

# THE FNQ BRIDAL BUDGET WORKSHEET

Plan Smart. Spend Well. Celebrate Beautifully.

A clear budget is the foundation of a stress-free wedding. Use this worksheet to allocate your investment, track supplier quotes and stay in control, whether you're planning a hotel/resort style wedding, luxury Palm Cove/Port Douglas celebration, or a relaxed Tablelands garden wedding.

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## 1 START WITH YOUR TOTAL BUDGET

Total Wedding Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Who is contributing?

- Couple
  - Bride's family
  - Groom's family
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 2 SUGGESTED QUEENSLAND BUDGET SPLIT GUIDE

*(You can style this as a clean table or paired with a pie chart graphic.)*

Category	Recommended %	Your Allocation	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Venue & Catering	40–50%	_____%	\$ _____	\$ _____ —
Photography & Video	10–15%	_____%	\$ _____	\$ _____ —
Styling & Florals	10–15%	_____%	\$ _____	\$ _____ —
Attire & Beauty	5–10%	_____%	\$ _____	\$ _____ —
Entertainment	5–10%	_____%	\$ _____	\$ _____ —

Category	Recommended %	Your Allocation	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Stationery	3–5%	_____%	\$_____	\$_____
Transport	2–5%	_____%	\$_____	\$_____
Celebrant & Legal	1–3%	_____%	\$_____	\$_____
Miscellaneous / Buffer	5–10%	_____%	\$_____	\$_____

💡 FNQ Tip: Always allow a 5–10% contingency for weather-related adjustments, freight costs, or last-minute logistics.

### 3 DETAILED EXPENSE TRACKER

#### Venue & Catering

- Venue hire: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Catering (per head \$\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ guests): \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Beverage package: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Cake: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Staff/service fees: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### Styling & Décor (Tropical Considerations)

- Florals: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Ceremony arbour/backdrop: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Table styling: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Lighting: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Marquee (if required): \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Wet weather backup: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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 **Photography & Media**

- Photographer: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Videographer: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Content creator: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Engagement shoot: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Attire & Beauty**

- Wedding dress: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Alterations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Suit/s: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Makeup: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Accessories & shoes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Entertainment**

- DJ/Band: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Ceremony musician: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- MC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Audio equipment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Logistics (Often Overlooked in FNQ)**

- Transport: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Accommodation (if covering guests/bridal party): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Airport transfers: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Generator hire: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 4 GUEST COUNT CALCULATOR

Estimated Guest Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Per Head (Food + Beverage): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Catering Estimate:**

Guests x Cost Per Head = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Queensland weddings, guest numbers are the single biggest cost driver.

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#### 5 PAYMENT SCHEDULE PLANNER

Supplier	Deposit Paid	Balance Due	Due Date	Paid
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💡 Most Queensland venues require 20–30% deposits, with final balance due 2–4 weeks prior.

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#### 6 FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Estimated Spend: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Actual Spend: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remaining / Over Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### FNQ-SPECIFIC COST REMINDERS (Small Call-Out Box)

- Freight for specialty décor
- Travel fees for Brisbane-based suppliers
- Seasonal price increases (dry season)

- Extra cooling (fans, misting, marquees)
  - Recovery brunch or welcome event
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## **DESIGN SUGGESTIONS FOR CITYLIFE**

To keep it elegant rather than spreadsheet-heavy:

- Use soft blush or champagne background panels
- Thin gold rule lines for tables
- Subtle palm or orchid watermark in corners
- Highlight FNQ tips in soft sage or tropical green