

## Marnie & Emil

**WHO** Marnie Skillings, 30, fashion designer, and Emil Constantine Vrisakis, 34, art director.

**WHEN** January 28, 2006.

**WHERE** 'Listowel', Emil's parents' home, Woollahra.

**GUESTS** 220.

**RINGS** "My engagement ring is a family heirloom – platinum setting with a new diamond, which Emil bought. We have simple matching platinum bands for our wedding rings."

**BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES** "The concept for the wedding was inspired by my love of hydrangeas and I also adore vintage. I wanted my bridesmaids' dresses to be seven variations on all those pastel hues of hydrangeas: pinks, blues, mauve, purple."

**INVITATIONS** "Emil designed our invitations. They were huge poster-sized foldouts with caricatures of Emil and me. It set the fun tone of the wedding!"

**THE DAY** "The night before I stayed at Emil's parents' house. The bridesmaids arrived the next morning and we ate croissants and had our hair and make-up done. The boys had the penthouse at the Swiss-Grand hotel at Bondi Beach, and had pizza and beer!"

**THE CEREMONY** "Emil is Greek, so we wanted to include some Greek traditions in our ceremony. We had a Greek civil celebrant, which was great as she was able to combine both languages and include the breaking of plates in our wedding!"

**DECORATIONS** "The tables were decorated with vintage plates, favours wrapped in coloured vintage handkerchiefs and bunches of hydrangeas and old-fashioned roses. There were fairy lights and candles everywhere. Chandeliers and pomanders of flowers hung from the ceiling to create a romantic atmosphere."

**CAKE** "A tower of gorgeous cupcakes from My Little Cupcake, with six different icing colours to match the hydrangea flowers."

