

What Time Should I Get Married?

Why do some photographers insist that EVERYONE should get married at 3pm on Saturday?

When couples come to us and ask "what time should we have our ceremony....?" It is indeed a very open ended question. Especially in this day and age of informality at weddings.

Our initial response to this question is.... "You can get married ANYTIME you want!"

There are many factors to consider when setting your ceremony time and this includes:

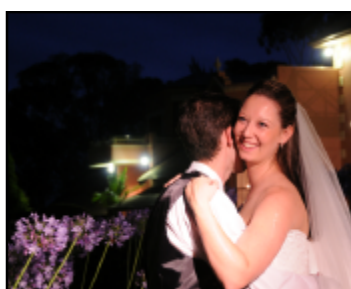
- Time of Year
- Daylight Savings
- Availability of Ceremony Venue
- Availability of Reception Venue
- Preferred time to have meal at the reception
- Budget - (sometimes discounts are offered for morning/lunchtime receptions)
- Travel time between ceremony and reception venues
- Availability of preferred celebrant
-to name but a few

There are many months of the year - especially in daylight savings times when ceremonies can be held a bit later in the day - and you can still get fantastic photo results if you pay attention to a few important rules.

- Daylight Savings usually run from last Sunday in October to the last Saturday in March. Therefore the last Saturday in October does not benefit from more light, but the first Saturday in November does. So anytime in Summer - a ceremony can be held later in the day up to 6.30pm!
- Some reception venues such as Eschol Park House (www.escholparkhouse.com.au) can have multiple wedding receptions on the same day. The earlier time slot may have already been booked, so a later ceremony/reception start time may only be available. This is a POSITIVE not a negative issue. It means you can have an evening garden ceremony and go straight into dinner.
- Celebrants get booked early too, again for those 3pm weddings! Ray Standen of Macarthur Celebrations (www.raystandencelebrant.com.au) may be booked for the 3pm ceremony but would be available to perform your ceremony at 5pm or later.....
- Employ a professional photographer who knows how to utilise all types light sources to get the best possible photographic results. Your photographer should know what to do if the light becomes too cold or if it gets too dark. Use only a fully Accredited member of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP).

With these points in mind, don't be fooled into thinking that you HAVE to have an afternoon wedding, consider all the options available and an evening wedding may just be more suitable for you and your guests.

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*Sample photos were all taken from 6.30pm in December at Eschol Park House. The main photo was taken in pitch darkness. Knowing how to use the available light can create fantastic results.
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