

# 'GARDEN glamour'

CHANTELLE SIMPSON AND AARON HATCH

TERRARA HOUSE ESTATE, SOUTH COAST, NEW SOUTH WALES, 25TH OF OCTOBER, 2008

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FOUR YEARS AFTER A CHANCE MEETING IN SYDNEY, AARON AND CHANTELLE WERE holidaying on the Gold Coast with his family. Aaron unsuccessfully tried everything he could to get Chantelle alone. Finally over breakfast one morning, he asked Chantelle whether, along with their planned trip to Europe the following year, she could organise a wedding as well. "I was totally caught off guard and didn't believe him until he pulled out a ring box containing a diamond as well," Chantelle reminisced.

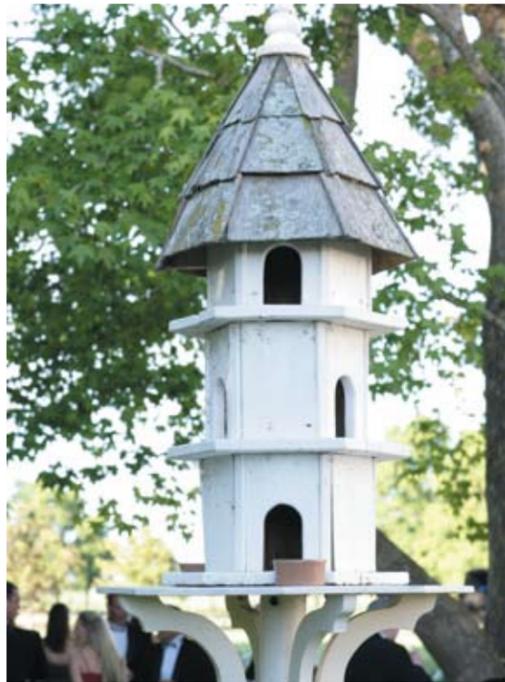
Inspired by European weddings and wanting a 'garden glamour' theme, the couple chose to marry surrounded by 16 beautiful acres of green paddocks, manicured lawns and stunning gardens on the New South Wales south coast.

"From the moment we drove in the gates up the kilometre long heritage listed driveway, I knew this was the place."

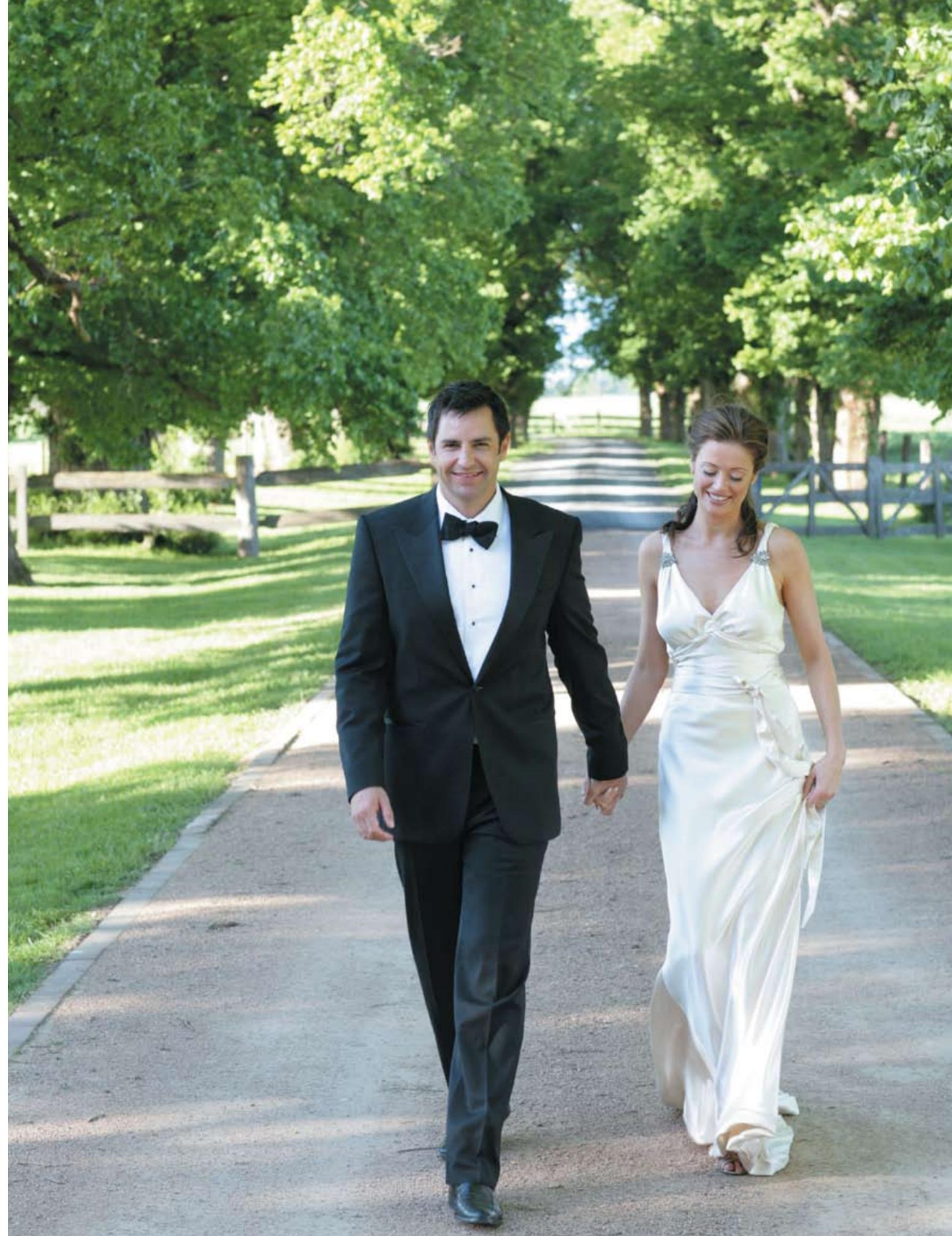
There, under a 150-year-old Moreton Bay fig tree, Chantelle in a Johanna Johnson designed gown made from 'vintage' silk satin and carrying a trailing bouquet of orchids, exchanged vows with her soul mate. Afterwards the champagne flowed and canapés were served in the rose garden with its 150 varieties of flowering blooms lit by glowing lanterns.

