

# Kate & Mike

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## CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Trott's Garden, Ashburton

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## Together in love, now and forever...

In mid-2002 Mike Spence was an agricultural student at Massey University who had his eye on a young, hardworking veterinarian student, Kate Foxcroft. He had started spending far more time in the library than usual in order to try and get closer to Kate, who soon began noticing his change in study habits.

The extra library time was worth every minute for Mike who not only ended up winning Kate's affections that semester, but also passing all his papers.

Before too long the couple knew it was love. The formal proposal eventually came on 7 March 2014. By this time, the wedding had already been planned so the official engagement was just a formality. Kate was in her vet overalls at the time. "Those who know me would agree that is very fitting."

Kate and her sister Tania went shopping for a gown in Christchurch. With the help of Kate Downing at Brides of Merivale they soon found the dress that met Kate's wish for something classically elegant with a dash of something different.

The wedding came together smoothly thanks to an A-Team of outstanding contributors, including wedding planner Emma Newman, Toni May (Peter May Ltd), florist/designer Kim Chan and Karyn Bird (White Tie Catering).

"Alan and Catherine Trott opened up their home to us – we cannot thank all these special people enough!"

On a scorching hot afternoon at Trott's Garden, wedding guests were treated on arrival to a cool selection of beverages served by a smartly attired catering team.

Church bells were rung across the gardens to announce the bridal party's arrival. Kate will always remember walking down the aisle and seeing the happy faces of gathered friends and family – "and then, of course, my main man."





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Bride and groom spoke vows chosen with care and love from a selection made by their reverend. Three close friends – Sarah Carr, Anna Tonks and Neens Bruce – gave special readings.

After first kiss, the mothers of bride and groom signed the marriage certificate before Mike and Kate walked out as husband and wife to Mumford and Sons, *I Will Wait*.

Photos were taken in beautiful Trott’s Garden while guests looked on. Favourite shots include images in the marquee and the garden’s maze.

After the ceremony, canapés and drinks were served as guests relaxed on cushions beneath white umbrellas and enjoyed entertainment by singer Luke Glendining.

Later, they were wowed by the reception marquee’s classic, romantic feel. Each guest was seated and waited upon by their personal waiter.

MC, Andrew “Trucky” Carr, kept everyone well entertained. Entrées of twice-baked goat’s cheese soufflé and Akaroa salmon followed speeches from the bride’s father and the groom’s parents. The bride’s sister, Tania, shared treasured stories, while bridesmaid Anna Holland read one of her own poems. Best man James Bruce delivered a well-received impromptu





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speech. After mains of aged Canterbury beef fillet or confit rolled pork with platters of seasonal vegetables, bride and groom contributed moving speeches. A toast to absent friends and family was made by close family friend Rowdy Aitken. Pavlova with berries and cream, or bitter chocolate custard with hazelnut praline and cream were served for dessert.

After first dance to Ed Sheeran’s *Thinking Out Loud*, guests joined bride and groom in dancing the night away.

A fun-filled day of celebration at their home followed the wedding.

For now, the honeymoon is on hold because of busy working lives. Kate is a dairy vet and the couple share-milk a dairy farm.

As they say, “cows wait for no-one!” ●



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