

Session Guide



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WHAT TO EXPECT



Your session is now booked in and I thought it would be helpful to let you know a little about what to expect before and after our shoot as well as help you with how to put together your outfit for our time together.

By now we may have decided on a location. If not I have added some places I like to shoot at in this guide. Some of the listed locations do require a travel fee but I have tried to have a variety of places for people of all tastes and wants with their photo backdrop. Take a peek and let me know what your preference is. My outdoor sessions are held at Golden Hour, which is the hour before sunset. As our session gets closer I will check the weather and also work confirm our meeting time and location with you.

The balance of the session is due on our session date in either cash or by transfer.

During our session I like to make sure you are relaxed and if there are small children I will often play games and be silly with them to capture real laughter and moments. Please do not think your children need to behave perfectly. I want there to be an emphasis on having fun, love and laughter. I want to help prompt you into real and meaningful moments. I won't be asking your children to look at the camera and smile often, if at all. I will take a mixture of images which are mostly quite natural and empathise connection between parent and child. I will direct you and guide you into moments to help you get the most out of your gallery and ask you to "steal" little moments of closeness from your interactions during the session. I will bring a blanket with me but please bring some wipes or tissues for little noses.

After our session you will receive your edited images in approximately 3-4 weeks. You can then make your selections and decide if you would like to upgrade your base package. I have some incredible professional products available.

Please let me know if you have any questions, I am really looking forward to working with you and creating some meaningful art for your family.


Rene Mussared
Photographer

Styling Tips

01

Put the family in light neutral shades and then add some pops of coordinating colours and texture to help add interest and bring things together.

02

Start with one outfit and then build from there. Often it is a good idea to start with mums outfit as it is important that you like what you are wearing and you know what you feel best in.

03

Pick outfits that not only look great but are functional. They need to look great while bending, spinning, leaning, kneeling etc. Functionality is as important as aesthetics during a photoshoot so try them on in advance and make sure your children are also comfortable.

04

Compliment but don't match. Pick colours and textures that work together but let everyone have their own individual look. The days of everyone in all the same white t-shirts and jeans are over.

CHECK OUT MY PINTEREST GUIDE FOR MORE IDEAS

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If you are planning on hanging your images in your home then consider the aesthetics and styling of your home when picking the outfits for your images. There is no sense in having bright or dark clothing if your living spaces where your images will hang are light and neutral. Consider your location too. For example, if you are at the beach then light colours and pastels will complement better than bright strong colours.

06

Don't forget to organise appropriate shoes that will compliment your outfits or consider going barefoot at places like the beach. Function is also important, if you are adamant about wearing heels please bring flats to walk in.



