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What dreams are made of.

Welcome to the 2022-23 edition of our Riverland Style Weddings magazine.

After a successful inaugural edition last year, the team at Taylor Group Media have compiled the best of the best our beautiful region has to offer for local and destination weddings.

Flick through and discover Riverland venues, businesses and services that make these special occasions possible.

Potential brides and grooms – either local or visitors – planning a wedding in the Riverland have this guide at their fingertips.

Within these stunning 32 pages you will find information regarding the many spectacular outdoor and indoor venues where your dream wedding could be held, including Overland Corner Hotel, Mallee Estate, Templeton on Murray, Renmark Function Centre and 23rd Street Distillery.

That is just the beginning, however, as we know planning is the key to making your dream wedding a reality.

Whether it's the perfect dress, or suit, you are looking for, expert make-up and beauty services, or the best catering options on offer, we've spared no detail in bringing you the comprehensive guide for all things Riverland weddings.

Inside you will also find profiles of four stunning couples who used the Riverland as the setting for their special day in 2021 and 2022, highlighting what is possible for your big day.

We hope you enjoy Riverland Style Weddings as much as we enjoyed putting this guide together for the second year. Whether you are thinking of tying the knot, recently engaged, or know of a special couple, this is the magazine for you.

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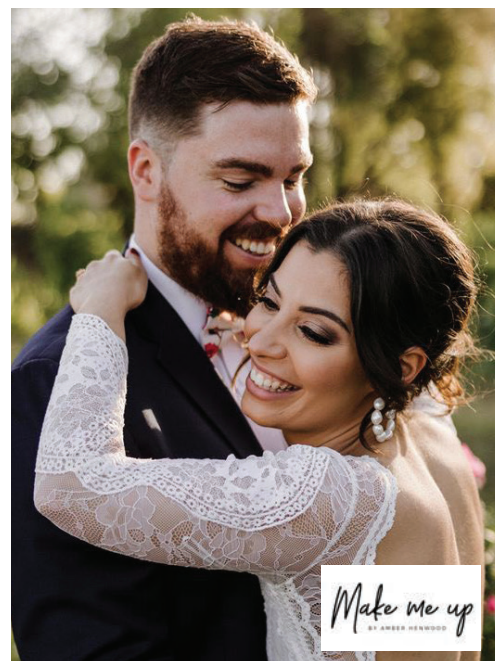
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Riverland the perfect wedding location for the Faltings

Bride

Meg Falting
(nee Gillespie)

Groom

Ashley Falting

Date

August 20, 2022

Ceremony + reception

The River Block

Celebrant

Ceremonies by
Kiara Ashlee

Photography

Raya Langdon
Photography

Videography

Dixon Creative

Dress

Two Needles
by Jocelyn

Make-up

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Hair

Socoh Salon,
Honey Honey
Salon

Flowers

Elem Blooms

Cake

Bree's Bakes

Catering

Amanda's Catering

Music/DJ

Caleb Nagy

**Meg Falting
(nee Gillespie) and
Ashley Falting met
through mutual
friends 10 years
ago, aged just 16
and 17 respectively,
and the rest, as they
say, is history.**

However, the start of their relationship was initially unclear.

"Ash didn't really make it clear that we had started dating," Meg said. "So, I had to message him to ask, 'Are we actually doing this?'"

After dating for eight years, welcoming a daughter into the world and with another on the way, the engagement came after a regular day on their farm.

"In typical laidback Ash style, we were sitting on the couch after the night time routine with our daughter Ally and he said to me, 'Guess what I found in the paddock today...'" Meg said.

"I just responded with 'I don't know, a dog toy?' and he opened up his hand to show a sparkling diamond ring. It was my dream – a single solitaire ring.

"I quickly grabbed it out of his hand, and he responded with 'So, will you marry me?' and it was of course a yes."

The couple set their wedding date for two years after the engagement to lessen the chance of Covid-related challenges. This also allowed all of their invited guests to join them in one location.

For the Faltings, the wedding day was perfect.

"We chose to do a 'first look' and the majority of our photos at our home on the farm before the ceremony," Meg said.

"We thought that would take the edge off, calm any nerves and give us time to enjoy the process of the day together.

