



## Celebration by the sea

Allison O'Hara & Rodney Hall  
 April 3, 2004  
 St Kevins Church, Bangalow, NSW

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2. Jewelled sandals by G & L Handmade Shoes, (02) 8354 1005.



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**First meeting** Friends introduced Allison, a teacher, and Rodney, a courier, at a Penrith nightclub.

**The Proposal** Rodney, 27, surprised Allison, 25, with a trip to Noosa to celebrate five years together. "After lunch we went back to our room and Rod had arranged for it to be filled with tulips," says Allison. "Amongst the flowers was a card that said, 'Will you marry me?' I turned around and he pulled out the ring."

**Theme** The Penrith-based couple wanted their guests to be in holiday mode, so they kept the party small and set their sights on the beaches of Byron Bay. Local wedding co-ordinators Divinity Weddings hired Watego's Beach House for the reception. Angels Dreaming created a seaside look, trimming invitations, centrepieces and bomboniere with seashells.

**The dress** Allison wore a strapless ivory gown with a hand appliqued French lace bodice and silk skirt by Christopher Essex. Her strappy ivory heels were handmade by G & L Handmade Shoes in Sydney's Paddington. Melissa Camuthers, her hair stylist, flew up to Byron to do her hair.

**Flowers** Lilies, Thai tulips, magnolia leaves and pomelos gave tables a tropical feel.

**Special moment** "It was such a lovely feeling to know everyone had gone to such trouble to get to Byron Bay for us," says Allison.

**The food** A gourmet beach BBQ was catered by the Larder. The casual feast included grilled fish, satay prawns, spicy chicken, sirloin steaks and lamb kebabs.

**Honeymoon** The couple has a trip to New York City planned for their first anniversary.





7 Divinity Weddings coordinated the event, leaving the couple to relax. (02) 6887 1025. 8 Christopher Estor did the dress. (02) 9649 8554. 9 Sisters Kelly Orlicki (right) and Amy O'Hara wore Colette Dirnigan. (02) 8580 6601. 10 Alison arrived in style. 11 Angela Dreaming made invitations, placecards and bomboniere. (02) 9550 5550.

