

CEREMONY TRANSCRIPT

Wedding of _____ & _____

Date _____

[Authorisation]

My name is Tim Manger. I am a registered Civil Celebrant, authorised to conduct marriage ceremonies in Australia in accordance with current laws. I would like to thank _____ and _____ for choosing me to be their celebrant today; it is both an honour and a privilege.

[Welcome to Country]

[Preamble]

Before we continue, I would like to take a brief moment to tell you a little about _____ and _____.

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[Precursor]

We are here to share the marriage of two special friends. More than a ceremony, this is a significant moment of celebration and personal commitment. The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in their entirety, as a companion and friend. It is therefore a decision, which is not entered into lightly, but with great consideration and respect.

From this day forward you will become closer than ever before. You will promise to love one another in sickness and in health, for better and for worse, but at the same time your love for each other will give you the strength to stand apart to seek your unique destinies and goals. The nature of love is unselfish, understanding, kind and ongoing, as long as it continues to be nurtured.

[Monitum]

_____ and _____, before you are joined in marriage in my presence, and in the presence of these witnesses (your family and friends), I must remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship that 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 into for life.

Therefore I now ask: "Who brings _____ to be married to _____?"

(_____: "I do") [_____ to sit down]

Ladies and gentlemen, I now invite you to witness the wedding vows that _____ and _____ will make to each other.

[Face each other and hold hands]

[The Asking]

_____, do you take _____ to be your legally wedded wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and respect her? Do you promise to share all life has to offer, your hopes and dreams, your achievements and disappointments with her from this day forward?

(_____: "I do")

_____, do you take _____ to be your legally wedded husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and respect him? Do you promise to share all life has to offer, your hopes and dreams, your achievements and disappointments with him from this day forward?

(_____: "I do")

[Vows] (Repeat after me)

_____ to _____

"I call upon the people here present to witness that I, _____, _____, take you, _____ to be my legally wedded wife from this time onward";

_____ to _____

"I call upon the people here present to witness that I, _____, _____ take you, _____ to be my legally wedded husband from this time onward";

[Any special vows or additions would go here]

[Bridge]

_____ and _____, you will begin your journey bound by the vows you have just promised each other. Many paths you will take, many dreams you will share and countless summers will pass. If you keep your vows sacred, happy will be many of your days as you grow old together. Your hands thus joined, form an infinite circle symbolising that, which has no beginning and no end, as represented in your love for each other.

[Ritual – _____]

[Giving of the Rings Ceremony]

_____, as you place the ring on _____'s finger, please repeat after me:

“With this ring I thee wed and offer a symbol of my everlasting love.”

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[About the Rings Today]

The roundness of each ring represents the eternity of love, its pure metal speaks of the purity of love, its value reminds us that we should defend and protect those, which we hold most precious in life.

Wear these rings with love and honour.

[Declaration]

_____ and _____ have declared before me and before all of you, that they will live together in marriage, they have symbolized it by joining hands, taking vows and by exchanging rings.

I therefore, declare _____ and _____ to be Husband and Wife.

“_____, you may now kiss your bride”

To conclude today's ceremony I invite _____ and _____ and their witnesses, to sign the Marriage Register and Marriage Certificate.

[Signing of the Register]

[Signing of the Marriage Certificates]

[Presentation]

It gives me great pleasure to present to you today the new **Mr & Mrs** _____ and _____, together with their Marriage Certificate.

Congratulations!

[Finale]