

Wedding Tips

Engagement

Announce engagement and insert in newspapers if desired.

Arrange engagement party.

Soon after

Set wedding budget. It may be helpful to use the Wedding SA budget planner.

Plan the wedding style.

Hire a wedding coordinator if necessary or do the planning yourself using Wedding SA.

Choose the wedding venue and set the date.

Contact the Marriage Celebrant

Choose wedding party – groomsmen, bridesmaids, etc.

Draw up a guest list and formalise approximate numbers for reception.

Decide on reception venue and book.

Hire any extra equipment required – marquee, furniture, crockery, etc.

Determine if a wedding decorator is required and contact if necessary.

Begin shopping for wedding dress or dressmaker and accessories.

Select suits and dresses for the rest of the wedding party and arrange fittings.

Plan and book the honeymoon.

Book the wedding transportation – cars, horse and carriage, limousines, etc.

Select photographer and videographer.

Select a florist.

Choose music or musician for church or ceremony.

Book reception entertainment.

Consider pre-marriage counselling.

3 Months before

Order invitations and other stationery.

Select bomboniere.

Choose wedding cake.

**Make wedding day appointments – hairdresser,
beautician, etc.**

Make any necessary personal appointments.

**Arrange passport, vaccinations, etc if the honeymoon is
overseas.**

Arrange a Master of Ceremonies.

2 Months before

Compile gift list and consult a gift registry if necessary.

**Must give notice of intent to marry to Marriage Celebrant
at least one full month and no more than 18 months in
advance of wedding date.**

Arrange wedding rehearsal.

Select wedding rings.

Collect and write invitations.

6 Weeks before

Relax! Take some time out for self care.

**Confirm reception arrangements especially if hired goods
have been selected.**

Order beverages.

Confirm arrangements with florist.

Confirm honeymoon details.

Plan honeymoon clothes.

Mail your invitations.

Maintain a record of acceptance and declines.

Advise venues of estimated guest numbers.

Plan hen's and buck's nights.

Select gifts for attendants.

Begin to prepare your speeches.

4 Weeks before

**Arrange insurance holiday insurance if overseas or
cruise..**

Confirm reception arrangements especially if hired goods have been selected.

Confirm arrangements with Marriage Celebrant.

Have a hair and beauty trial.

Final wedding dress fitting and alterations if necessary.

Finalise arrangements with photographer.

Finalise attendants outfits.

Begin writing thank you notes as gifts are received.

2 Weeks before

Relax! Your wedding plans should be coming along nicely.

Final fitting of all wedding attire and arrange delivery.

Make sure the wedding party is fully aware of all arrangements and of what is required of them.

Finalise guest numbers and confirm with caterers.

Arrange wedding reception seating.

If the bride is changing her name she will need to notify her credit institutions.

Type an alphabetical list of guests and table allocations with place cards and give to your reception venue.

1 Week before

Relax! Enjoy the lead-up to your wedding day.

Finalise all arrangements – catering, floral, photography.

Have wedding rehearsal.

Final fitting check of all outfits and accessories.

Ensure that all guests (especially interstate and overseas) have transport to and from the venue and reception.

Pack an emergency kit for the day which a family member can carry.

Pack for the honeymoon.

Layout all clothes for the wedding day – just to set your mind at ease.

Give gifts to attendants.

<https://www.weddingsa.com.au/wedding-tips-and-ideas/wedding-checklist/>