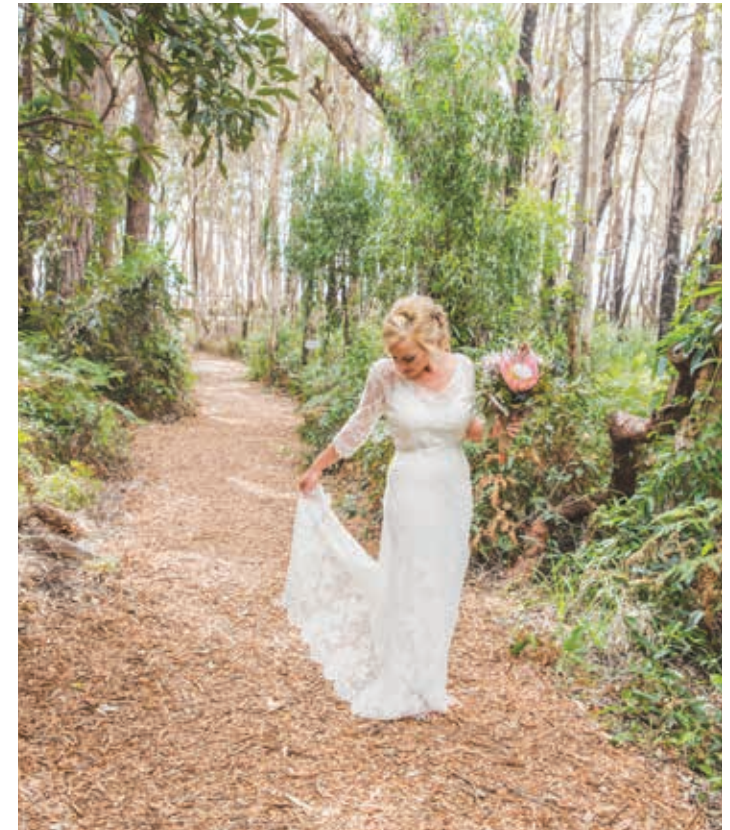
We're both pretty happy-go-lucky, relaxed people and we wanted something simple and relaxed. We chose to go with grey, cream colours and decor and chose native flowers to compliment the natural beauty of the outdoor location.

Do you have any unique wedding tips to help the day run smoothly?

Trust your suppliers and seek their advice on how to get the look you're after. We found wedding suppliers who love what they do, and have years of experience in creating gorgeous weddings and managing all kinds of situations and conditions - their advice is worth its weight in gold.

What made your day so special to you?

What made our wedding special was that it really was a celebration for both of us, we were both equally involved and invested in planning a great day to share with our family and friends. We had an amazing celebrant who made our ceremony less 'scary' or nerve wracking and more relaxed and fun. Being able to have everyone with us, to celebrate in such a gorgeous location, was better than anything we could have imagined.



Supplier File:

Ceremony & Reception Venue: Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island

Wedding Planner: Jo Ashcroft - Kingfisher Bay Resort

Photographer: Immortalising Moments Photography

Hair Stylist: Sonia Sorensen

Makeup Artist: Lisa Klein

Cake: Wild Child Cakes

Flowers: Susie's For Flowers Maryborough

Décor: Beautiful Weddings Fraser Coast

Dress: Wendy Makin Bridal

Suits: MJ Bale

Jeweller: David Frith

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Lachlan & Hannah

Fraser Island Wedding

20th January 2018

Q: Tell us about the proposal?

Lachlan proposed with the help of Hunter (our Australian Shepherd dog) on the 28th of August 2016 at a dog obedience oval in the early hours of the morning.

Lachlan snuck out to the ute while I threw the ball for Hunter. When he got back he hung a sign saying “will you marry me?” around Hunter’s neck and asked me to call him through a tunnel. Hunter came through the tunnel (backwards-oops!- confused by the sign around his neck) and sat down in front of me. Lachlan then presented a beautiful ring. It was beautiful, and of course I said yes!

How did you decide on your wedding destination?

