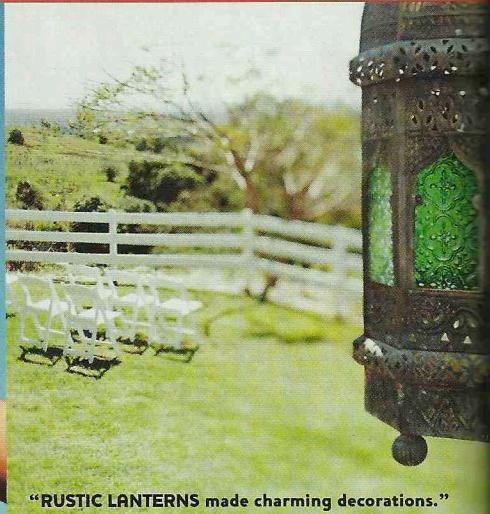
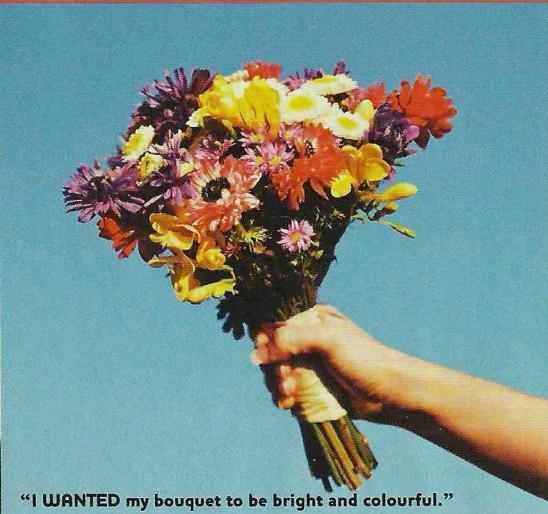


VINTAGE ELEGANCE

An endearing mix of hand-picked objects is at the heart of this dreamy wedding



Cassandra & Loc

WHO Cassandra Di Pasquale, 27, interior design student, and Loc Nguyen, 28, customer service advisor.

WHEN October 16, 2010.

WHERE A tea ceremony was held at Loc's family home, followed by a ceremony and reception at Branell Homestead, Laidley, Qld.

GUESTS "We had 15 at our tea ceremony and 40 at our ceremony and reception."

THEME "Our day had a very DIY, vintage feel."

DRESS "I wore a traditional Vietnamese red-silk dress called an áo dài for our tea ceremony. For the rest of the day, my mum made me a below-the-knee, cream silk dress with a lace overlay bodice and pockets from a 1960s dress pattern. It also had a tiered lace feature at the back and a little blue ribbon stitched into one of the pockets where I tied Loc's wedding band alongside my vows."

DRESS COST "The áo dài was a gift from a family friend and the dress cost about \$280."

HAIR "A classic French twist was my choice."

FLOWERS "I carried red, purple and yellow anemones, freesias and chrysanthemums."

DECORATIONS "Dad and Loc decorated the marquee with fairy lights and Mum and I collected vintage crockery for the tables. Mum also made all the table runners and napkins with material from craft stores."

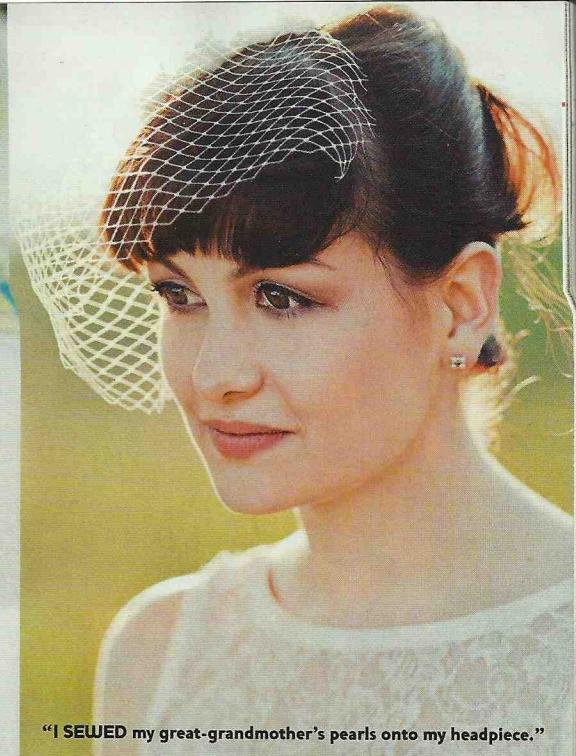
ENTERTAINMENT "My DJ hubby organised the playlists and my best friends sang us a song they wrote, instead of giving a speech."

