

Western Downs Wedding Planning Guide

Your local starting point

Planning a wedding around Dalby and the Western Downs is about choosing the right people, places and practical details early. Use this guide to turn your ideas into a simple plan.

1. Set your wedding foundations

- Choose an approximate wedding date and a back-up date.
- Decide whether you are planning a full wedding, micro wedding, elopement or legal-only ceremony.
- Estimate your guest list and set a working budget.
- Decide which parts of the day matter most to you: ceremony, food, photography, music, flowers or accommodation.

2. Book your celebrant

Contact your preferred celebrant early to discuss availability, legal paperwork, ceremony style, readings, music and your personal story. Ask what documents and notice periods are required for your ceremony.

3. Visit venues

When you tour a venue, ask about wet-weather plans, ceremony and reception spaces, catering, access, power, parking, toilets, accommodation, bump-in times and supplier requirements. Local starting points include Jubri's Hideaway and Jimbour House; nearby Western Downs and Darling Downs venues may also suit your guest list.

4. Build your supplier team

A typical local wedding team may include:

- Celebrant
- Venue and catering team
- Florist and bouquet designer

- Photographer and videographer
- Hair and makeup artist
- Music or entertainment provider
- Cake designer
- Transport provider
- Accommodation for the couple and guests

5. Flowers and styling

Share your colour palette, season, dress style, venue photographs and must-have flowers with your florist. Ask about bouquets, buttonholes, ceremony flowers, reception arrangements, delivery, set-up and pack-down.

6. Guest travel and accommodation

Give guests clear directions and accommodation suggestions. Consider a simple information page or group message with ceremony location, parking, local places to eat and a wet-weather update plan.

7. Suggested planning timeline

12–18 months out

Choose your date, venue and celebrant. Start the guest list and budget.

9–12 months out

Book photography, catering, entertainment, accommodation and key styling suppliers.

6–9 months out

Confirm flowers, attire, invitations, ceremony details and transport.

3–6 months out

Send invitations, finalise menus, organise legal paperwork and confirm guest accommodation.

1 month out

Confirm every supplier, create a run sheet, check weather plans and share final timings.

Wedding week

Pack rings and documents, confirm deliveries, prepare emergency supplies and enjoy the people around you.

Local wedding directory

Discover celebrants, venues, florists, accommodation and other local wedding services at Dalby Online.

Website: <https://dalbyonline.com.au/dalby-weddings>

Information is a practical planning aid only. Confirm current availability, inclusions, prices and legal requirements directly with each supplier.