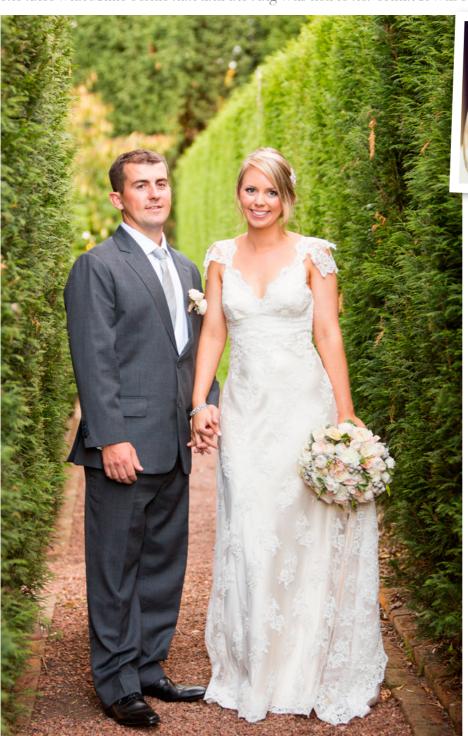
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ALYCIA BIGGAR & JESSE VASSALLO 13 APRIL, 2013 ST JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH & HOPEWOOD COUNTRY HOUSE, BOWRAL, NSW

After ten years together, high school sweethearts Jesse, and Alycia, both 26, became engaged with the help of their sweet puppy, Millie. 'I had just arrived home from work and, the next thing I knew, Jesse was down on one knee with Millie beside him and the ring was tied to her collar. It was such a special moment,' says the bride.





ROLLING GREEN The bride wore a Lilli Marcs low-backed gown of ivory Italian lace — a perfect fit for the couple's French provincial themed, rural celebration held in their favourite country town. 'We both love Bowral and it's a place we visit regularly as Jesse's parents have a house in the Southern Highlands. It's such a beautiful, quaint town and especially in Autumn,' says Alycia.

SWEET CRAFT A truly DIY affair, the bride, and her mother, created all the stationery, decorations, signage, bomboniere and flower arrangements too — a task they enjoyed so much that they have launched a wedding styling business together. 'Mum made many things including the most adorable bird motif place cards that were pegged to each guest's wine glass. They were covered in old French book paper,' explains Alycia.





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PUPPY LOVE 'Our dog Millie was our ring bearer. One of my bridesmaids, Kendall, walked her down the aisle on a white lace lead. Millie wore a little heart-shaped cushion on her collar with our wedding bands tied to them,' explains the bride of a scene that recalled her engagement. Alycia's maids wore full-length dresses in a chic shade of blue and with customised necklines also made by Lilli Marcs.



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MIX IT UP First up, guests enjoyed canapés in the garden while keeping warm next to an outdoor fireplace. 'The ambience was amazing,' says the bride. A retro lemonade stand was another notable feature of the garden where guests could quench their thirst. 'We served Ruby Spritzers and Pimms and Lemonade in old fashioned lemonade bottles with white and grey striped straws,' adds the bride.

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