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HOW TO KATRINA LEE - NOT YOUR AVERAGE CELEBRANT WEDDING

A SIMPLE
CEREMONY





WHERE TO BEGIN

Step 1. Plan your Ceremony...

Get your note paper and a pen.

Close your eyes and visualize your ceremony.

You are standing at the entry ready to walk in. (even if your not walking the aisle still do this)

Where are you? look around you.

What are you wearing?

are you holding Flowers or for the other party maybe your you can see a buttonhole?

Who else is there?

Did you get out of a car, carriage, helicopter, horseback or maybe a hot air balloon?

Now you start walking ...

Are you outside or inside?

Is there an Aisle, a circle of people?

is it just you and your fiance?

Is there an arch way or a arbour?

Is it daytime or night time?

What is your fiance wearing when you see them?

Finally, when your guests say goodbye how do you depart? on foot? by car, coach, pumpkin? Do you just walk inside?

Sit by yourself to each do this exercise and then sit together and go through your answers together. Remember you don't have to agree on the little things and making compromises now means you will make them later which is important in a marriage.

You now have your plan of what you envision your ceremony to be.

STEP 2. The Budget

How much is the ceremony going to cost?

On average most ceremonies come in at \$2000 that's with all decorations and legals etc. Of course it depends on your package choices and celebrant. Location can also be a factor.

Looking at where your ceremony will be is a great step in the right direction. So you have what it's going to look like in your mind. Let look at venues that fit that.

I send my couples ideas and a list of locations depending on these answers. So I can look for you. Often industry suppliers get better rates on venue hire so if I can book it for you then let's do that. Have a look at the final page with a list of Ceremony areas and venues I recommend.

STEP 3. Put it together

Look at the decorations you saw. Is there a supplier that can create that look. Google and pinterest are great resources but also facebook marketplace and gum tree are good for picking things up at a reasonable price. Just keep in mind someone has to put it up and pack it away without it being an interruption to your day. (so not immediate family).

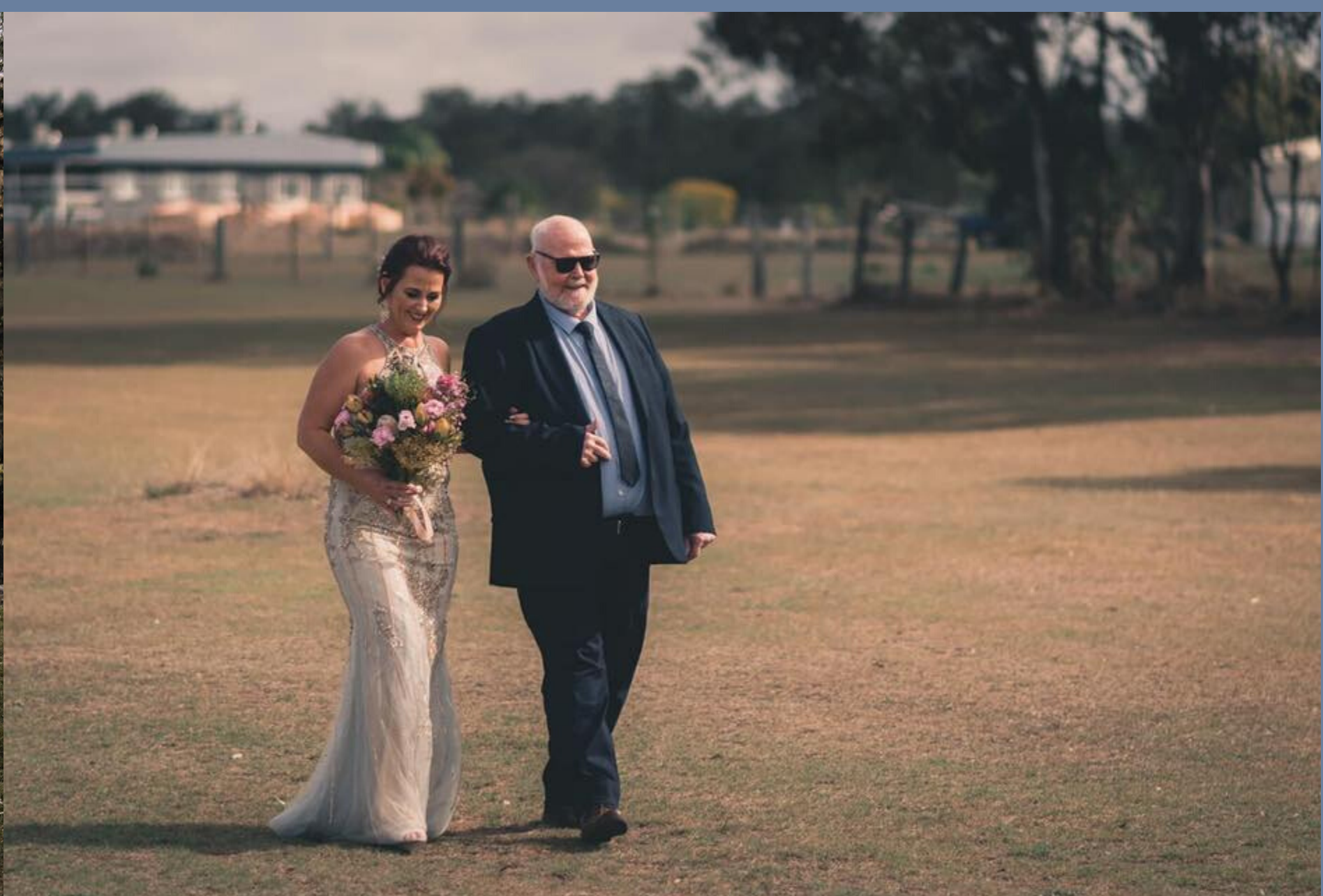
Finding an area can be as simple as a back yard, park or local venue that you like. Maybe the place you met has a spot or somewhere you go together. Making it special to you will also help bring it all together. If you have trouble just ask for help I will be able to give you some guidance and suggestions. Check out my Guest book for suppliers. The Proposal Guru has some amazing sets and back drops that can be used for ceremonies.

