

Flight of fancy

THE BRIDE Ashley Benneworth, 40, area manager

THE GROOM Terry Lincoln, 32, helicopter pilot

THEIR STORY They met the way your mother would prefer that you didn't in a nightclub. Their blurry eyes met over a tray of tequila shots Ashley had just ordered for herself and some friends. He gave her one look and said, 'gorgeous'.

'I was smitten, only to find out some time later that it was in fact the tray of tequila he found irresistible, not me!' laughs Ashley. After a few more meetings the two finally went on a date.

THE PROPOSAL It was nearly seven years later, during a winter holiday in Scotland, when Terry popped the question. 'We were staying in a delightful log cabin surrounded by the most beautiful snow-covered scenery,' says Ashley. Terry kept trying to get her to take a walk with him, but she flatly refused to leave the toasty cabin. 'In the end he literally had to drag me outside, where he proposed under the falling snowflakes.'

THE BIG DAY 18 June at Hotel Izulu in Ballito, Durban.

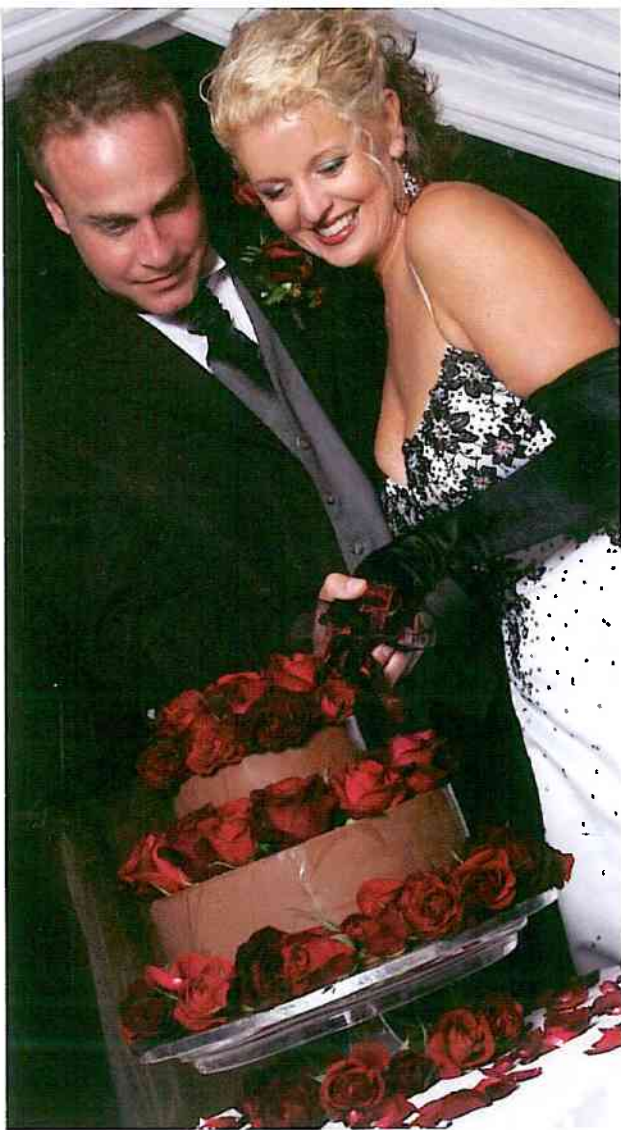
ONE THING I'VE LEARNT 'Do exactly what you and your partner want to do and, remember, it's all for the two of you, not for anyone else.'

Ashley and Terry wanted an elegant affair with a dress code calling for tuxedos and evening dresses.

'We wanted a fairytale and went for black-red roses, lots of candles and a million fairy lights to turn our venue into a romantic dream!'

Guests had flown in from around the globe. They were well spoilt with beauty treatments and helicopter rides the day before the wedding, and the big event saw them being fed decadent Mediterranean foods, mountains of Swiss chocolate and fabulous French champagne.

'The entire day was special, from the time I saw my dress for the first time (just two days before the wedding!) to the talk I had with my father just before walking down the aisle. And then there was having my first dance with my husband. All my dreams came true.'



MENU HIGHLIGHTS

Pan-fried halloumi cheese marinated in lemon juice and olive oil, served with fresh garden greens and calamata olives

Marinated, skewered and grilled kingklip and queen prawns, served with lemon sauce and buttered couscous

Roasted loin of lamb on a bed of grilled Mediterranean vegetables and red-wine jus

Turkish delight ice cream with a rich chocolate sauce

A Midnight snack of assorted cheese platters

Wedding cake

A death-by-chocolate creation wrapped in a layer of chocolate and topped with 40 black-red roses

SERVICE PROVIDERS

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