

SIX DEGREES of SEPARATION

Jacqui Newton and Nick Stevens

PEPPERS, MORNINGTON PENINSULA, VICTORIA

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IT WAS LIKE SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION. JACQUI AND NICK WERE BOTH ON HOLIDAY SEPARATELY IN Queensland visiting friends. As it turned out, their friends were also friends and introduced the pair when out at a bar. Together for two years, Nick, a former AFL footballer, proposed to Jacqui when they were holidaying in tropical Koh Samui.

Twelve months later on a stunning cloudless day, the couple were married at the historic St John's Anglican Church in Sorrento on Victoria's beautiful Mornington Peninsula. Jacqui wore a gorgeous strapless Baccini & Hill gown, her mum's pearl earrings and pearl bracelet, along with an original 'something blue' electric blue Manolo Blahnik shoe!

The willowy bride only started to get nervous on the way to the church with her bridesmaids, who were more nervous than the bride. Nick too was nervous when the reverend told him that his bride had arrived at the church. Any wedding jitters however were completely forgotten when Jacqui asked Nick for a handkerchief midway through the ceremony. "What he pulled out of his pocket look like it had been there for weeks even though it was brand new. The bridesmaids caught sight of it and we were all in hysterics," Jacqui reminisced.

After the wedding, family and friends moved on to the reception set amongst picturesque rolling sand dunes. Blessed with a stunning sunset and surrounded by grass and natural vegetation, a beautiful marquee provided a romantic backdrop for the glamorous all-white wedding celebration.

Inside the marquee a striking floral display featuring huge vases with masses of white flowers was the focal point of the space lit by glowing candlelight. Tables were decorated with square glass vases filled with white flowers lit by tea light candles, while a beautiful square white cake was also decorated with an abundance of white blooms. A colourful and fun baby buffet meanwhile featured a quaint wooden bathhouse with a handwritten love message. The couple's first dance, 'Come What May' from Moulin Rouge capped off a fabulous day.

"The day absolutely flew. Nothing stressed us at all; it was just perfect..."†

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"Our ceremony was quite emotional, we both struggled a bit through the vows"

Jacqui



THESE PEARLS Jacqui wore her mother's pearl earrings and bracelet as 'something old' and 'something borrowed'. Her beautiful couture gown was 'something new' while a pair of amazing Manolo Blahnik heels was her 'something blue'. **THESE PEARLS** Jacqui's request for her gown was to be simple and classic, and Sophie Baccini. "We sourced a French lace shawl that was beautifully hand beaded, and then moulded by hand onto the structured bodice which had a sweetheart neckline. Silk georgette and organza were combined for the layered flirty skirt."



THESE PEARLS Decorated with a whimsical daisies and a 'Love is Sweet' tag, the lolly bar tempted guests with lollipops, mint leaves, licence allsorts and mink sticks. Guests helped themselves to the sweet treats throughout the reception, and also took some home as their favours. † Jacqui carried flowers made from white gladioli petals whilst her bridesmaids wore matching wrist corsages. ‡ The reception was decorated with a stunning display of white flowers including hydrangeas, delphinium and lily of the valley, which were arranged in oversized white urns.



JACQUI'S STYLE GUIDE



GOWN: Baccini & Hill, 03 9804 3200 | PHOTOGRAPHY: Tania Savage Photography, 0419 323 739 | VIDEOGRAPHY: Dragonfly Studios, 0404 857 674 | CEREMONY LOCATION: St John's Anglican Church, Sorrento | RECEPTION VENUE AND FIRST NIGHT: Peppers Moonah Links, Mornington Peninsula, 03 5988 2000 | RECEPTION DECORATIONS, FLOWERS & FLORAL DECORATIONS: Brett Currell, 0438 004 293; Place Settings, 03 9681 9191 | SHOES: Manolo Blahnik | GROOM'S & GROOMSMEN'S ATTIRE: Soho Workshop, 03 9826 1990 | STATIONERY: Papers of Distinction, 03 5588 8078 | CAKE: Cioccolata Bella, 0412 720 590 | GIFT REGISTRY: Myer, 15 15 43; Jetset | FIRST NIGHT: Shangri La Hotel, 02 9250 6000 | HONEYMOON: Vietnam, Hong Kong

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