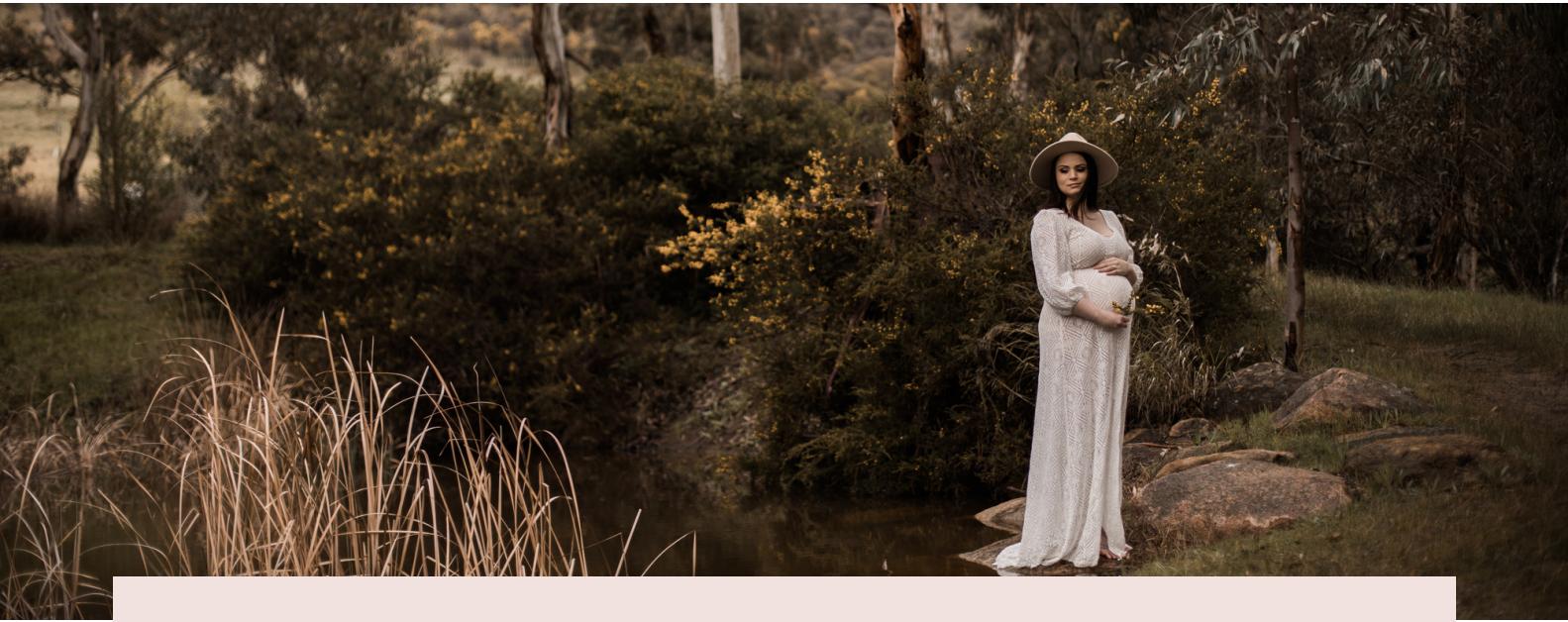
Yes

No

- texture
- hats
- soft layers
- soft colours
- neutral
- comfort

- Very high shoes
- sunglasses
- lots of patterns
- text and logos
- neon colours
- overly formal clothing





THE *Client Closet*

For maternity and newborn sessions I have a curated collection of dresses and infant clothing. You can find a highlights reel of my collection on Instagram. Let me know if you are interested in loaning from the client closet.

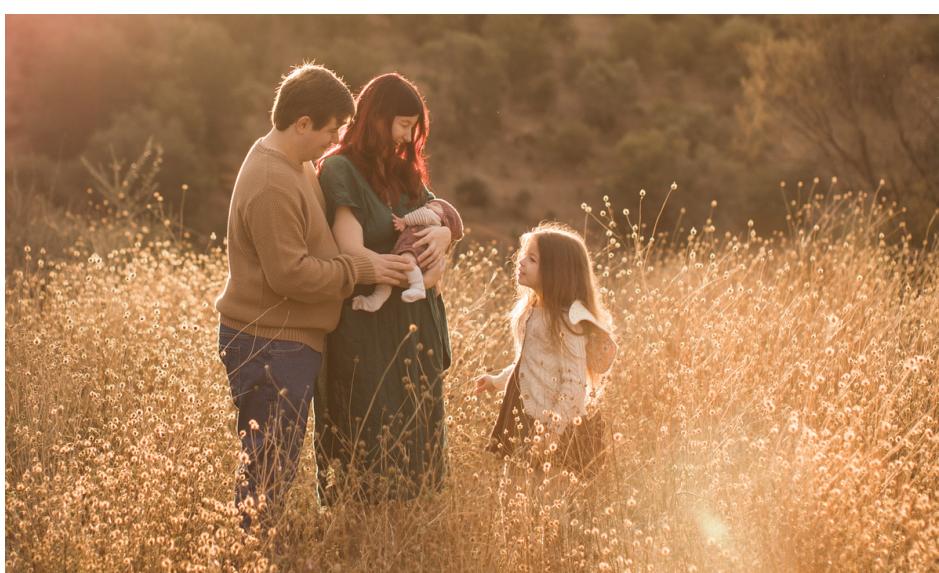
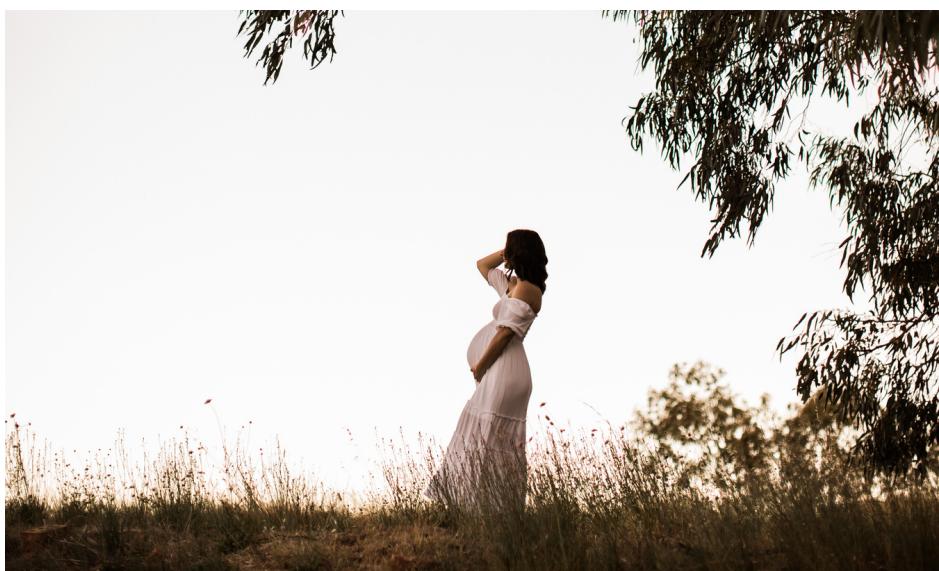
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MY LOCATIONS

