

Design your own Personalised Marriage Ceremony – *modern & traditional*

The Marriage Ceremony can be structured to how you like it!

Just as you select your place of marriage, you can select your style of service.

You can design your Personalised Marriage Ceremony using these sections as a guide, then send to me along with your Booking Form – or bring to our first meeting.

I am here to help you achieve your own personalised ceremony, styled on your wishes.

Ceremony Content Suggestions

- ☞ Welcome to Family & Friends
- ☞ Declaration of Life & Love together
- ☞ Celebrant's Authority (required)
- ☞ Bringing of the Bride & the Parents' Blessing
- ☞ Poetry & Song (Readings)
- ☞ Commitment by Vows (required) & the Asking
- ☞ Ring Ceremony
- ☞ Symbolic Ceremony
- ☞ Declaration of Marriage
- ☞ Signing of the Register (required)
- ☞ Proclamation of Commitment

Welcome to family & friends

- ☞ Welcome to your Family and Friends on behalf of you and your partner.
- ☞ Greetings to your children and to those guests who may have travelled from afar to be with you on your Day.
- ☞ Special mention of those loved ones that could not be with you on your special Day.

Place here what your Ceremony would have in it

Declaration of Love & Life Together

Opportunity to share your thoughts and your dreams for your future life together.

YOU CAN INCLUDE

- ☞ Background on how& where you met
- ☞ What it means to be getting married
- ☞ Your beliefs and ideals
- ☞ Special friends – Loving Family
- ☞ Your love for each other
- ☞ Shared interests
- ☞ Special moments together

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Celebrant's Authority (required)

In this section, I will introduce myself, my role and my authority to marry.

- ☞ This is the first paragraph that is to be included, according to the Marriage Act of 1961, in order for the ceremony to be legal.It relates to my role as a Civil Celebrant.

"My name is Kay Franks, from Life Events, and I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law. Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are about to enter. Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered in for life."

Bringing of the Bride & the Parents' Blessing

- ☞ Bringing of the Bride to the Ceremony by a parent or close friend or your child, or a blessing by a parent.

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Poetry & Song

- ☞ I have a large number of poems, readings for you to choose – or perhaps you have a favourite. These can be read by me or by a friend or family member.
- ☞ A time for reflection, celebration and joy.
- ☞ Singing, music or the playing of a musical instrument can also reflect this joyous occasion. Perhaps guests can join in!

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The Asking

This is a section that can be included before your vows. This is an example:

[Bride and groom full name], you have chosen today as your wedding day. In front of family and friends, are you ready to make your vows to each other?

Bride/Groom: We are...

Commitment by Vows

This is your declaration of your Commitment to each other, in the presence of Family and Friends

- ☞ You, as a couple, can pen your own or you can choose one from my examples.
- ☞ You can have different vows to each other.
- ☞ This paragraph is to be included in your vows, according to the Marriage Act 1961, in order for your ceremony to be legal.

"I call upon the persons here present, to witness that I (full name), take thee (full name), to be my lawful wedded husband/wife"

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Ring Ceremony

- ☞ You make wish to exchange rings
- ☞ If so, there is the opportunity to symbolise the giving of the rings, with special words
- ☞ A couple may wish to write one together, or to pen one for each other, or to choose from my examples.

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Symbolic Ceremony

There are a number of symbolic ceremonies that can be included your Marriage Ceremony. You may have one that is special to each other, to your family, or to your culture.

Examples

- ☞ Hand Fasting
- ☞ Lighting of Candles
- ☞ Sharing Wine
- ☞ Exchanging Gifts
- ☞ Exchanging Garlands
- ☞ Gifts for Wedding Party
- ☞ Circle of Rose Petals
- ☞ Necklace for Children
- ☞ Recognition of Parents
- ☞ Hand of the Bride & Groom
- ☞ Doves
- ☞ Balloons
- ☞ Butterflies
- ☞ Circle of Love
- ☞ Other Culturally Related Ceremonies

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Declaration of Marriage

"...and now you are Husband and Wife. This section includes the opportunity to express a beautiful message on your life together."

- ☞ Pronouncement of Husband & Wife
- ☞ The Kiss

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Signing of Register

Signing of the Register by the bride and groom and witnesses (over the age of 18 years). Great photo opportunity !!

Proclamation of Commitment

This is a joyous occasion when you are announced to your family and friends as your newly known names.

- ☞ A reading or proclamation
- ☞ Announcement of Happy Couple to Family and Friends
- ☞ Presentation of Certificates
- ☞ Invitation to congratulate
- ☞ Announcement of photo taking opportunity
- ☞ Details of Celebrations

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