

The Busy Couple's Guide

to an Intimate Wedding

Without the Overwhelm



It's simple to make an already beautiful setting look pretty without too much styling

Planning a wedding can quickly become overwhelming.

Too many decisions.

Too many expectations.

Too many moving parts.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

This simple guide is designed to help you create something more intentional —

A wedding that feels calm, meaningful, and truly yours.

1. Decide If an Intimate Wedding Is Right for You

Intimate weddings are typically just the couple & up to 20 guests.

They're perfect for you if you want:

- something meaningful instead of massive
- less stress and fewer moving parts
- more time to actually enjoy the moment

This might not be for you if you are dreaming of:

- lots of guests
- a strict running plan
- the big white wedding



Getting ready with your 'besties' in the relaxed atmosphereand nature as your witness

2. Choose Your Guest List (Max 20)

With a micro-wedding, every person matters.

Think:

- immediate family
- closest friends
- the people you truly want beside you

Choose the people who truly matter — the ones you want beside you not just for the day... but for the years that follow.



The beautiful view draws you in to perfect relaxation with your nearest and dearest

3. Decide the Kind of Experience You Want

Micro-weddings allow you to focus on connection rather than logistics.

Examples:

- an intimate sunset ceremony followed by champagne and photos in nature
- a relaxed long lunch or dinner
- a simple ceremony with an overnight stay



A chef dining experience



OR just cake and bubbles

4. Choose a Naturally Beautiful Location

One of the biggest secrets of a low-key wedding:

- Choose a place that already feels special.
- The right setting does more than look beautiful – it shapes how the entire day feels.

Which means you don't need excessive styling or over-decoration.



Timber plinths & flowers – simple but stunning



Simple posies on the table

5. Lock in the Only Vendors You Really Need

Micro-weddings are simple by design.

What you really need:

Celebrant

Flowers

Photographer

Beautiful location

Optional Additions:

Cake

Videographer

Content creator

Champagne or cocktail tower

With the right location, everything becomes simpler.

We can guide you and connect you with trusted local suppliers.



Relax and enjoy the space



Dining table ready for after the ceremony & photos

6. Keep the Timeline Relaxed

Your wedding doesn't need a strict run sheet.

A simple flow works beautifully:

ceremony

champagne or cocktails

photos

relaxed meal with your guests

or just champagne and cake

or simply let it unfold in a way that feels right for you



Relaxing with friends before the Big Day

Turn It Into a Wedding Experience (Not Just a Day)

One of the best parts of a micro-wedding is slowing down and enjoying it.

Many couples choose to:

stay onsite with a few close guests

turn the wedding into a 2–3 day celebration

enjoy time together instead of rushing through a schedule



Some local cool climate wine & cheese platter



Celebrate for 3-nights...not just a day



Enjoying the Ceremony space the day before

7. Focus on the Moment (Not the Production)

The magic of micro-weddings is presence.

You get to:

- talk with every guest
- enjoy the location
- and actually remember it

The magic of intimate weddings isn't in how they look — it's in how they feel.

The space to talk, laugh, and be fully present. ability to actually remember the day.

And the quiet moments in between...

that often become the ones you treasure most.

A quieter way to get married – without the overwhelm

There's a quieter way to get married.

One without the rush, the pressure, or the sense of performing for a crowd.

At Lakeview, weddings are intentionally small, calm, and thoughtfully hosted — allowing you to slow down and truly experience it.

More than a wedding day

Our weddings unfold over a few days, not just a few hours — giving you time to gather, settle in, and be present with the people who matter most.

No rushing. No strict timelines.

Just space to arrive... and time to take it all in.

Intimate, by design

With space for up to 20 guests, everything is created to feel personal, relaxed, and deeply connected.

A private setting. A slower pace.

A wedding that feels like it's truly yours.

✦ ***If this feels like what you've been looking for, you can explore Lakeview or enquire via our website.***





Trevor and Pam are ready to welcome you for your Signature Wedding - a special multi-day stay

About Your Hosts

Pam and Trevor are the heart behind Lakeview Luxury Retreat, a boutique country escape they opened in 2011, just outside Orange in regional New South Wales.

What began as a peaceful retreat for guests has naturally evolved into hosting intimate weddings.

After experiencing their own weddings — and understanding first-hand how easily the day can become overwhelming — Pam and Trevor felt drawn to offering something different. A calmer, more personal way to get married.

Pam brings over 30 years of nursing experience to Lakeview, with a natural attention to detail and a deep sense of care that flows into every guest experience. Together with Trevor, and over 14 years in hospitality, they take a thoughtful, hands-on approach — creating an environment where everything feels considered, yet relaxed and unhurried.

Today, they specialise in intimate, multi-day wedding experiences for up to 20 guests, where couples can stay together with their closest people and truly be present for the moments that matter.

Set against sweeping views of the lake and rolling countryside — and with the occasional quiet appearance from their much-loved Highland cows — Lakeview offers a setting that feels both grounding and quietly special.

At Lakeview, it's not just about the location — it's about how the entire experience feels.



Magical sunsets at Lakeview

Thinking about your own intimate wedding?

At Lakeview, we offer a calm, considered setting for couples who want something more personal - with space to slow down, stay together, and truly experience their wedding.

If this feels like what you've been looking for, we'd love to hear from you.

Enquire about your wedding