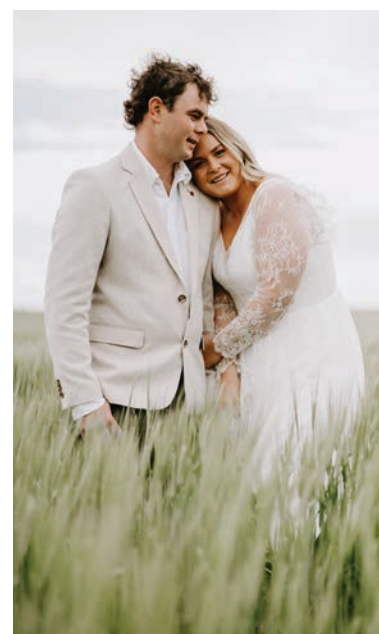
"It also allowed us to spend more time with our guests post ceremony, as we didn't have to disappear for long... something I would recommend to anyone planning a wedding."

Growing up in the Riverland and loving being by the river and on their farm made being able to have a Riverland wedding even more special.

"The Riverland offers so many unique and different backdrops and experiences for a wedding," Meg said. "We chose a late winter wedding to fit in with our farming schedule but we also love this time of year. The weather is warming up, crops are green, trees are blossoming and the nights are cool and crisp."

Meg said doing the styling herself – including creating the signage, bridal bouquets and table flower arrangements – as well as hiring from The River Block and Occasions Event Management, meant the wedding was styled just as she envisioned.

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Renmark river front the perfect backdrop

Lindsay Gudgeon (nee Frahn) and Ben Gudgeon were married on the Renmark river front on a warm summer's day earlier this year.

Bride

Lindsay Gudgeon
(nee Frahn)

Groom

Ben Gudgeon

Date

February 26, 2022

Ceremony:

Renmark
river front

Reception

Renmark Club

Celebrant

Ceremonies
with Love

Photography

Karen Jericho,
Loveday Studio

Dress

Jenny and Gerry's

Make-up

Karrada Skin
& Body, Bianca
Rene Makeup

Hair

Karina Scott

Flowers

Juniper and
Dandelion
Flowers by
Ashleigh

Cake

Pink Blossom
Cakes

Music

'Trick' Broughton

Lindsay and Ben met when they were 16 years old at a mutual friend's birthday party and later reconnected when Lindsay started working at Big4 Renmark, where Ben's parents are managers.

"From friendship, a relationship grew," Lindsay said.

"He proposed on our ninth anniversary. I walked into our house and there was a big bunch of flowers with a card on the bench. Ben popped up out of nowhere, got down on one knee and the rest is history."

In planning the wedding, Covid-19 restrictions posed many challenges, including venue capacity limits, and the booked make-up artist becoming unable to work.

"We had originally planned to have the ceremony at a private house, but due to restrictions at the time we were limited with numbers," Lindsay said.

"We changed our location to the Renmark river front, next to the Club, so

we could go straight from the ceremony to reception.

"Our original make-up artist's daughter got Covid, and at the time there was a 14-day isolation period.

"Luckily Amy from Karrada Skin & Body changed her own anniversary plans with her husband to help us out. She also got Bianca from Bianca Rene Makeup to help. They were both angels."

Despite a hot sun beating down on the wedding party, the day went to plan.

"We had a very 'chill' lead-up to the ceremony," Lindsay said.

"My bridal party organised a platter to share from Grazing by the Vines and we actually ran early.

"We chose to do our bridal party photos prior to our ceremony to help out with time and so we could make the most of our time with our guests.

"We also had the Covid dancing rule lifted the night prior to our wedding, so we were able to dance at our reception which was amazing."

The Riverland was the best location for the Gudgeon wedding, with many wonderful businesses for them to choose from in helping make their special day perfect.

"We have such beauty in the Riverland," Lindsay said.

"Everyone was telling us how nice our location was and it was the main street of town. All of our vendors were amazing, supportive and true professionals. We wouldn't have changed a thing."

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From student exchange to exchanging vows

Bride
Madeline Tamblyn
(nee Ziegler)

Groom
James Tamblyn

Date
October 9, 2021

Ceremony
Overland Corner
Hotel

Reception
Overland Corner
Hotel

Celebrant
Ceremonies
by Sharon

Photography
Karen Jericho,
Loveday Studio

Dress
The Bride Lab

Suit
Peter Shearer

Make-up
Blush Barre

Hair
Bellissimo Hair

Flowers
Family garden

Cake
Waikerie Bakery

Catering
Salt and Pepper
Catering

Music
Homemade
playlist

High school sweethearts Madeline Tamblyn (nee Ziegler) and James Tamblyn returned home from the Northern Territory last year to have the Riverland wedding of their dreams.