I spend a great deal of time location scouting to make sure I have beautiful backdrops for our photo sessions. The locations in this guide are some of my favourites within my travel zone. Each location is constantly evolving with the seasons. Wildflowers, dry grass, blossom trees and emerging lakes are just some of the changes constantly happening. Take a peek and see if you have a favourite for our session.



LOCATIONS



HILLS IN GREENWITH

One of the most transformative and varied spots I shoot in. This location is perfect for maternity sessions and sessions with small children as it is in close proximity to parking and is varied without having to walk far or travel. It has rolling hills which are green in winter and golden in summer. There is a dirt track, long grass and a dam. At certain times of the year parts of this location bloom with wildflowers.

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THE COAST

We are spoilt for coastline in South Australia and the sun sets perfectly over the horizons of our seas. I like to use some of the North/ North Western beaches here in Adelaide and have some locations that are close to parking so that you are not walking through a mile of sand dunes to get to the water. The beach is a beautiful location all year round with layers and knits on a winters day and flowing dresses, dancing in the water in the warmer months. A travel fee applies for the south of Adelaide.

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COBBLER CREEK

Cobbler Creek is a popular spot for photographers but there is a small pocket I have found that is much more secluded. This location is stretched over two areas and I like to use both in my sessions. The first has an almond tree that blossoms towards the end of winter. The sun sets through its branches which makes for some beautiful golden light and the tree is aged and whimsical. There are dirt tracks and flowering wattle at different times of the year. Over the road there is a field that the sun sets over and it produces the most beautiful golden light, these areas change with the seasons but are beautiful for images all year round. Both areas are also close to parking to make it convenient for families.

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ANSTEY HILL

A popular spot with local photographers, Anstey hill has long grass, walking trails and gum trees. It is easy to access from the car park so is a good spot for maternity and family sessions.

Due to its popularity there are often other photographers and passers by in the area. It is close to The Tea Tree Gully Hotel for those wanting to grab dinner before or after a session and is located in Adelaide's North East.

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THE STUDIO

I have created a little indoor studio and garden for myself at my home in Adelaide's North East. My studio works best for small families so is perfect for motherhood sessions and is used for my newborn sessions also. It is not advised for sessions with older children or larger families. You can take advantage of my client closet, swaddles and props when having images in the studio and garden.

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THE PEPPERS

This little garden includes a historic ruin, flowering trees, peppercorn orchard and wattles. In winter it is green and garden like and in the warmer months it has long golden grass and wild flowers. Like most outdoor locations it is always evolving with the seasons and this spot gives a great amount of variety for your images. It is a great spot for families as there are lots of areas for children to explore and has seated areas including the old steps and walls that lead to the ruin.