STEP 4. The vows

So you have it all sorted and everything is planned out. Now about the Vows...

Relax. If you are not 110% sure about writing your vows don't worry neither was anyone else. People do this in their own way if they do it. Listening to songs you like can help bring words you need to express yourself. You can do your vows anyway you like. There are people who have quoted Shakespeare, just spoken a song word for word or done a reading from their favorite movie. It isn't about being the best it's about being true to yourself and your emotions.

If you are not good with public speaking but you want to do your own vows don't worry. As your Celebrant I will help you by getting you to repeat it after them or keeping your place for you. You can also choose not to have your own vows. I can write them for you and you can tweak them or not. You do not have to write your own. I have repeated that on purpose.



Venues and ceremony areas

QLD

Bunya Mountains

Somerset Dam - The Church.

Mt Coottha Lookout

Birrara - search railway carriage on Airbnb - trust me.

Riverwood weddings

Rainforest Gardens - Mt Cotton

Bebe's Farmhouse - Bryden

Bond University Events Centre

Tangalooma Island -beach weddings

Froggy's Beach, Snapper rocks Coollongatta

Byron Bay Lighthouse

Woodlands of Marburg

Kookaburra Showboat Cruises

Newfarm Park

Lakes Park and Lions Park, Springfield

NSW

Earth House - Corndale

Lightning Ridge -opal festival

Ewingsdale Hall - Ewingsdale NSW

Wyrallah Chapel - Tucki Tucki NSW

Deux Belettes - Dalwood NSW

Newcastle - Caves Beach

Airbnb again - Das Haus, Kilaben Bay NSW



If none of them take your fancy dont fret there are plenty more.
Let me know if you have a town or city in mind and I can send you locations around there.



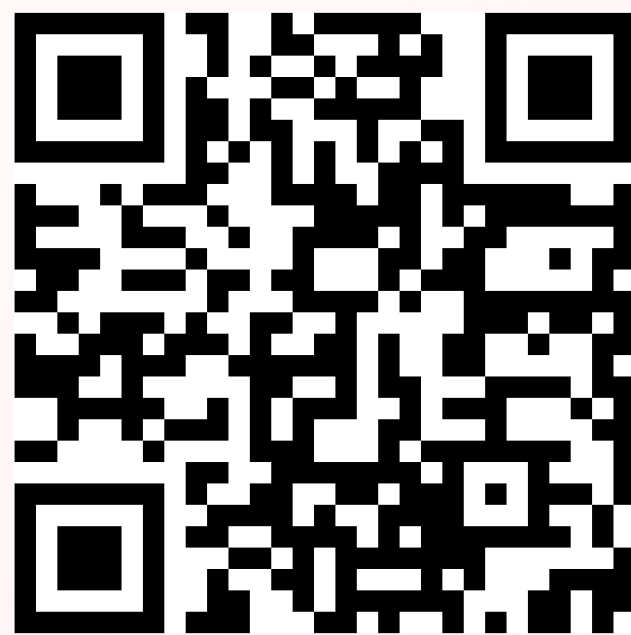
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