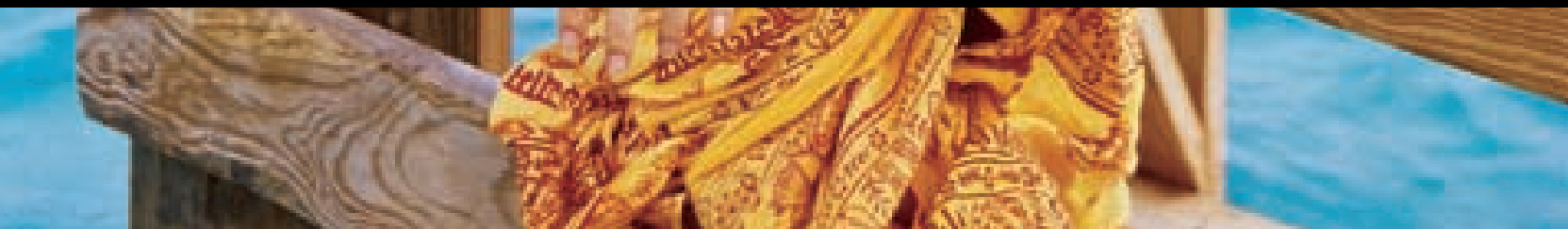




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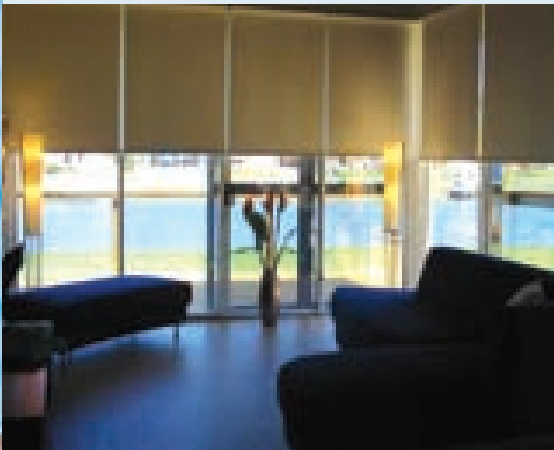
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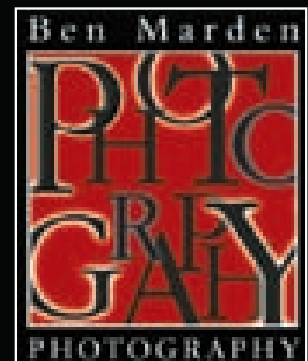
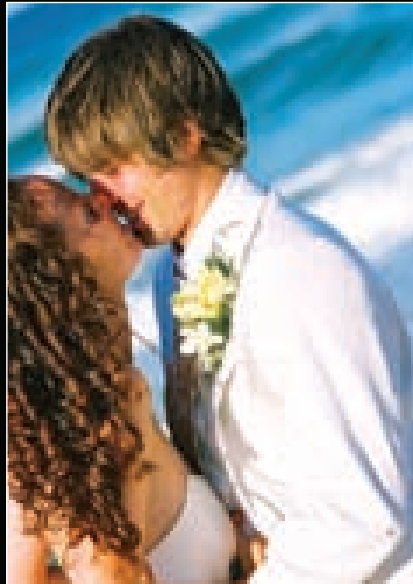
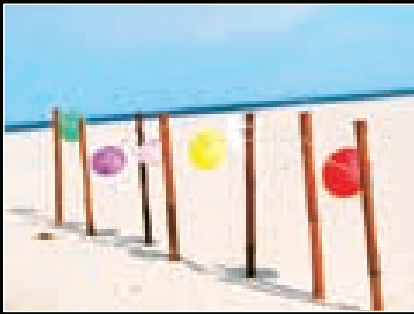
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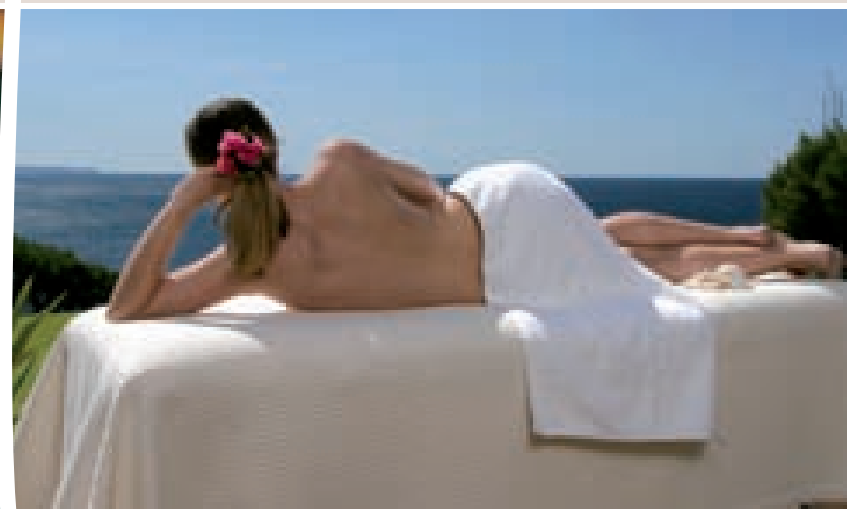
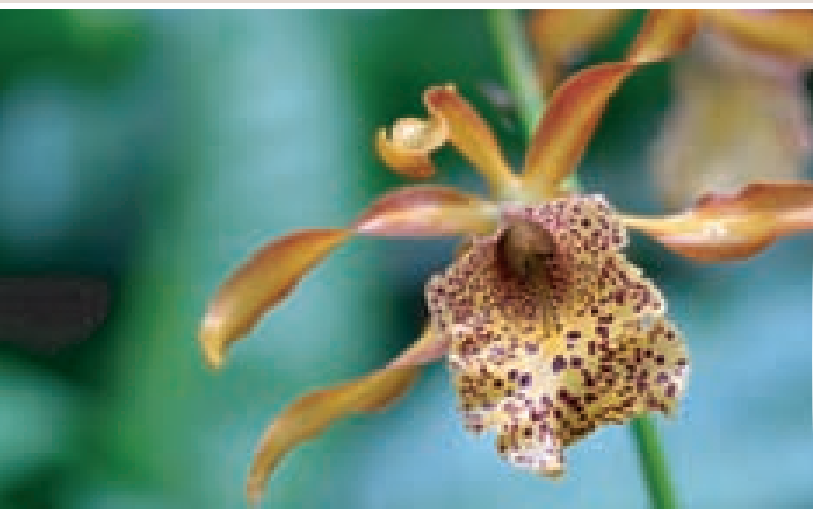
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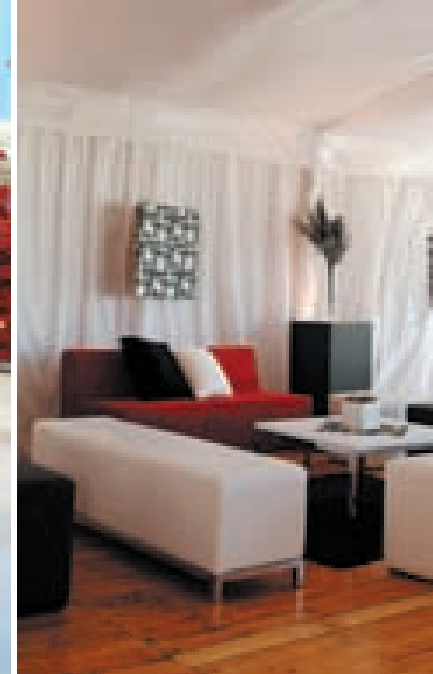
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Barlens just love to weave their magic to help couples celebrate their dream wedding. With over 40 years' experience, the Barlens team knows exactly what to do to create the perfect picture.