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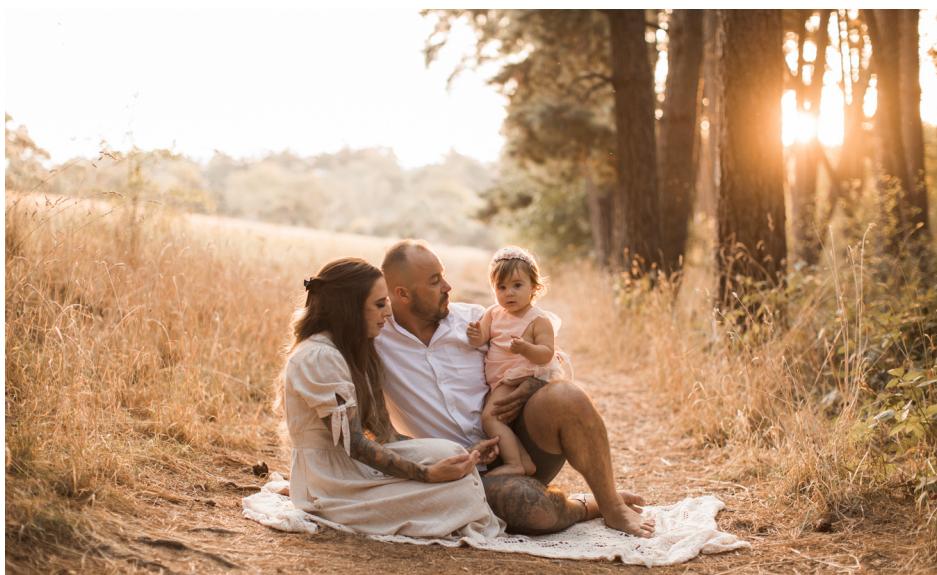


THE RIVER

Located in a beautiful valley in the foothills, along the River Torrens in the North East.

This location is perfect for young families and maternity sessions as it does not require a great deal of walking. There are several spots about a minutes drive from one another which create a mixture of backdrops in one session. Please note it can sometimes have more passers by as it neighbours walking trails. It has reeds with water, tall grass and peppercorn trees. A beautiful place for sunsets and pockets of light.

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FOREST & FIELD

Situated in Hawthorndene, this little forest location is popular with photographers and walkers so be prepared to see passers by and other photographers working in the area. There is a mixture of backdrops here and this spot does change with the seasons. There is a mixture of pine trees, walking trails and some small field like areas. It is a great spot for a little bit of exploring.

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*Hire Fee Applies

NETHERHILL FARM

Found in Kenton Valley this beautiful location is nestled in the Adelaide hills, not far from Cudlee Creek and Gumeracha. There is a beautiful farm house with steps, a rainforest like garden, willow trees and a large farm shed that has draped fabric and beautiful vintage windows. It is a very special location that I am lucky to have access to.

This location is available for hire depending on availability. There is a location hire fee of \$100 for use of the grounds which is payable to Netherhill Farm.



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*Hire Fee Applies

MARYBANK FARM

Marybank Farm is another beautiful spot for photos, located in Rostrevor.

There are gardens, a beautiful driveway and an amazing old barn as backdrops.

Marybank Farm is available by booking so we would need to find an available date to use this location but it is certainly another very special spot. There is a \$100 hire fee for use of the grounds for photos. This is payable to Marybank Farm.



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*Hire Fee Applies

HILLS FARM



Hills Farm is another Adelaide hills location which is perfect for photos. The owner Libby has some very friendly animals that can be a part of your session. There sometimes is the odd lamb being taken care of if you are lucky. There is a beautiful drive way lined with pine trees and the old cottage also makes a wonderful backdrop. There is a hire fee payment for this location that needs to be paid to Hills Farm. Location is subject to availability.

PREMIUM LOCATIONS

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Premium locations are breathtaking destinations here in South Australia that require an element of travel. They are considered premium because they are incredible places for sessions with lots of variety but do attract additional charges to cover the additional time for travel.

You can either:

Pay a small \$50 travel fee plus an upfront session upgrade (min upgrade is \$275), which will cover travel as well as give you all your digitals from the session.

or

You can pay the full travel fee of \$150 for these locations if not wanting to pay for an upfront upgrade, subsequent upgrades will then be charged at full price.

If you are considering one of these locations then you will be sent an updated invoice before the session with your choice. I have decided to do it this way to keep travel fees to a minimum.



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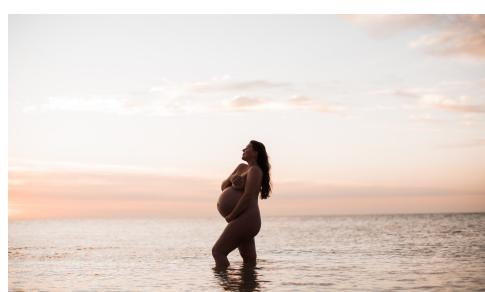


THE RESERVOIR

Located in the heart of the Fleurieu Peninsula this location has almost everything. Forrest, Large body of water, walking trails and long grass. This is the kind of place adventures are made of. Bring a picnic and make a day of it while kangaroo spotting.