The two were friends first before connecting on a deeper level during a student exchange program at high school.

"We had been friends for quite a while beforehand and things just eventuated into us being together and we've been together almost nine years," Madeline said.

After moving to Alice Springs in 2018, the two were back visiting family in Robe in 2020 when James popped the question after almost eight years together.

"We just happened to be along the beach, which is where we've always gone, and that's where he asked me,"

Madeline said. "It was a massive surprise."

The decision to marry in the Riverland was an easy one to make, with Madeline always wanting to get married where she grew up.

"It was always this idea I had that I would love to come home and get married by the river," she said.

"It worked out best for us because all of our family are still in SA, scattered around the South East, in the Riverland and in Adelaide. It just made perfect sense, and it was perfect in the end.

"James and I are pretty laidback anyway, so the whole idea for our wedding was just to be really chilled and more like an excuse to celebrate with family."

Like many special occasions over the past few years, Covid-19 posed a slight challenge for the Tamblyn wedding.

"I think it was about three to four weeks out from our wedding date when the SA government changed the rules completely and the venue we'd initially picked couldn't facilitate the number of guests we had coming," Madeline said.

"In small country towns, everyone is super helpful and I think that definitely shone through with the challenges of changing a venue three weeks out.

"Everyone was happy to help us out so we could have the day that we always imagined.

"Everyone we used is Riverland-based and it just made things really easy rather than shopping around. Everyone is there; you can get everything, from your hair, make-up, venue, catering... it just made planning really easy."



Bride and groom wedding check list

The key to an unforgettable Riverland wedding day is to have everything in place ahead of time. From venue to attire and every tiny detail in between, planning how your perfect wedding should look at least 12 months in advance will mean a lot of stress is saved down the line. Here is our guide for how the bride – and groom – can make the planning process as smooth as possible, to ensure the big day is filled with nothing but happiness.

BRIDE

12 MONTHS OUT

No worries, you got this

- ☐ Choose the wedding party (maid of honour, bridesmaids, best man and groomsmen, flower girl and ring bearer)
- ☐ Decide formality and overall theme
- ☐ Determine your budget
- ☐ Make a guest list
- ☐ Select the venue
- ☐ Select the caterer
- ☐ Get engagement rings insured and consider wedding insurance

11 MONTHS OUT

You're on a roll

- ☐ Hire vendors that book up quickly, such as photographer, band/DJ, hairdresser and videographer
- ☐ Pick your MC, cake maker and florist
- ☐ Hire a celebrant and arrange marriage licence
- ☐ Choose a colour theme and start thinking of overall design

10 MONTHS OUT

Get your colours on!

- ☐ Start shopping for your wedding dress, veil, undergarments and shoes
- ☐ Book accommodation for family and guests, if needed
- ☐ Take engagement photos
- ☐ Start looking at invitations

9 MONTHS OUT

Good job, what's next?

- ☐ Buy your wedding dress (It's time to say yes to the dress if you want to avoid rush fees)
- ☐ Send save the dates

8 MONTHS OUT

Don't feel overwhelmed

- ☐ Select the bridesmaids' dresses and schedule fittings within the month (ask how they feel in the options you're considering – they do have to wear it in front of a crowd after all)

7 MONTHS OUT

Can you believe it?

- ☐ Hire the ceremony musician/band
- ☐ Order any rental items necessary (specialty chairs, linens etc.)

5-6 MONTHS OUT

Halfway there!

- ☐ Book transportation for guests, if necessary
- ☐ Book transportation for newlyweds/bridal party
- ☐ Book room for wedding night
- ☐ Book the honeymoon

4 MONTHS OUT

The finishing touches...

- ☐ Finalise floral arrangements and cake design
- ☐ Buy wedding bands
- ☐ Have your final tasting with the caterer
- ☐ Hair and makeup trial (bring photos and be as specific as possible about what)

3 MONTHS OUT

You're getting close

- ☐ Order the invitations
- ☐ Write vows, select readings if desired
- ☐ Meet with the celebrant
- ☐ Decide on wedding songs
- ☐ Decide on something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue

2 MONTHS OUT

Crunch time

- ☐ Create wedding day timeline - send to officiants/venue, MC, photographer and wedding party
- ☐ Send the wedding invitations
- ☐ First dress fitting
- ☐ Buy wedding party gifts
- ☐ Give song selections to band, DJ, and ceremony musicians
- ☐ Buy all the small items- guest book, card box, cake knife etc

1 MONTH OUT

Don't forget...

