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Hundreds choose to say 'I Do' at Ohariu Farm

The Woolshed is one of Wellington's best kept secrets – its picturesque surrounding make it the perfect venue for a relaxed wedding or for a Christmas party that guests will talk about for years

The Woolshed at Ohariu Farm, created by Jude and Greg Best, is an exquisitely sited, purpose-built wedding venue hidden away in stunning countryside on Takarau Gorge Road only 20 minutes from central Wellington.

Drive up to the Woolshed's landscaped grounds, go inside and the wow-factor hits. First there's the fully equipped bar, the huge open fireplace providing a focal point guaranteed to set the mood for the celebrations ahead.

A haven of peace and tranquility, this charming venue's simplicity and freshness has enormous appeal while the setting and grounds are simply magnificent.

When you choose to marry at Ohariu Farm you choose the stress-less approach. They take care of everything for you, you just have to remember the rings.

On site you can have the wedding ceremony, reception, dance then the honeymooners can retire to the romantically restored cottage.

There's room for up to 175 dinner guests and the cuisine is exquisitely prepared fresh on site

by house chefs.

"We do everything with the aim of creating magic moments," says owner Jude Best.

Jude and Greg set up this amazing wedding venue ten years ago on their 800ha Ohariu Valley farm, now its going from strength to strength as more and more Wellingtonians experience the Best way to say I Do.

Book a wedding at The Woolshed and you book it for the day. No other weddings will take place here on that day, so the staff focus is entirely on you.

Parking – often a problem at other venues – is not a problem here and with the beautiful native bush, lush green hills, fences and ponds there's a wealth of photo opportunities at hand.

"Versatility is the key," Jude says. "We can shape our venue to suit your wedding. The sumptuous chocolate brown leather chairs along with the beautiful white tablecloths blend in well with most settings and we have the candelabras, T-lights and fairy lights and other props to complete the scene. "We would love to help you have fun and create fantastic memories for your wedding day, to create one of the most special occasions in your life."

After their fabulous day the bride and groom

can retire to the seclusion and tranquility of Ohariu Farm's Cottage and even have a romantic outdoor bath in the morning.

Christmas Events

At Christmas time the corporates flock out of their high-rise buildings to seek fun and sanctuary at Ohariu Farm.

All the corporate-speak and tensions of the stress-filled working year are left in the city and the feeling of fun and freedom is palpable.

"The place just rocks and there's a real ski resort feel to it," Jude says.

Team Building

An unlimited variety of team building activities, learning experiences, ice breakers and energisers are offered at Ohariu Farm's Live Wire circuit. Team building activities include high interactive outdoor and indoor events that promote creative group problem solving.

The creative team at Ohariu Farm is always designing new team building activities and events to meet clients' needs.

Other activities offered include golf; clay bird shooting; axe throwing; archery; spider web; crocodile pit; treasure hunt; swamp crossing;

22 rifles shooting; sling shot. For a quick town event try Lost in the City with your group and explore central Wellington, very popular with clients as they end up in the pub at the end of the activity .

The Cottage

While it is the perfect place for a honeymoon, The Cottage is available to anybody who wants to get away from it all for one day or for as long as it takes.

The rustic little cottage creates an atmosphere a world away from the city. An old army barracks building, moved to the property for shearers' quarters in the 1960s, has been renovated into a cosy self-contained and very private place surrounded by steep hills of peaceful farmland.

Privacy is paramount at The Cottage and you will be left alone. In the very private garden, beautifully planted in native bush by the Bests, is the piece de resistance – a romantic outdoor bath heated by a wood fire. Relax under the stars in the warm water and soak in the stunning quiet of the countryside.

The wooded areas have created a stop-over area for birds on their flight path from the Karori Sanctuary to Kapiti Island.

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Christmas Events



Dear Jude and crew
Hello again!

Further to my verbal comments per phone I would like to again convey our gratitude for making our day memorable in every way!

I will admit to a degree of anxiety prior to coming to the farm with my staff – their response to the challenges ahead being my main worry!

I was in for a big surprise . . . my burly roading crew and their partners turned their backs on the bar and took to the pole climbing, shooting and shepherding like babies to a bottle!

The bar beckoned at the end of activities

and we thoroughly enjoyed your wonderful food, drinks and hospitality.

Feedback from the lads and lasses has been 100% positive – they all are feeling very chuffed at rising to the challenges and conquering their fears.

Keep up the great work and don't stop dreaming up more fearful feats – we would love to return for another visit!

Best wishes to everyone for a great Christmas and New Year.

Kirsty Torrington
Director

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Weddings/The Cottage



Lyn, Jude and the team at The Woolshed,

We can't thank you enough for everything you did to make our wedding day such a fantastic success. The rain couldn't dampen anyone's spirits, and almost added to the mood, created by the roaring fire, candles and fairy lights which all served to create the magical, cosy ambience. The food was delicious, service superb and setting absolutely stunning. Our guests had a wonderful time, and the feedback from them has been tremendous. We can't rave enough and from what we've heard neither can they!

All in all, an outstanding venue in a little piece of paradise that you can be very proud of, which has provided us with fantastic

memories for years to come.

Our huge thanks,

Kirsty and René

04 August 2007

Thanks heaps for the great communication and thanks to Jude for the wonderful evening. We had a spectacular time and were chuffed everything went exactly as we imagined.

PS: That bath is fantastic!!! we will be back each year for our anniversary!!"

Katie and Chris Ford

August 06

Teambuildings/Meetings



When our small team of ten walked into the woolshed it was immediately apparent that we were going to be treated with the interest and commitment often reserved for large corporates.

It was obvious that the venue was equally geared up to cater for small as well as larger conferences and that suited us down to the ground.

Grant Thomas
Chief Operating Officer

Hi Jude and the team:

Our sincere thanks are extended to you all for making our day at Ohariu Farm our national team such a great success.

The venue and staff were unbelievable and the activities tested all who attended, much to their delight.

We haven't laughed as much as a group for a long time.

Thanks again for such a tremendous time – we will be back.

David Johns
Managing Director

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