"We can work to suit many different budgets," says general manager Paul Ford. "We supply anything from a lawn marquee for around 30 people to a full structure."

The ideal wedding doesn't come in a pre-designed package. Barlens prefer to custom create the theme in keeping with the bride and groom's wishes. They are constantly upgrading their furniture, decorations and lighting to reflect the latest styling. "A lot of weddings have gone from the traditional sit-down affair to cocktail-type parties," says Paul. "But, if people want the traditional approach, we can comfortably seat around 400. In fact, we have seated 3000 at times in Canberra."



FROM HIRE TO ETERNITY

A marquee is a traditional peg and pole tent, the most familiar type of pavilion, with a gently ceiling gently sloping down from tall centre poles. A structure or event pavilion is a flexible and stable form of temporary structure and can be constructed to virtually any size on any surface. Without internal poles, the floor space is completely unobstructed. Marquees come in several designs, some with silk linings, others with a sleek flat look. There's an option for clear walls or arched windows, clear or white roofs. There is a myriad of table linens and runners, chair covers and sashes to choose from.

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Steve Berry, Barlens' South Coast representative, loves his role with the company. "It's very fulfilling," he says. "Always moving ahead and changing." He is never daunted by an unusual request but says beach weddings can present particularly difficult circumstances. If a couple wants a marquee on the beach he needs to come up with inventive ideas to keep the marquee anchored to the sand and weather is always a major consideration. He recalls one instance where the rain bucketed down for 10 minutes right through the ceremony. As soon as it was over, the sun shone again and everyone was happy.

He says a favourite part of his job is getting the chance to meet a variety of like-minded people. "Everyone is out to have a good time. Most people want to enjoy the process but we have a lot of very nervous people as well. "It's important everyone remembers to enjoy themselves. With so much to organise, many people get caught up in the minor details and forget to have a good time," Paul says. "We once had a bride who spent the whole day in tears because she wanted a garden wedding and it rained. She was so distraught she refused to go to the reception."