Afterwards, guests were seated in a sophisticated, silk lined marquee lit with crystal chandeliers which also hung from the verandahs of the sandstone house. Fairy lights twinkled at dusk whilst heart shaped twig wreaths adorned trees. Platters of food were simply decorated with fresh freesias and a three-tiered chocolate fountain allowed guests to enjoy decadent chocolate dipped strawberries and marshmallows.

The couple and their guests danced the night away to the sounds of a three-piece band. Despite Aaron being adamant that celebrations go into the early hours, he was so exhausted he only made it to midnight. "Both our grandmothers however were there until the end kicking their heels up on the dance floor," Chantelle said with a laugh. The next morning, everyone gathered again for a poolside recovery brunch. "Our day was beyond beautiful and everything went according to plan. I'd call it perfect," Chantelle said. ♡



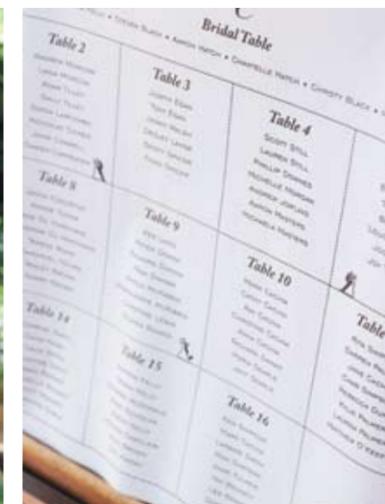
THESE PAGES Reminiscent of 'garden glamour' and modern vintage, Chantelle and Aaron's black tie affair was enjoyed by over 100 guests who had flown in from Tokyo, Ireland, the UK and interstate. ♡ Chantelle's 'Rose' gown was designed by Johanna Johnson. "It was a romantic 1930's style gown dyed in our exclusive 'vintage' heavy silk satin with Grecian ties wrapped at the torso and shoulders with a flowing godet train," said Johanna. "I just loved her designs," said Chantelle. "Johanna made it so easy for me, her staff were so relaxed and professional, the whole process so exciting and fun. I knew the gown I had chosen reflected my personality in everyway." ♡ As guests started to arrive at the idyllic estate, they enjoyed chilled refreshments from the crystal water and juice fountains whilst listening to the romantic sounds of a bagpiper in the distance.



CHANTELLE'S STYLE GUIDE



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THESE PAGES Chandeliers decorated the verandahs of the house as well as the marquee. French provincial style chairs with white cushions were set at the tables, whilst food and plate stands were adorned with entwined white blooms. Flickering candles and decorative lanterns trimmed with ivy and white flowers added another romantic touch as dusk fell. ♡ Chinese silk fans were handed to the ladies at the beginning of the ceremony along with rose petal confetti cones. ♡ A fond memory for Chantelle is the moment before she walked down the aisle with her father. "It is not until you are dressed and waiting that you realise the most exciting and special day of your life has finally arrived..."