- ☐ Pay your vendors in full
- ☐ Follow up RSVP's
- ☐ Create a seating chart
- ☐ Have a final venue walk through
- ☐ Check bridal party fittings

FINAL WEEK

Deep breaths now, most of the hard work is over at this point

- ☐ Refresh your hair colour
- ☐ Get your eyebrows done
- ☐ Manicure/pedicure
- ☐ Arrange collection of flowers

THE NIGHT BEFORE

Down to the wire

- ☐ Eat a healthy meal
- ☐ Pack a small bag of personal items
- ☐ Drink water
- ☐ Rehearsal/s
- ☐ Get a good nights sleep

GROOM

12 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Choose the wedding party

5-6 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Start to think about what type of attire you'd like to wear on your special day

4 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Select the groom and groomsmen's attire and schedule fittings within the month
- ☐ Buy wedding bands

3 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Write vows, select readings if desired

1 MONTH OUT

- ☐ Buy your bride a wedding gift (make sure it's personal and memorable)
- ☐ Schedule final fittings for suits, and make sure all wedding attire has been ordered
- ☐ Purchase gifts for best man and groomsmen
- ☐ If you're having a buck's party, make sure it's not too close to the wedding. A month beforehand is about right

FINAL WEEK

- ☐ Make sure your groomsmen know their duties
- ☐ Final suit fittings
- ☐ Final check for rings, cufflinks, flasks, etc.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

- ☐ Make sure best man and groomsmen get their wedding attire
- ☐ Give the best man the wedding rings
- ☐ Don't start drinking too early

MOST
OF ALL
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Wedding trends



GIFT GIVING

Many couples would be entering a marriage with homes set up and their basic needs already fulfilled, so guests may find it difficult to know what to gift. Money is always appreciated, and some bride and grooms may just ask for simple donations towards their honeymoon or a home project. Registries are a somewhat traditional option, but create a centralised system where the couple can select what they need from specific outlets and items are removed from the list once bought by guests, eliminating the chance of double-ups.

STRAY AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL

While the idea of a non-traditional wedding is not new, recent wedding trends are showing brides and grooms straying away from many traditional details.

Unusual wedding attire
Allows the individuality to show for all involved in the wedding party. From non-white dresses to coloured suits, two-piece dresses, pant suits and more, the only limit is your imagination.



Colour palettes
One of the latest wedding trends is a rust-coloured wedding palette, with monochromatic colour schemes of blush, orange and rust deemed popular with many bridal parties. Other popular combinations are cinnamon and dusty rose, sage green and light terracotta, light/dusty blue and burgundy, mauve purple and deep emerald green, light grey and foil gold, and shades of grey.



GET CREATIVE

Small but creative details can add big personality to any wedding, in any location.

Photo opportunities
Professional photography is perfect for capturing the bigger moments during the wedding day, like the ceremony and formal moments during the reception. However, photography options once these moments have passed could include a selfie station, photo booth, or disposable cameras on tables. Selfie stations allow guests to capture the day from their perspective using a polaroid camera to photograph themselves, the people around them or the bride and groom, before pegging them to a board to be looked at throughout the event and collected at the end of the night. Photo booths and disposable cameras are another great way to capture guests in an intimate, fun way once professional photography has finished.



Wedding signage
A trend at the moment is seen in handwritten, acrylic signs. Perfect for seating charts, entrance signs, bar signs, menus and more. Best used indoors or in intimate spaces, acrylic signs add style and sleekness to modern rustic, contemporary chic, minimalist or glam weddings.



LIGHT THE NIGHT

Good lighting can make the simplest wedding pop, and a rise in string lights has seen new heights reached for outdoor and undercover wedding lighting.

Curtain string lights are one of the best ways to add a romantic and whimsical backdrop behind the ceremony or head table at receptions – the waterfall look is a trend likely to stick around. Rain shower lights are perfect for indoor and outdoor weddings, creating a unique ambiance and elegance to a garden wedding or a room needing an extra flair of drama. Neon signs are bougie and chic, perfect for both indoor and outdoor weddings to add a little extra spark of detail. Best placed at the entrance, altar and bar, and colours kept minimalistic and metallic.





