



Lynn Champion and her fiance Don Sekula, greet Champagne (complete with bow tie and ring pillow) after he went walkabout. He will be page dog at their wedding on Sunday at the Opera House. Note the Ferrari's distinctive number plate.

Picture: BARRY NORMAN

Hiccup for a bubbly wedding

SYDNEY's wedding of the year was threatened yesterday when the champagne went astray.

Champagne — a Samoyed dog — was an essential ingredient for Lynne Champion and Don Sekula's Sunday wedding extravaganza.

Champagne was to act as Lynne's "page dog", bearing the wedding ring on a velvet ring pillow strapped to his back.

The dog slipped out of Lynne's home early yesterday morning and the couple were frantic.

An alert was broadcast by Radio 2-Day FM, which led to Champagne being found in Woolahra at 2pm.

Lynne's white wedding on Sunday will undoubtedly be the biggest day of her life, and enough to turn anyone green with envy.

The bridal party, including Champagne, will be flown by helicopter to the Opera House's Man of War Steps. The party will proceed by white

Rolls-Royce to the Opera House reception hall, which will be awash with floating flowers and mist.

Guests will tuck into a sit-down dinner at the Bennelong Restaurant and enjoy a major fireworks display.

Lynne's gown is a pearl-encrusted piece of Elizabethan fantasy and the 3m cake comes complete with a harbor bridge replica and flashing neon signs.

The coup de grace is the delivery of Lynne's wedding present — a new Ferrari Dino.

The car will match Don's which has a number plate in keeping with his work in the futures market — WALL ST.

Lynne's will read: 5TH AVE.

So how much will all this cost?

Lynne: "Oh, a lot of money I suppose, but I always said if I ever got hitched I was going to do it in style."

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