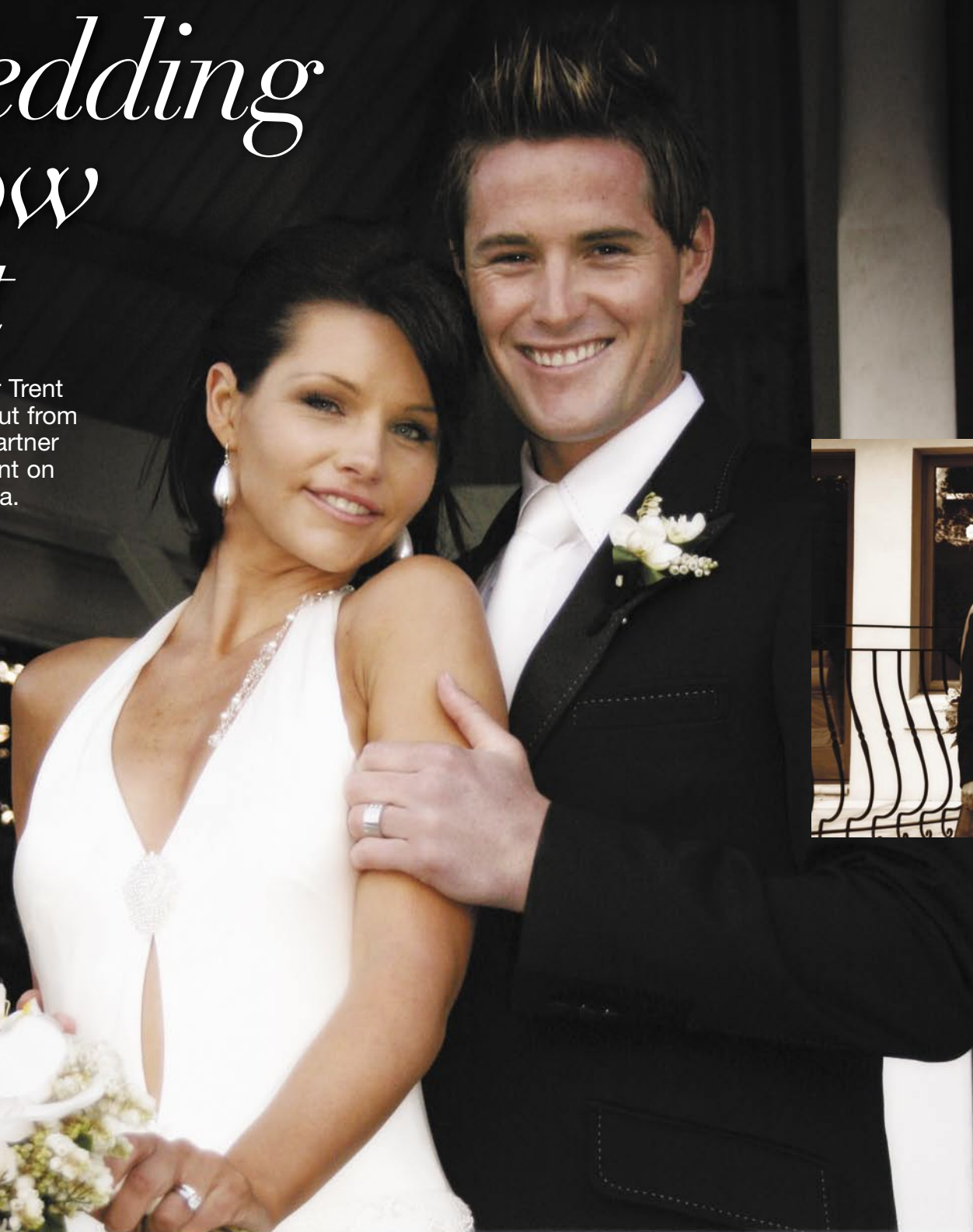


A wedding to crow about

Hawthorn football player Trent Croad took some time out from the game to marry his partner in a relaxed outdoor event on the Mornington Peninsula.

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Trent and Tanya Croad grew up in Melbourne, living only 15 minutes from each other, but they didn't meet until a day out at Melbourne's Spring Racing Carnival one year.

Trent later proposed on the tennis court at Tanya's parents' holiday house in Sorrento, and the couple instantly knew they wanted to get married there as well.

suppliers and making sure everything happened as planned.

Stationery

Studio Pearl designed the couple's wedding stationery, using a pink and latte theme throughout.

The outfits

Tanya wore her Luci DiBella gown with shoes from David Jones and jewellery by Candy Spender.

Trent and his groomsmen had black suits tailor made at Soho Workshop, and they wore them with white shirts and ties the colour of the bridesmaids' outfits – latte-coloured dresses from Jenny Bannister.

Flowers

Tanya says florist Brett Currell transformed her parents' holiday house and the reception marquee into a beautiful wedding venue with his creativity.

of the church to *Come Away With Me* by Norah Jones.

Let the party begin

A marquee was set up on the tennis court of Tanya's family holiday house for the reception, and florist Brett Currell used flowers and lanterns on the path leading to it. Topiary trees marked the entrance, the guests' tables were decorated with tall vases of orchids, and a hedge of lilies and orchids defined the bridal table.

The couple celebrated with 150 guests, starting with champagne cocktails, and moving onto a delicious meal provided by Peninsula Savvy. Band Reverend Funk played all night.

The cake

The cake, made by Cioccolata Bella, was served as dessert with berry coulis and cream.

On camera

The couple chose Savage Photography because they liked its natural-looking photos. Tanya says the husband and



Details

Stationery: Studio Pearl nadia_acfield@hotmail.com

Wedding planner: Chameleon Events

www.chameleonevents.com.au

Bride's gown: Luci DiBella www.lucidibella.com.au

Bride's shoes: David Jones www.davidjones.com.au

Bride's jewellery: Candy Spender

www.candyspender.com.au

Men's suits: Soho Workshop ph: (03) 9654 9988

Bridesmaids: Jenny Bannister ph: (03) 9533 6599

Flowers: Brett Currell www.brettcurrell.com.au

Catering: Peninsula Savvy ph: (03) 5989 2263

Cake: Cioccolata Bella www.cioccolatabella.com.au

Dance studio: A Signature Wedding Dance

ph: 0417 596 632

Band: Reverend Funk www.reverendfunk.com

Photography: Savage Photography

www.savagephotography.com.au



He also provided the wedding party's flowers, using pink cymbidium orchids for the bridesmaids' bouquets and white phalaenopsis orchids for Tanya's bouquet.

Ceremony

Tanya and Trent personalised their ceremony by writing their own vows, and choosing songs that were special to them. The Hawthorn Football Club's chaplain married them along with the vicar at St John's Anglican Church in Sorrento. Tanya walked down the aisle to *Kissing You* by Des'ree and the couple walked out

wife team behind Savage Photography both took photos on the day and she and Trent love the result. "We are so happy with our photos because they're candid and natural, and capture the atmosphere and emotions," she says.

Honeymoon

Trent and Tanya relaxed on the beach of Hayman Island after their wedding. They half expected to see Tanya's veil wash up on the beach as it blew off and flew away during a photo shoot on Sorrento Pier and they joked it might turn up on the beach during their honeymoon. ◊