

## Coast businesses couple's saviours

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TWO days before Woodridge couple Tamika Rose and Ian Woods were due to say 'I do' they were forced to cancel their beautiful riverside ceremony and reception because the venue was flooded.

But the nuptials still went ahead thanks to the generosity of Gold Coast businesses.

The couple, who met singing karaoke eight years ago, were married on Saturday at the Bearded Dragon at Tamborine.

The now Mrs Woods said it was best wedding they could have hoped for.

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Mrs Woods was diagnosed this year with a terminal lung disease, and has anywhere from days to months left to live, lending a special urgency to the need to reschedule the ceremony and reception.

She was thrilled to have her reception heavily discounted and event speciality Always Unique provided all the centre pieces and decorations.

Mrs Woods said rebooking a wedding would have been tough without their generosity because they had paid the original venue and so far had not been refunded.

Unfortunately it meant they spent their honeymoon money to cover the bare costs of Saturday's ceremony.

Mr and Mrs Woods were hoping to go on a cruise for their honeymoon but still hope to do so as soon as they can afford it.

Wedding and events co-ordinator Cari Anne Ferris said the Bearded Dragon was very happy to have helped make the wedding go ahead.

### Your Say

"We will certainly do it for any couples who have been left without a venue -- all our team here have really pulled together in just a couple of days," she said.

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**Ian and Tamika Woods**



Tamika and Ian Woods were married at the Bearded Dragon on Saturday. Pic: Supplied

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## **Jennifer Cram, Authorised Marriage Celebrant Posted At 6:06am today**

The Bearded Dragon staff were wonderful, and so relaxed that you wouldn't have guessed that it had all been pulled together in a couple of days. The ceremony went off without a hitch, with lots of laughter. A very happy occasion.

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## **mel Posted On 7:46pm Thursday**

And a Beautiful wedding it was :)) xoxo

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## **Ian and Tamika Woods Posted On 6:41pm Thursday**

We Ian and Tamika Woods would like to personally thank the Bearded Dragon for all their hard work and for making our day possible and a special mention to Sarah who got all the decorations donated from Always Unique. Also a special thank you to our photographers Phillip and Nicole who took our photos with alot of patients. we reccommend the Bearded Dragon and Inexpensive Wedding Photography to everyone as they really do make your dreams come true xx

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## **Inexpensive Wedding Photography Posted On 8:39am Monday**

We were the photographers for Tamika & Ian's wedding. When we found out that the location changed, we had no hesitation to help her out. With her health problems as well as the last minute changes, Tamika showed great spirit & the day was fantastic. We all had a lot of fun.Hope there is a business out there that can help them with a bit of a honeymoon. One thing that the story didn't mention is that she has 4 young children.

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## **Joe Posted On 4:48am Monday**

Way to go Cari Anne and the rest of the team at the Bearded Dragon!

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