



Josie Lay & Jesse Riley

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These two gorgeous love birds got hitched on the 27th of November 2016 at the Shearing Shed at Phillip Island with their two beautiful babies Flynn and Grace surrounded with all the love of their families and friends.

There's more to this wedding, than meets the eye.

In June last year Josie suffered a seizure, which resulted in her discovering that she had a brain tumour. Josie then underwent an operation to remove this tumour. After the surgery she was told that they had removed the majority of the tumour and she would only need to go for a checkup MRI every 3 months.



It was at her first checkup that Josie and her partner Jesse were told that her tumour was now stage 3 brain cancer. After hearing this news, some of Josie's close friends got to work to organise and create for Josie the wedding of her dreams along with many local businesses who also got together to help the young family have a day they will cherish forever. So many happy memories were made on that day...



[with love from Josie]

"We also thought that considering our circumstances the day might not come, so we said yes even though it could have added more stress to us trying to help organise. It actually did the opposite, it gave us strength and inspiration to reach our goal of getting married (which we held off for 3 yrs as we decided to have our children first). Buying our dress and suit was what made us realise it was happening and it was all thanks to our beautiful friends, family and community and I cried seeing Jesse in his suit haha!"

[with love from Jesse]

"Our wedding day was like a dream, it was a really good day and shared with friends and family and I often think that people won't ever know how much it meant to us and the memories created on that day will stay with us and especially Josie forever. The people who made our day happen will forever hold in our hearts and we are so grateful for everyone that made our day so special. Josie looked like an angel walking down the aisle, time stopped and it was a moment that will stay with me forever."



[beer] The Westernport Hotel [celebrant] Phillip Island Ceremonies with Pam Lewis [ceremony and reception] The Shearing Shed (as well as the generous food and beverage suppliers of The Shearing Shed) [flowers] Ivy Rose Events [photography] Lynnae Photography [printing & stationery] Phillip Island Printing [stylist] Over The Top Events [sushi] Youki's Japanese Restaurant. Plus there were many locals who donated several cash donations to Josie & Jesse to use on their wedding day.