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photographer!*

*Let me help take the
stress out of your day.*

10 TOP TIPS TO MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY AWESOME AND WEDDINGY!

11. Finding the right 'tog' for you

Well it's me isn't it! No seriously read their blogs and FB reviews. Take the time to meet them personally. After all... this is the ONE vendor that you will be spending the most time with on your wedding day! Make sure you like their photographic style. Whatever you see on their website, blog and FB page will be a direct indication of what you should expect. Finally make sure they are FUN! Nobody wants to spend their wedding day with a total git!

4. Don't skip out on the engagement pre-wedding shoot.

Having a [pre-wedding shoot](#) is so essential to getting great images. It gives you and your groom a chance to connect with your photographer and an opportunity for your photographer to get to know you both so they can provide images that are natural and complete your style. It is also a practice session for your wedding day photos. After all it's not everyday that you get to do a pro photo shoot is it? Lot's of couples want to skip it to try

and save money, but as a Photographer, I assure you that couples that book a pre-shoot have better wedding photos as they feel more comfortable in front of the camera on the day. Engagement photos are worth it and a bucket load of fun.

8. When planning your budget, don't use a typical wedding resources budget calculator.

What! Unfortunately a standard budget calculator doesn't account for a higher value placed on something precious. For instance your wedding photography. I see brides inquiring have \$20,000 budgets for their wedding only to set aside less than \$1500 for their photographer usually resulting in booking a less experienced and uninsured photographer. But when asked how important on a scale from 1-10 they most definitely say 10! When the day is done all you will have are the photographs (and a husband).

1. Book the [Celebrant](#) or [Church](#) as soon as you have set the date!

Sounds stupid eh? But I'm always

amazed at how many couples come to my studio that haven't booked their Celebrant. Without one it's just a very expensive party! I know heaps so call me if you're lost.

6. Don't fall for the common beauty mishap!

The main culprits are too much fake tan, coloured in eyebrows and too much foundation! Yes, you will need to wear slightly heavier make-up than usual to make your features stand out in photos, but don't go crazy!

9. Put together a list of your "must have" family picture combos for the photographer.

This way the photographer can rip through the formal portraits leaving more time for the fun stuff! Also be sure to write down any sticky family situations the photographer should be mindful of when putting different groups together such as divorce, etc. If you can also ask a family member to help organise the guests who knows their names it will make for a really smooth session.

WHY CHOOSE ME TO PHOTOGRAPH SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY OF YOUR LIFE?

Actually there are quite a few reasons...

With over 12 years experience in the wedding industry I know what couples need and want. Let me see if I can read your mind?

Ah yes! You want...

A fuss free fun meeting, in professional surroundings accompanied with wine, beer or coffee that leaves you with a vision of how absolutely stunning I can make **your** wedding day look!

You of course want professional service and exceptional value for money. (So... That means **lots** of awesome pics, an online gallery to share around the world and a quick turnaround from wedding day to delivery of your amazing package. 4-6 weeks after and you will be showing your pics off around the office like a crazy person! I'll also display a FB gallery usually on the night of your wedding so you can have a look through the next morning if you desire?)

More? Really? Ok... I know heaps of people in the industry and can share my experience and expertise with you to help you organise all the services you will need. Celebrant, Venues, Cars, Live Music, DJ, MCee, Hair, Make up, Lingerie (LOL!) In one meeting I can give you enough to organize your whole wedding in literally 1 day! Now that's more than being just a photographer! Email me now to book an appointment before...



TAKE MENTAL SNAPSHOTS ON THE DAY TO REMEMBER AND ENJOY IT

3. Be selective with the guest list.

Sorting the guest list early is important so you can then focus on finding the perfect venue that will cater for your chosen number of guests. Costs per head will most likely be your biggest expense, so don't be guilt-tripped into inviting people you don't want to come. It's the biggest and hardest decision in the whole planning process, but it has to be yours and your h2b's decision only.

5. Give your groom his own responsibilities.

Your fiancé may not have been planning his wedding since he was five, but he will definitely have his own ideas and opinions and will want a say in the planning. Listen to what he says and remember it's his day, too! Most guys like to get involved with the menu, music and budget spread sheets.

2. Start planning early.

You've got May 2020 in mind as the ideal wedding date, but don't think that means you have to wait two years before you start planning! The earlier

you get onto it, the easier, and less stressful it will be as your day approaches. Having a clear plan before you start will help you keep on top of everything and be sure that you don't forget something important. Insurance, rough guest list numbers and the budget should always be your first three things.

7. Work with your photographer to make your pictures even more amazing!

Don't be afraid to throw out suggestions and bring in ideas. The more you contribute, the more of a personal spin your photos you will have....whether it's a sentimental prop, a killer location, or just a pose idea...I love to know what you have in mind.

10. Take a moment on the day to soak it all in.

Your wedding day is going to absolutely FLY by, so don't forget to take a quiet moment amongst all of the craziness to really soak up the atmosphere and see all of your hard work come together.