

# Civil Marriage Celebrant

Tim Manger

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Congratulations on your recent engagement and thank-you for booking my Celebrant service for your upcoming wedding.

To help you prepare for our initial meeting, there are certain statutory requirements and considerations that I have outlined below. Each item will be discussed in detail when we meet, so please relax and take your time to collect any items that are applicable, including any information and ideas.

## Things you will both need to bring:

- An original Birth Certificate
- Photo ID (eg. valid passport or drivers licence)
- Evidence of termination of any previous marriage(s) (eg. death, divorce or nullity)
- Consent and Court Approval (if under 18 years of age)

## Things you will need to know:

- Date(s) of previous marriage(s)
- Termination Date(s) of previous marriage(s)
- Birth dates of any children from previous marriages
- Your parent's birth place
- Your mother's maiden name

## Personal questions I am required to ask:

- Are you both over the age of 18 years?
  - If one of you is under 18, do you have consent from a guardian?
  - If one of you is under 18, do you have court approval?
- Are you related in any way? (eg. Brother, sister, father, mother)
- Have you been married previously?
  - How was your last marriage terminated?
  - Do you have supporting evidence regarding any said marriage terminations?
  - Do you have any children from your previous marriage?
- Were you born in Australia?



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## Things I am required to give you:

- A copy of 'Happily Ever Before & After' (advice on relationships and relationship education)

## Things for you to ponder regarding your Marriage Ceremony

- Who will give the bride away? (eg. Father, brother, sister, uncle, guardian etc.)
- Is the ceremony to take place indoors or outdoors?
  - Do you all relevant council permits and licences (if applicable)?
  - Do you have a wet weather or hot weather contingency plan?
  - Have you considered ceremony access for any disabled guests?
  - Do you want a 'Welcome to Country' as part of your ceremony (eg. an acknowledgement of indigenous land ownership)
- What type of readings will you select? (what will be read and who will read it)
  - How will the readings be provided and sourced?
- What type of music will you select? (what will be played and when)
  - How will the music be provided? (eg. iPod, CD, DVD, 'live')
- What type of Vows do you want? (eg. standard, customized)
- Are you exchanging rings and who will have the rings?
- Are you including any rituals, customs or traditions (eg. Sand ceremony, dove release, hand fasting ceremony etc.)
- Who will witness your signature(s) on your marriage certificate (2 people are required, and must be over 18 years of age)



I hope that the above helps you to prepare for you initial meeting. If you have any questions regarding anything contained in this document, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

**Best Regards,**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Manger', is written on a white background.

**Tim Manger**  
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