

THEODORA CIVITI & JUSTIN ANTONAS

They say that one wedding always leads to another and so it was for Theodora and Justin. Nine years after they met at a friend's wedding it was their turn to play the bride and groom. They celebrated in Theodora's hometown and imbued their day with a stylish vintage nautical theme.



JUSTIN IS A KEEN FISHERMAN and Theodora grew up near the ocean. "Our fondness of the ocean inspired our wedding celebration. We used natural products where possible and chose a reception venue on the marina," says Theodora.

Theodora chose a contemporary wedding gown that highlighted her stunning silhouette. She sketched her dream design and Zoe from Zoe Marie Couture brought it to life. When it came time to walk down the aisle, Theodora was beyond excited. The moment was Justin's highlight of the entire day. "When I saw her in that amazing dress, she looked like the rarest jewel in the sea," he muses.

In their traditional Greek ceremony they wore crowns that Theodora had crafted from fresh water pearls and ribbon. Their

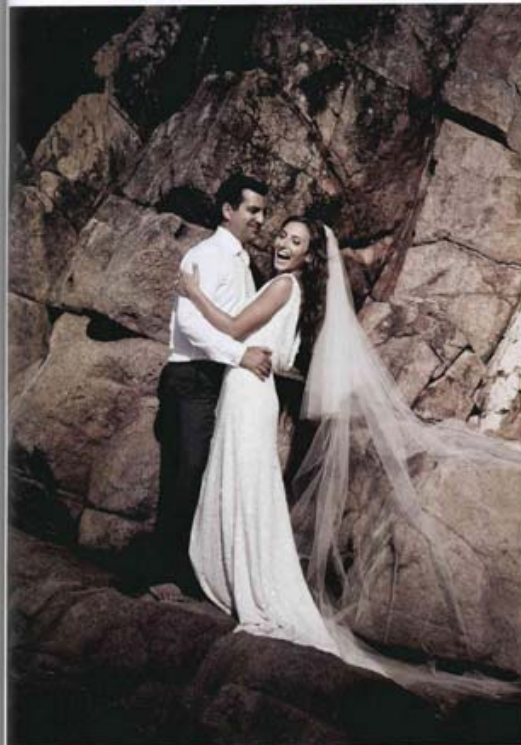
THEODORA'S HIGHLIGHTS

"Our guests made such an effort to be with us on the day, many flying from overseas. It was the most incredible feeling to have them there, it made the whole experience that little bit more emotional."

ceremony was an intimate and emotional one, witnessed by their 140 guests.

Over the hours that followed they spent time around Nelson Bay being photographed by Daniel Griffiths. "Daniel photographed my sister's wedding six years ago and I found him to be very comfortable to work with. Back then his work was amazing but now it's spectacular!" exclaims Theodora.

After meandering along the marina, Theodora and Justin were welcomed into the restaurant where each table was beautifully decorated with recycled driftwood baskets, candles, David Austin roses, and lisianthus. Before the night drew to a close the newlyweds found a quiet corner to watch their guests enjoy the celebration.



Photographer Daniel Griffiths. Bride's gown Zoe Marie Couture. Bridesmaids' dresses Wayne Cooper. Makeup Blush Brides, Nelson Bay. Hair Paula Civiti and Anna Koulis. Groom's suit Peppers. Ceremony Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Hamilton. Reception venue The Wharf Restaurant, Nelson Bay. Entertainment DJ George Sarigiannidis. Florist Zoe Macarounas, Flowers By Zoe. Cake I Do Wedding Cakes. Stationery John Karas, The Gallery.