We always knew we wanted a relaxed, beach wedding. With no beach near our hometown, we did some research online. Fraser Island kept popping up so we decided to go and have a look for ourselves and make a holiday out of it.

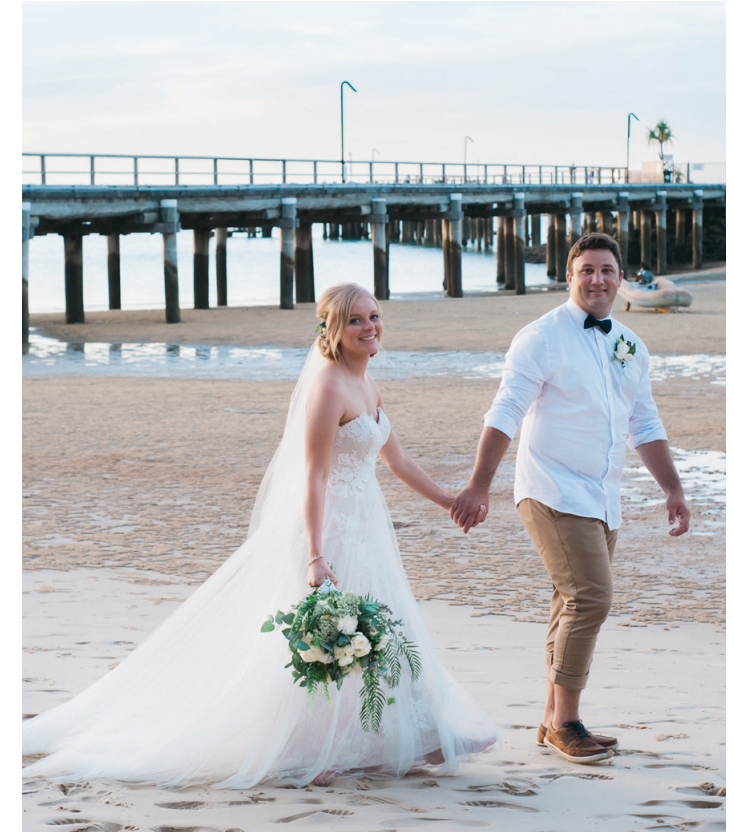
After visiting Fraser Island we knew the beautiful, relaxed beach was the perfect location for us.

Did you use a wedding planner?

Kingfisher Bay Resort provided us with a wedding coordinator who was fantastic. They also provided us with a recommended suppliers list which made it easy to choose our suppliers. Once we had chosen our suppliers, our wedding coordinator did a lot of the follow ups and organising for us.

What was your wedding theme?

Natural, greens and whites. We wanted a nice, natural theme with the main focus on the beautiful surroundings.



Supplier File:

Ceremony Venue: Sunset Beach, Fraser Island

Reception Venue: Dingo Den, Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island

Photographer: Jennifer McCue Photography

Celebrant: Christine Smith

Hair & Makeup Stylist: Silk Hair & Makeup

Wedding Planner: Jo-Anne Ashcroft

Flowers: Bloomers Florist and Gifts

Dress: La Sposa

Cake: One Sweet Cake

Décor: Beautiful Weddings

Caterer: Kingfisher Bay Resort

Entertainment: M & J Partyz

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Perfect Place: Kingfisher Bay Resort



Lauren & Justin

THE COUPLE
Lauren Burgess
& Justin Allwood

DATE OF WEDDING
27 April, 2017

CEREMONY &
RECEPTION
Kingfisher Bay Resort

PHOTOGRAPHY
Jennifer McCue
Photography

Why did you choose this venue?

"From the very first enquiry we sent to Kingfisher Bay Resort, their excellent communication stood out. Coupled with the breathtaking ceremony views and flexible packages, it was perfect for our wedding."

Did the menu influence your decision?

"There were plenty of menu options to choose from, and we could even alter the menus with the chefs. We loved the post-ceremony platters served right on sunset!"

Tell us about your decorations...

"We wanted to keep the ceremony styling as simple as possible, so opted for simple whites and floral details. The resort staff, stylist and florist all did such an amazing job."

