



How my big fat Greek wedding went viral



When Yanna Elfes was planning her ultimate big fat Greek wedding in Sydney, she never imagined it would be virtually attended by millions of people around the world or become the subject of a vicious email slur campaign and a police investigation.

But that's exactly what happened after she married her husband Kosta two months ago at the Greek Orthodox church in Kogarah.

Her friends published photos on their Facebook pages and within days the images were appearing in nasty viral emails that quickly spread across Australia and to workplaces as far flung as London and Dubai.

Of course, this was no ordinary wedding.

The theme was black and hot pink, with Yanna, 25, wearing a pink crystal-encrusted white dress complete with mini-skirt front and tulle train. It was inspired by the Guns N' Roses video clip for November Rain.

The groomsmen wore tight black tops with pink braces, which matched the bridesmaids' gowns, spotted wedding cake, Playboy-tagged champagne flutes and satin table decorations.

To top it off, some of the 220 guests were ferried to and from the wedding in three stretch Hummers with fur interiors, and the bride and groom were introduced for their bridal waltz with WWE wrestling-style fireworks.

The photographs made the perfect recipe for a viral email hit, but as it spread people began adding their own nasty captions ridiculing the wedding and guests.

One Yanna found particularly crushing: "Dad: 'sure am glad to be giving this away!'"

Yanna said she left to go on her honeymoon - a month visiting the USA and Mexico - a few days after the wedding and a week later received a frantic call from her sister, Leah, informing her of the emails.

"I've had calls from people in London to Dubai that have got these emails, it's just gone viral crazy," said Yanna.

"It's sad that someone can stoop that low to actually do that. Like, why would someone want to trash someone else's wedding day?"

"It's supposed to be a personal and private thing - at the end of the day, I've just got to not let it get to me."

Yanna said her sister called police, who attempted to track down the person who started the vicious email campaign.

She said they initially suspected it originated

