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Couples are including 'bridesmen' and 'groomswomen' on their wedding day



Traditionally, brides hand-pick a group of female bridesmaids and grooms select a handful of male groomsmen to stand by their side on their wedding day.

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But many Australian couples have decided to break tradition and mix up their bridal parties to ensure their loved ones are included and honoured with the traditional roles - regardless of their gender.

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Over the past year, weddings across the country have seen a rise in 'groomswomen', 'bridesmen', best women and 'males of honour' taking part in the celebration.

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In March 2015, Alex and Sara Mazzoni married in Brisbane, with Mr Mazzoni choosing to include a groomsman in his party.

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'It was a pretty easy decision...my best man and two groomsmen were my best mates since high school and my 'groomsman' would be my sister,' Mr Mazzoni told Daily Mail Australia.

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'My sister and I are pretty close. I was actually her 'man of honour' a couple of years before and my sister had also grown up knowing my best man and groomsmen very well, so it was the perfect team!'

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Sara Mazzoni said she'd love to see more couples embracing a less traditional approach.

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Mrs Takis said the decision was an easy one as the pair are very family oriented.

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'I am very much a family person and they are always number one on my priority list so we would much rather have our family a part of our wedding and included in the important roles as we trust them more,' she said.

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Other women decided to include their male best friends as part of their bridal parties - all of them happy to go against tradition to make sure their best mates had a special role on the big day.

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Samantha Amiridis and her partner also both chose to mix their bridal parties.

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'I had my brother Timothy as my chief bridesman and my husband had his sister as his best woman,' Mrs Amiridis said.

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'Why? Simply put my brother is my best friend and I didn't want anyone else by my side on the big day. Likewise with my husband.'

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'For my husband Billy, his sister Maria was his best woman. She made sure he was on time, dressed perfectly and all organised. She stood by him at the front of the room whilst I walked down the aisle.'

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'Essentially, we firmly believed that whoever was by our sides on the day were going to be people who would be by our sides forever.'

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