

Martina & Karl

THE BRIDE // MARTINA MADOERY
THE GROOM // KARL LIESSMANN
WEDDING DATE // MARCH 23
NUMBER OF GUESTS // 65



The Big Day



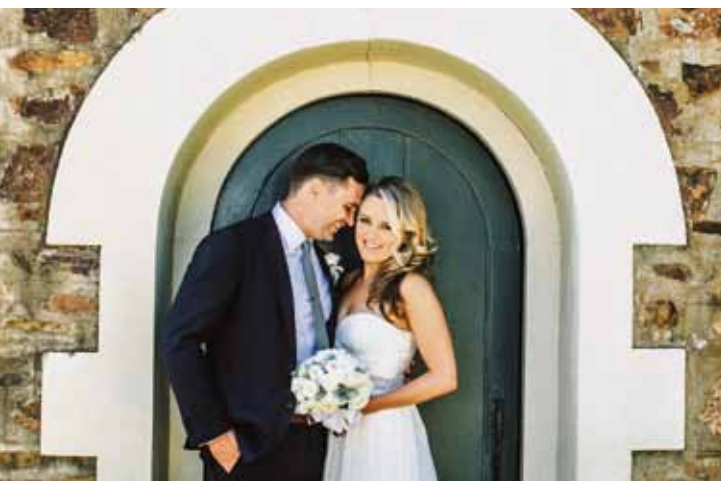
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*B*esotted with each other from the very beginning, Martina and Karl always knew they would get married. And after nearly ten years together they proved young love really can last.

Their paths crossed when they enrolled to do the same course at university and in their second year of study Cupid's arrow finally hit its target. "When we got together our relationship got serious very quickly. My mum was terminally ill and he was an incredible support for me during that difficult time. He became my best friend and has been ever since," Martina says.

Karl sealed the deal with a memorable proposal. After touching down in Innsbruck, Austria for a holiday, and following a long haul flight from Sydney Martina and Karl were well in need of a drink. "We were slightly delirious and definitely over excited to be back in Innsbruck, a town we had visited many times since we had spent our first holiday there," recalls Martina. They headed to the tiny, Art Deco bar they had discovered on their previous trip and promptly ordered two Gluhwein's (mulled wine). Jetlag soon kicking in, the two braced the cold winter night to head back to their hotel. On their journey home through a snow covered park, Martina was becoming increasingly frustrated with Karl's uncharacteristic dawdling, pausing a number of times to admire a tree, even a funny looking snowman along the way. "We were about half way across the park when he stopped again, this time taking my hands and nervously reaching into his jacket pocket. He then took a step back, opened the tiny black box in his hand and asked me to marry him. Of course I said yes," says Martina.



Karl and Martina wanted their day to be a celebration of the people and places they love, a culmination of what truly makes them happy. Taking one year to plan their big day, they decided on a relaxed and joyous celebration with a great view, delicious food and their closest family and friends. When it came to choosing a venue they could look no further than The Denman Hotel & Spa Thredbo. "We have been lucky enough to stay at The Denman Hotel several times. We have always loved the huge glass windows in the dining room, which look out upon Thredbo Mountain. It has one of the best views in Thredbo. When we were looking at venues, we knew straight away it would be the perfect place for our reception," says Martina.

"Having a 'Destination Wedding' made our big day so much more special. It was great to share with our guests' the anticipation and excitement of the lead up to the wedding day, and then relax and enjoy their company in the days that followed. The majority of our guests were staying at The Denman, which made the occasion more like a four-day party. Definitely a long weekend we will never forget!" she continues.

The happy couple said their 'I do's' in the idyllic St James Church in Beloco. In a relaxed and heart felt ceremony guests were able to enjoy the stunning Snowy Mountains countryside. Following a champagne toast guests returned to The Denman where Martina and Karl made their first entrance as husband and wife.

Following a procession of delicious food and drink the newlyweds wowed guests with their first dance to 'The Landler', a traditional Austrian Waltz made famous by Frauline Maria and Captain Vonn Trapp in The Sound of Music, a nod to their Germanic heritage and our love of all things associated with the Alps.

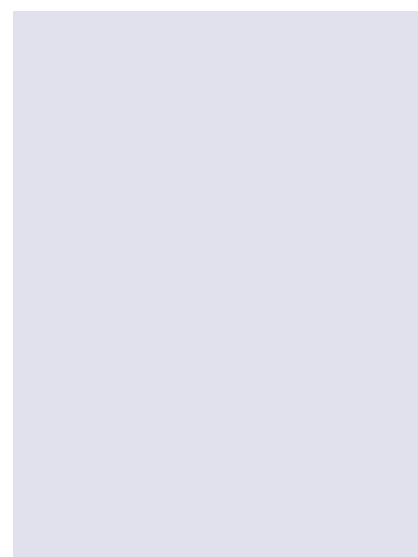
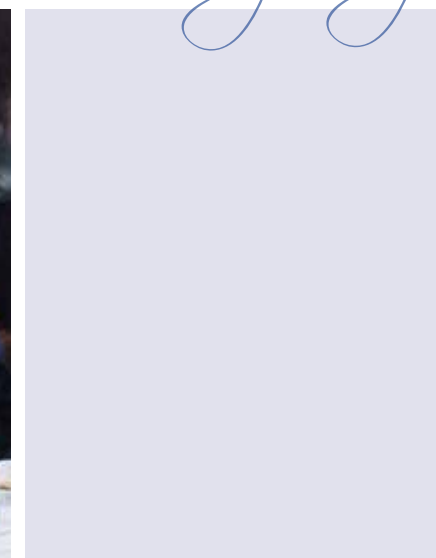
This was a predication of the fun that lay ahead, with the newlyweds and their guests' continuing to dance the night away.

The next morning as their guests' relished in the amazing breakfast spread, nursing their hangovers, with the stunning Thredbo views just beyond, Martina and Karl knew that thrown the party of their lifetime and one not soon forgotten, for all the right reasons.

By Eliarne Iezzi

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BRIDE'S ADVICE
"Remember it's your fiancé's day as well. Don't be afraid to let him do some of the planning. I had a clear idea of the big picture but I left all of the finer details to Karl and he really did an amazing job."



BRIDE RECOMMENDS...

GOWN // **LISA GOWING**
SUIT // **M.J. BALE**
HAIR // **NICOLE BARNES**
MAKEUP // **KELLY BARRY**

PHOTOGRAPHER // **DAVID ROBERTSON PHOTOGRAPHY**
VIDEOGRAPHER // **ANDY LOYD @ WHEN IN WHITE FILMS**

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RECEPTION // **THE DENMAN HOTEL & SPA THREDBO**
CAKE // **FORMAGGI OCELLO**
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