What's the most unique thing about the venue?

"Our wedding felt so private, despite being held at a resort. It became a three-day celebration with our best friends and family."

Did the venue help you resolve any

problems or challenges?

"Our wedding booking elsewhere was cancelled only three weeks out due to the recent cyclone. When we rebooked at Kingfisher Bay, the staff went above and beyond to ensure our day was as perfect as if we had spent months meticulously planning."

What's the best piece of advice the venue gave you?

"Book a soloist, rather than a DJ, for a more intimate setting. It was such a highlight."

What's the one thing you'd tell other couples considering this venue?

"Take as much advice as you can from the coordinators. Our wedding was as perfect as it was thanks to their expertise."

The most memorable feedback from your guests?

"They all loved the ceremony – there were so many happy tears."

Your most precious memory of the day?

"The first moment we saw each other as I began to walk down the aisle."



Steph & Craig

23rd April 2016

WHAT MADE YOUR DAY SO SPECIAL TO YOU?

We were so humbled by how far some of our friends and family travelled to be there on the day. The wedding was on a Saturday of a long weekend, and a lot of people made the most of it and booked to stay 2 or 3 nights. So the celebration began the Friday afternoon when everyone arrived and continued on until the Sunday.

AS A DESTINATION WEDDING, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS?

Having a coordinator at the venue made it so easy for us, we emailed back and forth during all of the planning and nothing was too hard for them. The venue was happy to send through photos of the key wedding locations so we could work out where we wanted everything to be prior to arrival. Also choose a venue with accommodation on site so no one has to worry about getting busses home or driving. It was great that everyone could walk back to their rooms when the party was over.

WHAT WAS YOUR WEDDING THEME?

We always wanted an outdoor beach style wedding with a relaxed feel. We really liked the Dingo Den because we wanted a cocktail style party and the fire pits topped off the casual theme. We put on our invites 'shoes optional'.

HOW DID YOU GO ABOUT PLANNING YOUR WEDDING?

We had a coordinator at Kingfisher Bay who was amazing and helped with so much via phone calls and emails. The rest was a combination of us and our friends and family. We made a lot of our own decorations, including a shoe rack and illuminated LOVE lights. We managed to fill two cars and a van with our gear!

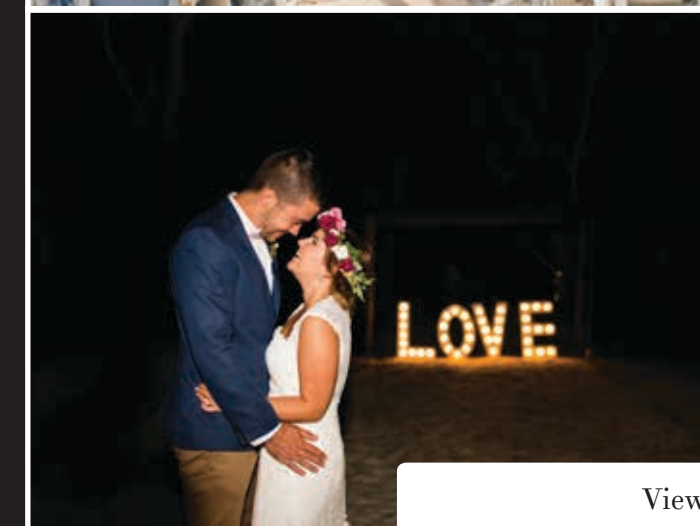
WHERE DID YOU HONEYMOON?

We spent ten days in the beautiful Whitsundays, it was amazing!



