

# Weddings



## White wedding comes very close

By Joni Scanlon

WHEN Simon Peck proposed to his girlfriend Natalie Casey, she wasn't the only one surprised.

The Canberra couple got engaged in August last year while on a holiday in America.

"Simon proposed in Yosemite National Park," Natalie said.

The pair had been hiking through the park when he unexpectedly popped the question. When they shared the good news with family and friends there were a few people surprised they had finally decided to get married.

"Simon and I have been together for nine years now," she said. "I guess a lot of people didn't think we were going to get married."

Natalie and Simon first met at a mutual friend's 21st birthday and started dating soon after. Five years ago they started living together and since then have built a new home in Forde.

"While we hadn't got married we'd

started a life together a long time ago," Natalie said.

Natalie and Simon held their ceremony and reception at Poachers Pantry in Hall this August.

"I'd always loved it out there and it's a beautiful venue," she said

They were joined by 58 of their close friends and immediate family.

Natalie had her best friend since school Camilla as her maid of honour and Simon was supported by his best friend Tony who was the best man.

While the venue was breathtakingly beautiful, Natalie said the weather caused a few concerns.

"The 17th of August was the day that it snowed here and the snow settled and I was having an outside wedding," she said.

When they got to the venue on August 18 the snow had melted away but the ground was still wet.

"It was cold but the sun came out," she said.

"With the weather being so bad we

had prepared – we had umbrellas and we had gumboots."

Natalie wore a strapless, fitted wedding dress from Annabel's Bridal Studio in Kingston.

The ceremony went off without a hitch and then the intimate gathering moved indoors to enjoy canapés and live music by Chicago Charles.

"He played for the ceremony as well; he was fantastic. Everyone loved him," Natalie said.

While the couple included some formalities in the reception they kept it fairly low key.

"It had a good party atmosphere and the food was spectacular," she said.

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Natalie Casey and Simon Peck got married at Poachers Pantry. Picture: Holly Treadaway

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Community information sessions will be held to present the plans and details of the proposal as follows:

- 9.30 am – 3.30 pm on Saturday 24 November 2012 at the Woden Westfield Shopping Centre (ground floor, opposite SES).

These community information sessions will provide an opportunity to speak with representatives of the ACT Government and consultants working on the Environmental Impact Statement and rezoning of the land.

Information displays are on display until Sunday 25 November 2012 at the following locations:

- Chisholm Shopping Centre; and
- Woden Westfield Shopping Centre.

For more information or to provide feedback on the project, please contact Purdon Associates (planning consultants for ACT NOWaste) on 6257 1511 or visit [www.timetotalk.act.gov.au](http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au)

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