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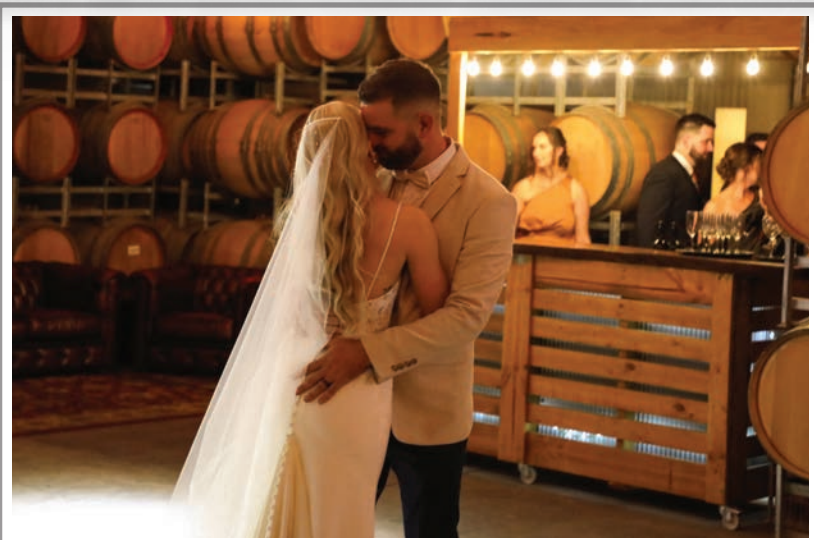
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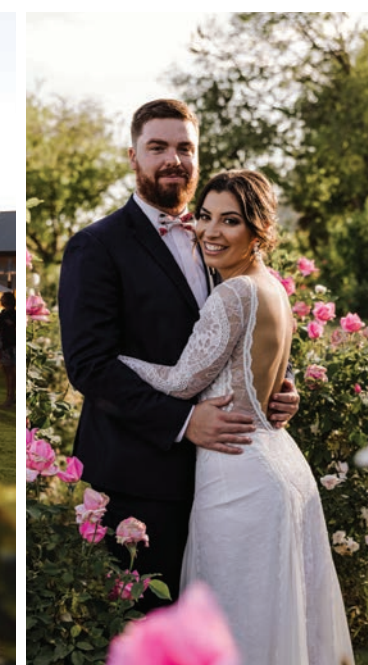
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From friends to lovers to husband and wife

Loxton couple Salena Muirden (nee Franchitto) and James Muirden were married in October last year, after the pair got engaged in June 2020.

Bride

Salena Muirden
(nee Franchitto)

Groom

James Muirden

Date

October 16, 2021

Ceremony

Family home

Reception

Salena Estate

Celebrant

Father Paul

Photography

Paul Mac
Photography

Dress

Jenny and Gerry's

Suits

Joseph Uzumcu

Make-up

Cassandra Marie
Creative

Hair

Bettina Arruzzolo
from Renmark

Flowers

The Queens
Quarters (Barossa)

Cake

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Catering

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Music/DJ

Baker Boys Band



in regards to all of their wedding plans, including having their engagement party the week before South Australia went into lockdown in 2020.

"We saw restrictions come and go but when we picked our date it was six-and-a-half years to the day that we had been together, and we decided no matter what happens, with the exception of a full lockdown, we were going to get married on that day," she said.

"We could stand up and dance; we could only have 50 people on the dance floor which was fine and the only thing we couldn't have were our interstate guests but we got very lucky and we are so grateful that we did.

"Everything was pretty cruisy actually. I come from an events background so my run sheet was kind of down to the minute."

Salena and James were married in the middle of October, with Salena describing the weather as "just glorious".

"The Riverland is so incredibly stunning, you don't get that kind of weather in many other parts of the state or the country," she said.

"I would 100 per cent recommend a Riverland wedding. There are so many gorgeous places for ceremonies and receptions up here, we are really spoilt for choice."



Real weddings

With a multitude of styles, trends and personal preferences to consider when choosing a dress, it's no surprise brides try to find the perfect one that shows their individuality. We have compiled a selection of stunning brides and their gorgeous dresses seen in the Riverland and beyond over the last year to show just a small sample of the range available for future brides.



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