Steve emphasises the value of careful planning. "When I work with people on a wedding, I like to paint them a picture of how their special day is going to turn out. If they are anxious, I like to settle them down and assure them that everything will be wonderful."

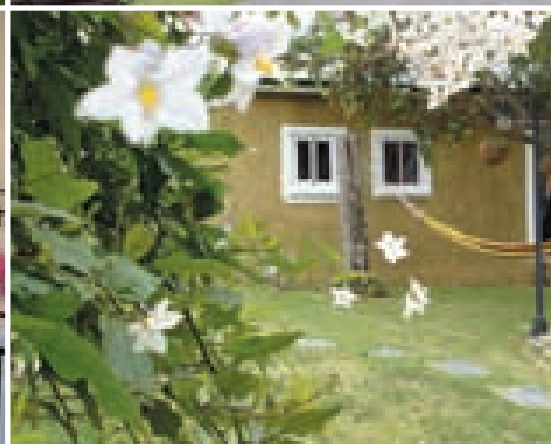
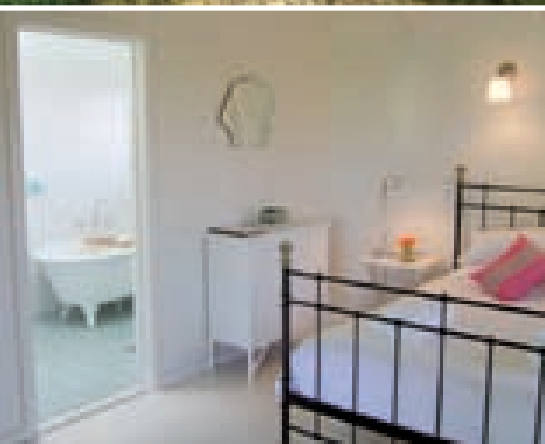
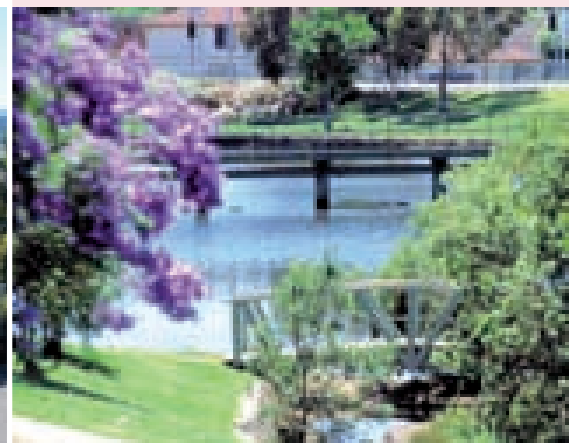
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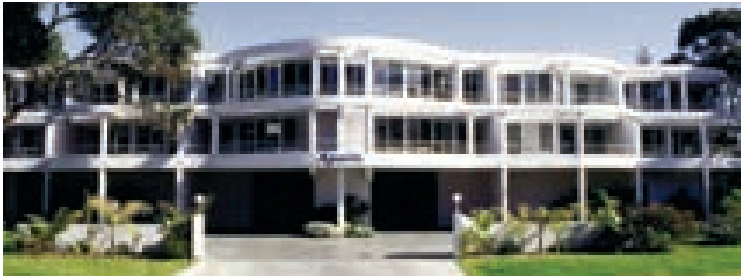
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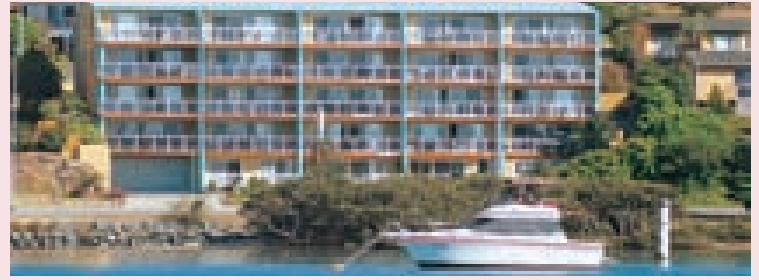
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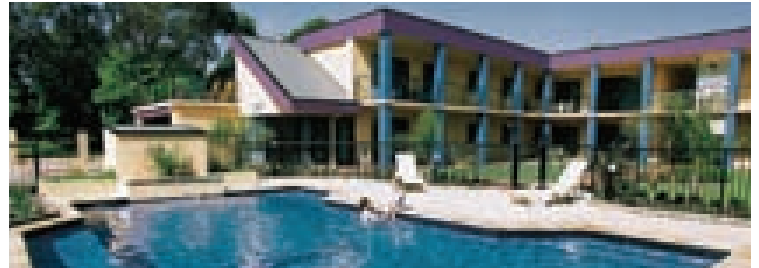
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