



**TROPICAL STYLE** 'I wanted to get married on the beach,' says Jessica, 'but Eliot hates sand! We compromised with the park next to the beach.' They considered eloping to Hawaii, but wanted their friends and family with them, so 'we brought Hawaii to us,' says Jessica. The theme for the day? 'Lots of tropical flowers, blues and yellows.'

**'WE DO!'** The ceremony was conducted by Jessica's family minister. Jessica says that walking down the aisle passed in a bit of a blur, but what sticks in her mind the most is 'marrying my amazing husband', and having their little dog at the waterside ceremony. After the ceremony, the couple's 100 guests headed to Dunes Restaurant and Kiosk for lunch.

*stylist's tip*

Signs are easy to create and a fun DIY project if you like a bit of painting. Not only are they a personal touch but also functional!



# Jessica McClelland & Eliot Simpson

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GOVERNOR PHILLIP PARK & DUNES RESTAURANT, PALM BEACH, NSW

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*Jessica, 26, met Eliot, 25, through university friends who knew him from school. It took four years for their friendship to turn into romance, and two more for Eliot to make it official. On a weekend break on the Gold Coast, at the top of the Q1 Resort at sunset, he asked Jessica to marry him. 'I cried a lot,' says the bride.*





**BLUE BELLES** Jessica chose a strapless A-line gown with beading on the bodice, from Lu Elle Bridal. 'I never thought I'd want a strapless dress, but when I tried it on, it was perfect,' she says. Her bridesmaids wore halter-neck, full-length gowns in different shades of blue, and bouquets featured white and blue chrysanthemums with white roses and blue baby's breath. 'Classic and beautiful, but still fun and beachy!' says the bride.



*stylist's tip*

Bridesmaids dresses in different shades of one colour will make each individual maid stand out, and add texture to your photos.







*stylist's tip*

Nothing says a beach wedding like a Kombi van! Hire one if you're looking for a cool and colourful vibe for your big day photos.



**HAPPY TIERS** The reception was a sit down, three-course lunch. Menu choices included warm goats cheese and zucchini tart, roast pork belly and pan-fried crispy Atlantic salmon. Dessert was wedding cake: a four-tier creation designed to look 'sandy', decorated with shells and a bride and groom topper. Each tier comprised a different flavour: chocolate, chocolate and vanilla marble, orange poppyseed and vanilla. The couple's first dance was to Jason Mraz's *I'm Yours*.

## the couple's suppliers

**PHOTOS** MINT PHOTOGRAPHY [mintphotography.com.au](http://mintphotography.com.au)

**CEREMONY** GOVERNOR PHILLIP PARK

[pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

**RECEPTION** DUNES RESTAURANT & KIOSK

[dunespalmbeach.com.au](http://dunespalmbeach.com.au)

**FLOWERS** FLORES DEL MAR

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**GOWN** LU ELLE BRIDAL [luellebridal.com](http://luellebridal.com)

**BRIDESMAIDS** LIGHT IN THE BOX [lightinthebox.com](http://lightinthebox.com)

**SUITS** KELLY COUNTRY [kellycountry.net.au](http://kellycountry.net.au)

**HAIR & MAKE-UP** DEL LA ROUGE [dellarouge.com.au](http://dellarouge.com.au)

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**SEA SHELLS** Jessica did the styling herself, with help from her mum and friends. Chairs were adorned with white leis and the tables with blue runners. The centrepieces were vases filled with shells and tropical flowers. 'There were Hawaiian prints on the wall and our wishing well was the shape of an old beach house.'

