

## Hints for weddings

### Arrival at your wedding (this applies to bridegrooms too)

There are many good reasons for being on time for your wedding.

Your partner and guests can become concerned about your non arrival. An idea is to invite guests to be there ready for your arrival. Your invitation can forewarn them. It could read : Ceremony - 6.15pm for 6.30pm, so that guests can arrive at 6.15pm for your ceremony to commence at 6.30pm.

Also many in the wedding business have another ceremony to attend and being late can then impact on the quality time that they have put aside for you.

Also allow for traffic delays, road works etc. so that you are not too late. Guests in outdoor weddings are often standing and sometimes do not have adequate shade, suitable for long durations.

So please be kind to those that care about you!

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### Outdoor weddings

Prepare for inclement weather. Rain, wind, heat can impact on your ceremony. You may choose to stand under umbrellas, but this may not suit the three piece ensemble. An alternate site is a must! Make sure that the alternate site means just as much to both of you, and that you don't see it as second best. It may end up being the place that you marry.

Noise – If you can, check out your planned site as the same time/day as your ceremony. It may be quiet during the week, but have a footy game happening on the weekends. Also check with the neighbours to ensure that their ride-on mower won't be used during the time of your ceremony.

### Beach or coastal

Check with the local council for bookings. Also check for other users – it would not be welcoming to have a louder speaker from a surf carnival interrupting your ceremony.

- ☞ Tide times
- ☞ Wind – it's a no-no for PA systems and electrical equipment

### Bushland

- ☞ Remember the insect repellent and the sunscreen
- ☞ Access available for the mobility-challenged
- ☞ Waterfalls are magical and produce a great backdrop for your ceremony; however if too close, they are noisy and can drown out even the best of PA systems!
- ☞ Bring plenty of water for drinking.