SUPPLIER FILE:

PHOTOGRAPHER: Lyndal Carmichael Photography
 CEREMONY VENUE: Sunset Beach – Kingfisher Bay Resort
 RECEPTION VENUE: Dingo Den - Kingfisher Bay Resort
 MAKEUP ARTIST & HAIR STYLIST: La Bella Vita Makeup & Hair
 CAKE: One Sweet Cake (Hervey Bay)
 FLOWERS: Wall Flower (North Brisbane)
 DÉCOR: The Prop People (Hervey Bay)
 WEDDING PLANNER: Christa – Kingfisher Bay Resort
 DRESS: Avaline by Watters | Bella Donna Bridal Woolongabba
 SUITS: Jackets from H&M, Shirts, Belts & Pants from Roger David and Bow Ties from OTAA
 JEWELLER: Diamonds International
 CELEBRANT: Lena Hope
 CATERER: Kingfisher Bay Resort



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Festive on Fraser

TARA & MARK

Sunset Beach on Fraser Island was the location for the wedding of this fun-loving, Gold Coast couple. Surrounded by 100 loved ones, the two marked the occasion with an unforgettable reception at Kingfisher Bay Resort on the 19th January 2016.

I've always been an island girl at heart as I grew up on North Stradbroke Island, so I think that had a lot to do with us choosing a destination wedding. Mark is also a relaxed person so we knew we needed to choose somewhere to match our temperaments, and for some reason the beach always makes us feel instantly at ease. Our guests supported this decision because we gave plenty of notice and they were able to make a holiday out of it.



Why the Kingfisher Bay Resort?

"We got engaged at Orchid Beach on Fraser Island one year earlier, so the area has special significance for us. We instantly fell in love with the Kingfisher Bay Resort because it's relaxed, earthy and unique. And, when we saw the sunset from Jetty Hut – we were sold! Our fabulous wedding co-ordinator, Hannah made us feel comfortable right from the start and ensured we had everything we needed – from great coffee through to strawberries for our champagne. Hannah was organised and relaxed, which made us both feel very comfortable."

Quirky Celebrations/Rituals

"We love nature and quirky things, so all the groomsmen wore wooden bowties and had matching wooden beer mugs. We personalised stubby coolers as party favours with a photo from our engagement and cool slogans like 'My wife gives me sound advice... 99% Sound, 1% Advice' and 'My Husband and I married for better or worse – He couldn't have done better & I couldn't have done worse.'"

Wedding Styling

"We had a rustic, beachy theme with loads of lanterns, candles and shells and a turquoise and earthy colour palette."

Dress Code

"I sourced my wedding dress from Bohemian Brides on the Gold Coast. It was custom-fitted with a bit of tweaking to make it truly unique. The guys wore white shirts and beige pants purchased from department stores. We asked our guests to wear neutral colours so we all blended together nicely."

Menu

"For entree we had alternate drop of prawns or lamb, for main we had alternate drop of rib fillet steak or chicken breast, and for dessert we just had the wedding cake."

The Honeymoon

"We hired a camper trailer from Noosa and did a three-week roadtrip down south. We followed the coast all the way to Sydney, spending a few nights at each beach town before heading inland to the Hunter Valley as our final stop before returning home."

Best Photo Locations

"Mark and I snuck out of our reception to have photos together at sunset. It's the only chance we had to be alone during the wedding – and it was a moment I'll cherish forever. The jetty and boardwalks around the resort made for gorgeous photos."

Advice for other Brides

Don't leave home without... your notepad and pen!

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Kingfisher Bay Resort – Fraser Island



Shinobu & Daiki

THE COUPLE

Shinobu & Daiki Chihara

DATE OF WEDDING

7 November 2015

CEREMONY

Sunset Beach, Fraser Island

RECEPTION

Kingfisher Bay Resort

PHOTOGRAPHER

Envision Photography

WEDDING GOWN

Grace Enzoani

FLORIST

Bay Flowers and Gifts

CAKE

Beautiful Pea Green
Boat Cake Company

CELEBRANT

Alison Sakrewski

What we loved about the venue...

Daiki proposed at Lake McKenzie on Fraser Island and as we've always shared a love for nature and the outdoors, Kingfisher Bay Resort was the perfect venue for our wedding.

The venue looked amazing when...

The sun setting over the water at the resort's Jetty Hut looked spectacular.

Decorating tips? The reception decorations were themed to complement the orange gerberas in my bouquet. A gerbera was placed on each guest napkin to add a personal touch. Female guests also put the flower in their hair during the reception which imbued the celebration with a natural, beachy feel.