There are beautiful sea side towns and accomodation only a stones throw away. This spot evolves during the seasons and is beautiful all year around.

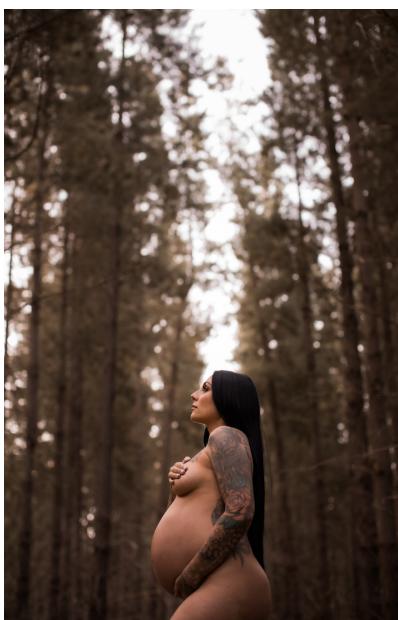
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THE CLIFFS

This location is for those that want something a little more dramatic from a seaside session. Located towards Port Willunga, this is a breathtaking spot for a costal sunset. This location does require some walking and/or stairs so please keep that in mind when booking. The session can be broken up into two parts where we can drive to the top and bottom of the cliffs to make it more manageable but it is advised to keep active children away from the cliffs section of the session for safety reasons.

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THE TALL FOREST

Located as part of the Mount lofty ranges and towards the Barossa Valley, this location has a very "moody" and rustic vibe. With walking trails, long grass and a reservoir in close proximity. This location does require a small amount of walking down a trail to be more secluded and a small car trip to access the reservoir. SA forestry also asks that people apply or a \$50 permit if using this location.

This spot has a striking and established feel and is a really beautiful spot for something dramatic. It is well suited to those wanting to show more skin and be somewhere secluded for a maternity session.

... AND MANY MORE!

There are lots of other beautiful areas that I use in different parts of Adelaide during the year but they are often reliant on the seasons and when trees or fields are flowering, plus I am always looking for new areas to use for sessions. If there is a certain location or look you would like for your photos talk to me and we can narrow down somewhere beautiful for you, some areas may attract a minimum travel fee. It is a good idea to look on my [Instagram](#) page and favourite some images with locations you love for us to discuss.



Where to shop

It can be daunting and expensive trying to buy clothing pieces for your session. I have made it a little easier with my top four commonly known brick and mortar stores who stock affordable pieces as well as my top four places you can buy online. Please don't forget to ask for help or advice if you need it.

In Store

01

Kmart

Kmart has some really affordable pieces for the whole family and you can often find neutral fashion choices in all of their clothing departments. They are also a great place for staples, like pants and tights.

02

Best and Less

When it comes to affordable but beautiful clothing items for children then you can't go past best and less for infants. Their older children's ranges have also vastly improved so they are a great place for children's clothing.

03

Target

Target, like Kmart tend to have something for everyone and often have choices in neutral colours and linens. They can be particularly good for men's and women's wear as well as shoes.

04

Zara

Zara is one of my favourite places for beautifully textured pieces, particularly for older girls and women. It is a must-visit if looking for a gown for mum.

Online



Jamie Kay

Jamie Kay has a reputation for beautifully made clothing for infants, boys and girls. They have soft linens, cotton pieces, knitwear and accessories. They often come in beautiful soft and neutral colours



Gingham & Heels

Gingham and Heels carries a beautiful choice of dresses and pieces for Mum. You will find a generous selection of styles and cuts which will appeal to a wide variety of budgets. Shipping is often fast.



ASOS

Asos has to be mentioned as having one of the biggest selections of online clothing available and they often have sales, making it affordable to find designer pieces. look for dresses with lots of movement and texture.



Cotton on (in store too)

Cotton On often have a great selection of clothing for men and women. Their children's range also has some great pieces but try to avoid bright colours, busy patterns and graphics. They often have online exclusive sales as well as a curve section online. Check out their hats and shoes too.

DON'T FORGET

Remember to talk to me about the locations you like if you haven't already as well as ask for any styling help you might need. I will check in with you the week before our session to confirm our time and location if I haven't heard already.



I look forward to our upcoming shoot and please don't hesitate to ask me any questions you might have.