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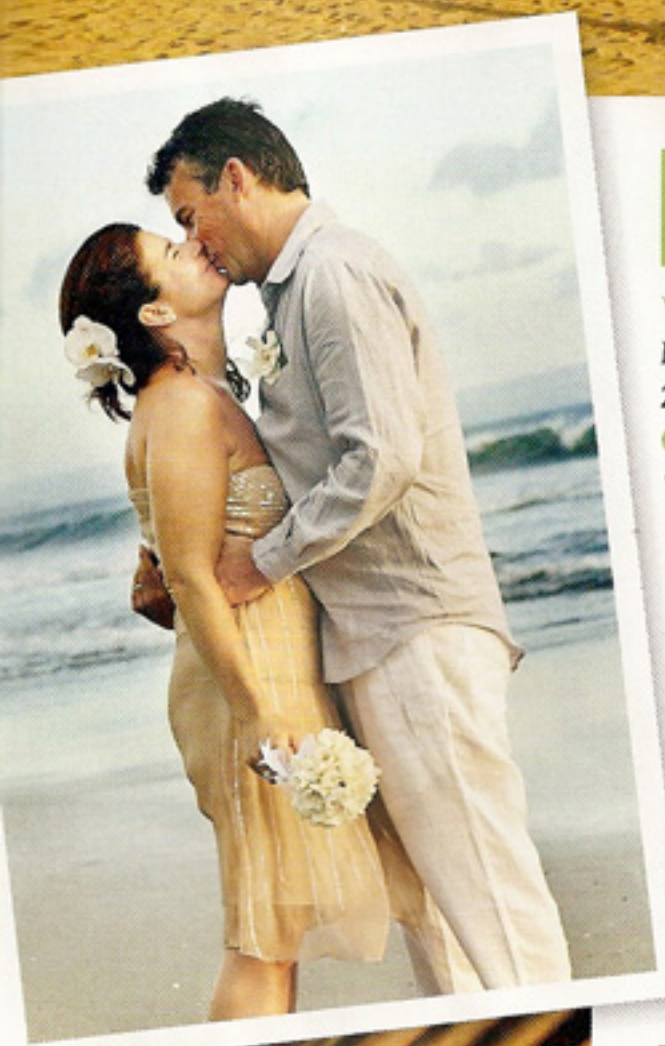
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WHO: Karen Quarello, 37, wedding organiser, and Brett Morgan, 45, sales and marketing director. **WHEN:** October 26, 2007. **WHERE:** Villa Ombak Luwung, Bali. **GUESTS:** 140. **COST:** Approximately \$40,000.

"We chose to marry in Bali because that's where we met. I was raised in Indonesia and my husband has been visiting Bali for 15 years. Our friends are mostly from Bali, and the rest flew in from Europe and Australia.

It was relatively easy to plan as I'm a wedding organiser myself. My business is based in Bali, and I work with the best vendors on the island. On our wedding day, my good friend Libby was there to take care of the whole operational side, so I could be a relaxed bride!

It's very simple to have a legal wedding in Bali. As long as you provide a birth certificate, your passport, and a few more papers from your country, an on-site company can organise it for you.

We actually had two weddings, about two months apart. The first one was very intimate – it was on the beach with 20 guests. Following the legal ceremony, we had sunset drinks at Ku De Ta restaurant, then a beautiful star-lit dinner at Gado Gado restaurant.

The second one was considered the 'big one'. We had a religious ceremony at a villa overlooking the sea. I wore my long wedding dress and we had amazing food, drinks and entertainment all night.

If you're thinking of having a destination wedding, my advice is to just do it, but not without a wedding organiser who knows it all!"

SUPPLIERS Photography: Richard Watson (www.richbali.com). Ceremony and reception: Villa Ombak Luwung (www.ombakluwung.com). Wedding planner: Cher Ange Weddings & Events (www.cherange.com).

Bride's dress: Lulu, Bali (www.lulu-bali.com).

Groom's outfit: Biasa, Bali (www.biasabali.com).

