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**Island  
Wedding**

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## **Exquisite memories**

Wouldn't you like to bottle the magic of your wedding day, for when you need it later?

There is a way. Not so much a bottle, as an album of unforgettable images, courtesy of Alastair Betts of F8 Photography.

And not just any album, but a true heirloom – a treasured memento for you, your children, your grandchildren – that opens to reveal exquisite memories of your day of days.

Getting premium images calls for photographic skill and experience. Many years in wedding and fashion photography have taught Alastair that the most 'natural' pictures come from planning the shoot, composing the pictures and attending to details, while being unobtrusive.

He also knows that every wedding is different – that each bride and each groom brings their own, personal needs to this occasion, and that each wedding deserves its own special memento, unlike any other.

That's why creating the album is a consultative business, with bride, groom, photographer and designer working out how each chosen image can be enhanced and combined with others to make a presentation that will stand out from the crowd.

Most of all, it's a truly creative process. Your wedding album from F8 Photography is a one-off work of art, yours to keep and treasure and share, forever.

*Floriste, Sandy Bay*

## **Fantasies in flowers**

A wedding without flowers is like a beach without sunshine. Or a forest without birds.

Floriste knows how flowers can transform a wedding into something extra special. Each nuptial client gets a personalised service – perfect bouquets and buttonholes, serene church adornments, breathtaking reception displays.

With well over 30 years of experience between them, Floriste's staff of specialists welcome any assignment, from small and simple to grand occasion.

Floriste is a rarity among florists in that 90 percent of its flowers are grown in its own garden. Orchardlea, the flower wholesaling and relay side of the business, nurtures five acres of blooms under cover at Cradoc in the beautiful Huon Valley.

The farm-fresh quality of its blooms are enhanced by arrangements that are as imaginative as they are individual. Floriste staff are forever looking for new ideas, using plants in fresh, different ways to give a special quality to each bridal occasion.

Floriste staff know when to offer guidance and when to step back and listen. True professionals, they understand the special relationship between a bride and her flowers.

## **A fluttering feast**

A flag? Just a rectangle of cloth hanging from a pole. No more to be said.

Actually, there's much more. There are flags, and there are Island Flags. And once you've seen these unique displays, your thoughts about flags will be changed forever.

Island Flags offers Tasmania a whole new world of festive colour. Using fabric in novel and imaginative ways, they can transform any setting – a private patch of lawn, a street, a park, bushland, a beach – into something truly special.

Imagine your bridal party making its way down an avenue of gently fluttering flags to your guests, waiting in the park under silken medieval-style banners.

Or your simple beach ceremony enhanced by a striking array of white Balinese flags, their upright, elegantly-curved lines transforming an open, empty space into a surprisingly intimate setting.

When you hire Island Flags for your wedding, you can draw upon a wealth of knowledge to create a feast for the eyes – a unique environment for your special occasion. And if you decide your life needs flags, there's always the option of buying them!

## **A dream in a box**

Stefano Lufi is a man on a mission. He's determined that each of his customers will be able to re-live the dreamy perfection of their wedding day, over and over again. And he's put it all in a neat little box that they can have on a shelf to bring out on special occasions.

'Mr Video' is how Stefano is best known in wedding circles. He's become something of a legend in bridal circles, and it shows in his enormous and growing list of clients, past, present and future, for whom he has bookings stretching out a year and beyond.

It's a reputation earned by hard work and an absolute dedication to ensuring that every assignment yields up its own unique qualities.

'Every wedding has a different story to tell,' he says, and as a story-teller he's in the Hans Andersen league – hundreds and hundreds of wedding videos stretching back through the years, each one a part of himself.

His connection with his customers is way beyond your average commercial relationship. For him, creating a beautiful wedding movie is a win for both sides. 'You make the effort to make people happy,' he says, 'because it gives you the opportunity to grow.'

*Salamanca Inn, Battery Point*

## **Everything at your fingertips**

Shifting people from one place to another, dealing with different needs of ceremony, photography and reception, and the possibility that the weather won't be perfect... sometimes a wedding can be a bit of a headache.

It doesn't have to be this way. Salamanca Inn offers you a private indoor sanctuary for your ceremony – with the option of an outdoor setting a minute's walk away in St David's Park – and under the same roof, all the services you need to complete a worry-free occasion.

Convenience with style is the hallmark of a Salamanca Inn wedding.

Your guests arrive from parking their cars under cover to enjoy your ceremony in the peace and quiet of a dedicated function room, set up to your liking. While your guests enjoy a drink at the bar, you adjourn to a space close by for photographs.

Your reception is a visual and culinary treat – ice sculptures and floral arrangements decorate a sumptuous buffet prepared from fresh Tasmanian produce. And to end your perfect day, a perfect night in the luxury of a Salamanca Inn suite.

*Studio 58, Hobart*

## **The eye of experience**

The guests have gathered for the outdoor ceremony. The light's difficult. The wind's unpredictable. And the bride is about to appear for her moment of moments. This is when you need a photographer who knows the ropes.

When Paul Bestwick comes to shoot a wedding, he brings along not just his state-of-the-art digital gear. He also brings some hard-earned big-city experience, having worked with some of Australia's best professionals.

That experience has translated into an ability to bring out the best in every situation. How to turn the ordinary into something special, the beautiful into the sublime.

Paul's photographic style can be described as candid and natural. His manner laid back, relaxed. Past clients speak of a guy who likes a few laughs, and made their special day a lot of fun.

The images are awesome: beautiful black-and-whites, and colour images that leap from the screen and come alive in your wedding album.

For an added perspective, Paul's partner Josie is with him on the day. She brings her own skills – an eye for a different shot and the indefinable knack of bringing out the best in a couple, a bridal party, a family group. With a combination like that, you're in the best of hands.