CAKE "The day before, we picked one cake, a chocolate sponge, from the many that had been baked by friends for the dessert table."

COST "Approximately \$12,500."

"I got my flowers from the local markets and chose from what was there on the day"





"LOC PICKED chrysanthemums for his buttonhole."

"WE FOUND vintage china plates at various op shops."

"I SEWED my great-grandmother's pearls onto my headpiece."



"THE BRIDESMAIDS wore their own dresses, which they picked out the night before -- they all looked so comfortable and beautiful."



"NETTING AND a \$5 headband made up my cute headpiece."

The Menu

CANAPÉS

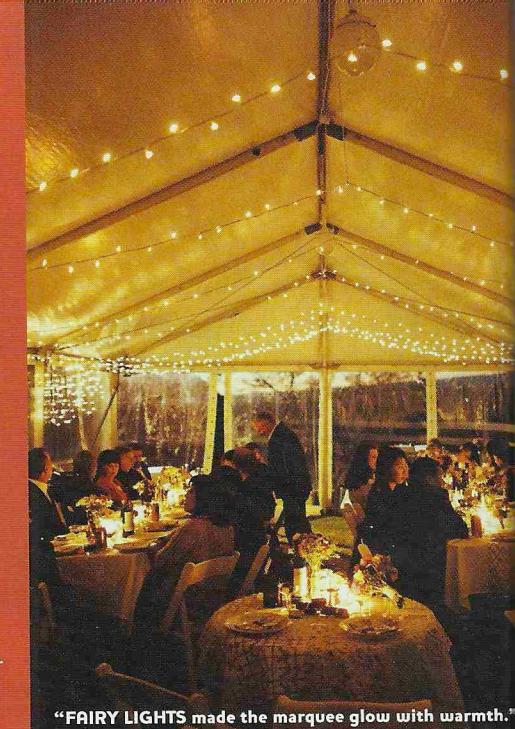
Spring rolls, samosas, mini quiches

BUFFET

Roast beef, chicken and grilled fish; roast pumpkin, potatoes and cauliflower; seasonal vegetables; garden salad; Mediterranean pasta salad; French bread sticks

DESSERT

Chocolate mud cake; carrot cake; white chocolate and Tim Tam party pops; marble sponge cake; vanilla cupcakes; jam slice; apricot slice



"FAIRY LIGHTS made the marquee glow with warmth."



"MUM AND I collected different-sized glass jars to hold our cute floral centrepieces."



"HAND-WRITTEN place cards added a personal touch."

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PHOTOGRAPHY Jonas Peterson (jonaspeterson.com). **BRIDE'S DRESS** Pattern from Tiddleywink Vintage, available at Etsy (etsy.com). **HEADBAND** Used to make hairpiece – Equip (02 9479 7888). **HAIR** Truc Le Hairdesign (truclehairdesign.com). **MAKE-UP** Bec Finch (0431 065 827). **GROOM'S SUIT** Saba (1800 441 739). **CEREMONY AND RECEPTION** Branell Homestead Bed and Breakfast (branell.com.au). **FLOWERS** Made by Cassie's mum (florentinedesigns.net). **DECORATIONS** Materials from Lincraft (lincraft.com.au); Spotlight (spotlight.com.au). **CELEBRANT** Sherryl Searles (ceremoniesforallseasons.com.au). **CATERING** Golden Roast (1300 655 602). **MARQUEE** RSVP Party Hire (now closed).