

DIAMONDS & PEARLS

An Essendon footy player marries his other half in a traditional and elegant setting



"MY ENGAGEMENT ring features a cushion-cut diamond."

Leanne & Mark

WHO Leanne Tucker, 28, model, and Mark McVeigh, 28, AFL player for the Essendon Bombers.

WHEN October 17, 2009.

WHERE A ceremony at Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel, Manly, NSW, followed by a reception at Doltone House, Pymont.

GUESTS 230.

THEME "Formal, French provincial combined with a chic, city feel. We used royal blue, silver and white throughout the reception."

DRESS "I wanted a traditional wedding gown that was both romantic and figure-hugging. It was made from duchess silk-satin and featured a corset bodice and high-waisted sash."

HAIR "Mark likes my hair out, so I went for a soft look, pinned on one side with flowers."

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES "They wore long, silk, Grecian-style gowns in a silvery shade."

FLOWERS "We all carried tightly bunched posies of David Austin roses."

THE CEREMONY "The sandstone church sits on a clifftop and gave our guests amazing views. We had a short service with traditional vows."

DECORATIONS "The walls were draped in black velvet and fairy lights. Candelabras and white flowers including Oriental lilies, lisianthus and snap dragons sat on each guest table, and eight topiary trees stood behind the bridal table."

ENTERTAINMENT "An awesome five-piece band played music throughout the night, catering to all tastes and ages."

FAVOURS "We organised a photobooth that printed two copies of each pic – one for guests and one to stick in our guestbook."

"Framed wedding photos of our parents and grandparents were on display, surrounded by candles"



"WE TRAVELLED in a fleet of Rolls-Royce cars."



"THE BUTTONHOLES were David Austin roses."





"THE BRIDAL party sat on silver Tiffany & Co chairs."



"OUR CAKE featured cascading flowers and crystals."



The Menu

ENTRÉE
 Grilled Crystal Bay prawns with baby-leaf salad
 OR
 Lamb cutlet wrapped in mascarpone and pancetta on Belgium endive, tarragon and Armagnac sauce

MAIN
 Porcini-dusted beef fillet, ratatouille, smashed potatoes, gorgonzola cream and onion crisps
 OR
 Five-spice chicken breast, onion compote, bok choy with garlic purée and Szechuan pepper jus

DESSERT
 Chocolate-mud fondant with Cognac mascarpone
 OR
 Warm apple tart with coconut sorbet



"OUTSIDE WE had white ottomans with scatter cushions."



"THE BRIDAL table was beyond my expectations, with mirrored runners, candles and an eclectic mix of white flowers in crystal vases."



"THE BOYS looked very sharp in their navy-blue suits."



"INSTEAD OF a gift registry, we decided to have a wishing well."

Contact Leanne's Dream Team

PHOTOGRAPHY gm photographic (gmphotographics.com.au). **BRIDE'S DRESS AND VEIL** Maria Gonzales (mariagonzales.com.au). **RINGS** Bijoux by Ian Sharp (03 9866 4983). **GROOM'S SUIT** Calibre (calibre clothing.com.au). **BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES** Chic Collections (chiccollections.com.au). **CEREMONY** Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel (sydney.catholic.org.au/cerretti). **RECEPTION** Doltone House (doltone house.com.au). **EVENT STYLING AND FLOWERS** Anthony Del Col at Staging Connections (02 9556 8888); Decorative Events (decorativeevents.com.au). **ENTERTAINMENT** Gary Johns (garyjohns.com.au). **CAKE** Celebration Cakes (celebrationcakes.com.au). **TRANSPORT** Royalty Weddings (royaltyweddings.com.au).