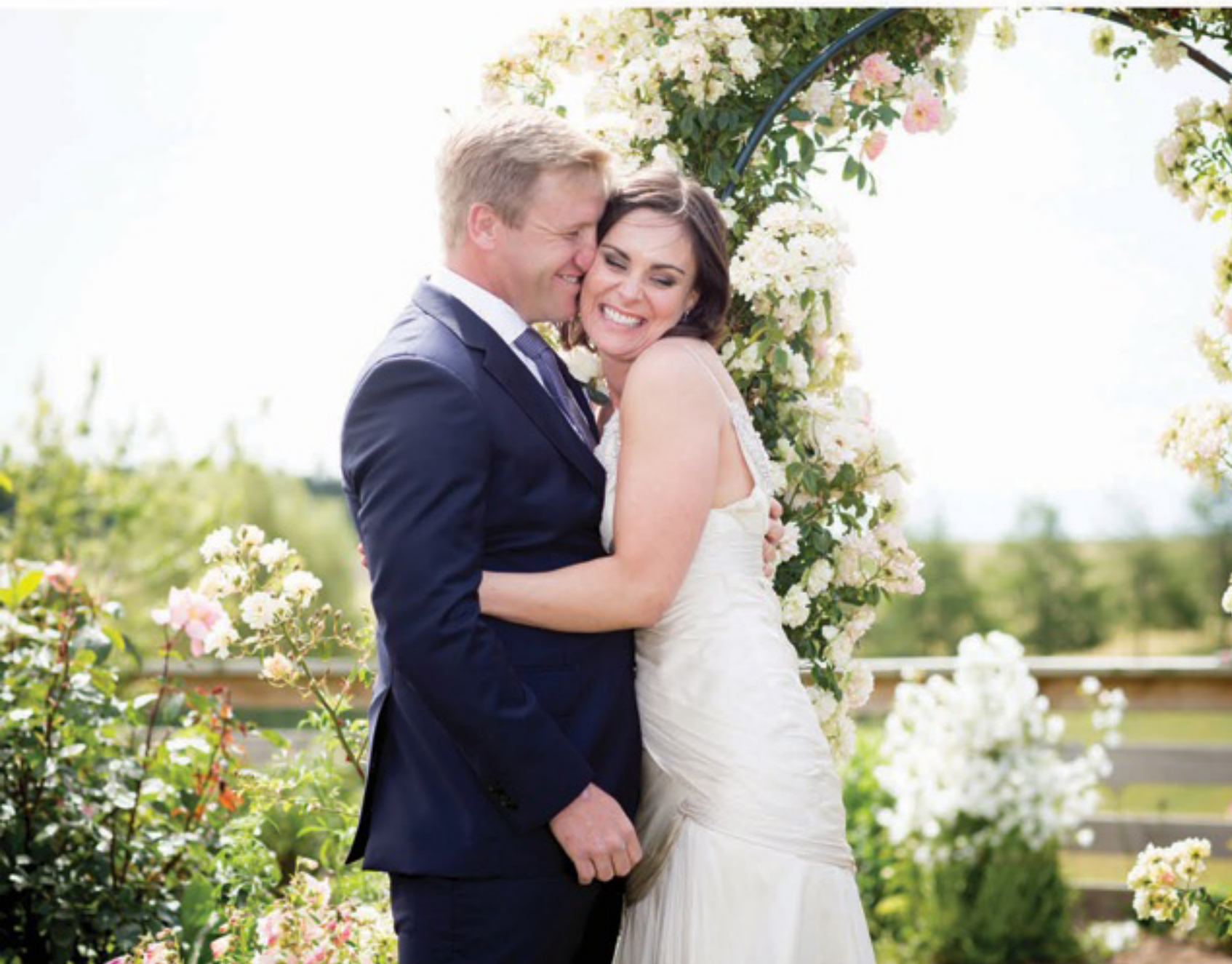


Caroline & Matthew

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CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Family Home, Timaru

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Light-hearted & elegance

Love was in the air when Matthew Holloway met Caroline Midgley. "We met through Matt's brother, who was dating my flatmate. Now we are married and they are engaged!"

Matt proposed to an unsuspecting Caroline on a cliff top in Santorini, Greece, having secretly bought the exquisite antique ring Caroline had admired while they were in London the week before. "I love antique jewellery, so dragged Matt to a heap of shops. I wasn't actually looking at engagement rings, just at general jewellery. I loved that ring but had no idea he'd actually bought it!"

Caroline had her beautiful 1920's-style gown made to order. The silk chiffon in deep champagne was stunning, featuring diamante detailing through the bodice and at the base of the deep-V back. Her bridesmaids wore three different styles of dress, all in dusty pink, sheer silk. "I chose styles I thought suited them and sent them pictures, they loved them, so I ordered them." It could have been a disaster; with two of her bridesmaids based overseas and the third having just had a baby, but it was a surprisingly simple process. "They only tried them on the week before the wedding and they all fit perfectly."

The groom and his groomsmen wore dark navy suits, tailored to individual requirements. The navy was a great contrast to the champagne and dusty pink on the girls. Two-year old pageboy, Harry, (son of the Matron of Honour, and Caroline's godson), "was so cute" in his Marks and Spencer suit.

150 guests gathered at Caroline's mother and step-father's 60-acre lifestyle block in South Canterbury, where the bride and groom exchanged traditional vows in a brief, light-hearted ceremony. Photos followed, taken at the bride's great-great-grandmother's old family home in Timaru (the house is now a rest home). The 1890s building was the perfect setting for the elegant, vintage theme of the day.





Tip of the day
Have a wedding planner if you work full time.

The reception was held in a marquee on the lifestyle block, beautifully styled by White Canvas, Caroline's good friend Katie McEwan (the first wedding she has styled). A delicious sit-down meal was enjoyed by all, and the band had everyone dancing for most of the night. "They were just amazing, they played at the ceremony, through canapés and until the early hours at the reception. We were so lucky to have them."

Knowing how busy they both were, Caroline and Matt chose wedding planner, Emma Newman to plan their day. "We were so happy we did, so much less stress and we couldn't have been happier."

Mr and Mrs Holloway enjoyed a few "beautiful" nights together at Millbrook, Queenstown, followed by "a few brilliant weeks of fun" with family and friends in Queenstown and Wanaka. ■



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