On the day... Kingfisher Bay Resort arranged a special photo shoot at Lake McKenzie. As it was where Daiki proposed to me the location held great significance for us. The clear water and white sand looked incredible in our photos.

The best photo locations around the venue...

were Lake McKenzie, the Jetty Hut at sunset, and Sunset Beach under a beautiful, big Pandanus palm.

Our guests especially enjoyed... the private tour we arranged of the island which enabled them to experience the unique, natural beauty of the island.

Three words about the venue?

Stunning, natural, unique.

I will always remember... being blessed by our family and best friends in an exceptionally beautiful and peaceful environment.

The accommodation at the venue was great because... staff took excellent care of our guests and provided a comfortable, natural and relaxed setting for our celebration.



Melanie & Kyle

The Couple:

Kyle Greaves & Melanie Jinks

Date: 13 March 2015

The ceremony:

Sunset Beach, Fraser Island

The reception:

The Ballroom, Kingfisher Bay Resort

The accommodation:

Kingfisher Bay Resort (Kingfisher Houses)

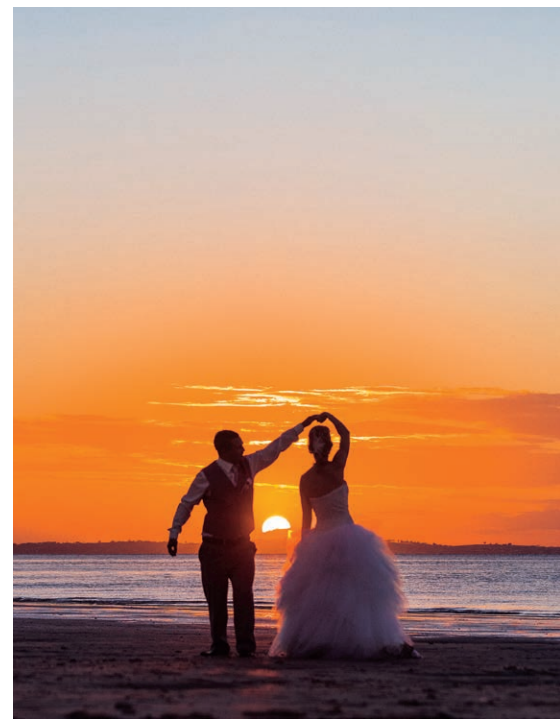
Bride's gown designer:

Mia Solano

Wedding coordinator: Kate McCarthy

Photographer:

Envision Photography



Why did you select the destination and venue you did?

There was no doubt we wanted a beach wedding and, having met each other in Hervey Bay, we wanted somewhere local. Upon visiting Kingfisher Bay Resort we were immediately blown away and nowhere else could compare. They offered a very affordable price and the perfect location. We could also have a holiday away with family and friends on top of the wedding day plus have every little detail organised for us... what more can we ask for?

How many guests attended and what was their reaction to you choosing a destination wedding?

80 guests joined us. They were excited for the day, but loved the chance to have a holiday and stay for a few nights at such a beautiful

location with so many things to do. We were very fortunate to have guests travel from Japan for it and their children just loved it!

Your favourite memory of the day?

No moment will ever compare to coming down the enchanted forest aisle and when you first make eye contact with your fiancé. The emotions are so overwhelming. Additionally, with everyone enjoying the location and the day, the mood was set and we were very lucky to share this with amazing friends and family.

What style did you base your wedding decorations on?

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to have the best of two worlds. A fun, relaxed, beachy theme for the ceremony and then we put our heels on for a classy, elegant reception in the Kingfisher Ballroom.

How did your wedding coordinator assist you?

No little detail was missed – including organising nail polish remover on the day for bridesmaids! As a bride, to be able to organise the perfect day with little time and effort, and then enjoy it because you have someone else worrying about the finer details – well, I don't think anything else needs to be said.

Did you honeymoon in the same location?

We are planning our honeymoon on our one year anniversary, so Kingfisher Bay Resort was perfect. We had a mini holiday there with our family and friends and I don't feel like I missed out.