



RUNWAYS EDGE

THE WEDDING PLANNER

The following check list has been designed for the bride and groom whether you are marrying at a place of worship, at home or at a function centre.

- ✿ Go and see a celebrant, priest or minister to arrange your ceremony.
- ✿ Decide how many guests you are inviting and then select and book a suitable venue.
- ✿ Compile a guest list including everyone's addresses.
- ✿ Organise wedding stationary and printing of your invitations, before the invitations are printed, check that all your information is correct. Your invitations should be sent at least six to eight weeks prior to your wedding day. Don't forget there are some great pre-printed stationary options from your local newsagents and stationary suppliers.
- ✿ Decide on who your bridesmaids and best man are.
- ✿ How about your wedding cake?
- ✿ Visit a photographer and/or videographer, you want to capture this special occasion.
- ✿ Pre book your wedding night suite if you are intending to overnight in a hotel prior to your honeymoon.
- ✿ Choose your florist and select the flowers you would like for the venue/church, reception and bouquets.
- ✿ Gift Registers are often a great idea to prevent the doubling up of gifts and worth consideration.
- ✿ Keep a record of who accepts and who declines your wedding invitation, this makes planning the reception much easier.
- ✿ Don't forget hair and makeup. A trial run at these is not a bad idea as then you can ensure that your hair style and makeup compliments your wedding gown or outfit.
- ✿ Make sure your man has organised cars, rings his suit and the honeymoon. This you may wish to help him with because it may be a little daunting and he may welcome the assistance.
- ✿ Make sure you finalise things like your menu, the number of guests and stationary and make sure these are all delivered to you venue.

MUSIC

Music is very important at your reception and its value as far as entertainment goes should not be underestimated. Make sure you choose music that is appropriate for your occasion and will enhance your wedding celebrations and importantly hold some meaning for you both.

YOUR RECEPTION

You should plan the sequence of events for the wedding including the times for serving food, cutting the cake, toasts and speeches, dancing throwing of the bouquet and your departure. The evenings formalities depends largely upon the style of reception you are having, whether it be a cocktail, dinner or buffet style reception.

SEATING FOR THE RECEPTION

Seating your guests can often be difficult. Mixing guests up and putting strangers together does not always help enhance the evening. Try putting guests together that know each other or who have common interests. Everyone is sure to enjoy the celebration much more.

THE SPEECHES

Speeches are great but keep them short and sweet, sincere and meaningful and to the point.

THE CAKE

Usually at the end of the main meal the bride and groom cut the cake, some couples do this together, others have the bride cut the first slice. After the initial cutting the cake is returned to the kitchen to be cut, either to be served for dessert or packaged for distributing to the guests to take home with them.



WHO PICKS UP THE TAB

It used to be that the bride's parents paid for the wedding and the grooms parents paid for the refreshments (beer, wine and spirits). Now some parents wish to share the cost. In some cases the couples pay for the wedding themselves particularly if they have been living with each other for some time prior to the wedding. This will also depend on financial capability as weddings can be very costly.

Costs that should be considered for your day are:

- ✿ Wedding stationary.
- ✿ Wedding Rings
- ✿ Flowers for the church and reception, and don't forget the bouquets
- ✿ The reception (food, wine and entertainment).
- ✿ Any fees for the church and reception venue
- ✿ Media announcements.
- ✿ Transport, such as wedding cars, carriages etc.
- ✿ Wedding attire (suits, dresses)
- ✿ Photography
- ✿ Honeymoon

BEING ORGANISED

It is not a bad idea to get yourself a file or folder and keep a checklist and all the paperwork relevant to your wedding arrangements.

Remember this is your special day. You want to enjoy it, make it hassle free and most of all make it an occasion to reflect back on in years to come with the fondest of memories.

HELP IS HERE!

We have a saying at Runways Edge and it is: 'This is your day, so do it your way'.

