

♥ THE MODERN COUPLE'S SHARED WEDDING CHECKLIST

Planning Together. Celebrating Equally.

Today's weddings reflect partnership, and planning should too. Whether you're hosting a beachfront celebration in Palm Cove, a chic Brisbane soir ee or a rainforest escape in the Daintree or mountain clad Tablelands, this shared checklist helps couples divide responsibilities, stay aligned and create a day that represents you both.

1 SET YOUR VISION TOGETHER

Suggested Icon: Interlocking rings

- Discuss what matters most (food, party, photos, intimacy?)
- Agree on top three priorities
- Decide guest experience style (formal, relaxed, destination weekend)
- Align on overall budget comfort zone
- Choose your "non-negotiables" individually

💡 FNQ Insight: Destination weddings often require more guest communication and logistics planning.

2 BUDGET & DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURE

Suggested Icon: Dollar sign + handshake

- Set total budget
 - Agree on spending priorities
 - Assign a shared tracking method (spreadsheet or app)
 - Decide who signs off on contracts
 - Schedule monthly budget check-ins
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3 DIVIDE & CONQUER (SMARTLY)

Instead of "bride tasks" and "groom tasks", allocate by strengths.

👤 **Partner A Leads:**

Partner B Leads:

Joint Decisions:

- Venue
- Guest list
- Catering
- Ceremony format
- Entertainment
- Final styling approval

Healthy planning = clear ownership + shared final approval.

4 GUEST EXPERIENCE FOCUS (QUEENSLAND EDITION)

Suggested Icon: Palm tree

- Accommodation recommendations
- Transport logistics
- Welcome drinks event
- Recovery brunch
- Dress code guidance (“Tropical Formal”, “Garden Cocktail”)
- Weather advice for interstate guests

FNQ weddings are often weekend experiences - plan beyond just the ceremony.

5 CEREMONY TOGETHERNESS

Suggested Icon: Microphone

- Decide on vows (traditional or personal)
 - Choose readings or rituals
 - Discuss music selections
 - Plan processional together
 - Decide on name changes (if applicable)
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6 STYLE & PRESENTATION

Suggested Icon: Colour palette

- Agree on overall aesthetic
- Confirm colour palette
- Coordinate attire tone
- Approve florals
- Review styling mock-ups together

Tropical tip: Consider humidity-friendly fabrics and weather backups.

7 WEDDING DAY GAME PLAN

Suggested Icon: Clock

- Finalise shared run sheet
 - Assign someone to manage supplier queries
 - Confirm wet weather contingency
 - Share timeline with bridal party
 - Build buffer time (FNQ weather allowance)
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8 RELATIONSHIP FIRST CHECK-IN

Suggested Icon: Heart

- Schedule wedding-free date nights
- Avoid planning burnout
- Revisit why you're getting married
- Celebrate milestones in the planning process

The wedding is one day. The marriage is the goal.

💎 SMALL FEATURE PANEL: “MODERN WEDDING REALITIES”

- Many couples now split planning 50/50
 - Joint budgeting reduces stress
 - Inclusive ceremonies are increasingly common
 - Guest experience matters more than formality
 - Sustainability is a growing priority
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OPTIONAL DESIGN CONCEPT (FOR A DOUBLE SPREAD)

If pairing with the Bridal & Groom guides:

Left page: Individual checklists

Right page: Shared Couple Checklist

Visually:

- Neutral base (ivory or champagne)
- Soft sage or muted tropical green accents
- Balanced layout (two-column symmetry)
- Subtle palm or orchid watermark

Headline suggestion:

“Two People. One Vision.”