

This is a sample of a shorter ceremony which takes approximately 15 minutes. You may choose from ceremonies which I have prepared or you may use your own wording.

Sample Ceremony

Today, for you (Bride) and (Bridegroom) is one of the most important days of your lives.

My name is Lynette Mattys, and I am an authorized Civil Marriage Celebrant.

You have chosen a simple bonding ceremony, yet although this is brief, the significance and importance of this occasion is not diminished.

I am required to remind you that I hold authority, given to me by the Australian Government to perform your legal ceremony.

Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life.

Your vows are like gold, from which your wedding rings are made. The ring contains pure gold, but the metals added, make it functional and strong. Thus it is with your personalities, which are both separate and individual. Yet when combined in a noble purpose, will be strong and durable, able to function well, and formed like the ring, with love representing a never-ending circle.

“(Bridegroom), will you take (Bride) to be your lawful wedded wife?”

“(Bride) will you take (Bridegroom) to be your lawful wedded husband?”

Exchange of rings

Bridegroom repeats after the celebrant to the Bride

“I call upon the people here present to witness that I, take you to be my lawful wedded wife. I promise I will always treat you kindly, with respect and with dignity. I will listen to you, and do my best to understand your point of view, because I love you. I will support you, spiritually, emotionally, and physically as circumstances arise, and I will be totally faithful to you, for as long as I shall live”

Bride repeats after the celebrant to the Bridegroom

“I call upon the people here present to witness that I, take you to be my lawful wedded husband. I promise I will always treat you kindly, with respect and with dignity. I will listen to you, and do my best to understand your point of view, because I love you. I will support you, spiritually, emotionally, and physically as circumstances arise, and I will be totally faithful to you, for as long as I shall live”

These vows are the most significant you will ever make in your lives. They are the basis for a very happy partnership that is honourable and dignified. They are the basis for every happy family and home, and a refuge for every storm. It is important to remember them always.

By the authority vested in me by the Australian Government, I pronounce you to be now husband and wife.

From his book “Personal Thoughts” by Darren Winbank, we have selected this verse

I Knew Somehow

When we sat and talked for the first time
I knew somehow that my life has changed
Your kind voice and warm touch
Made me want to be closer to you.
Later, as we became closer
I knew somehow that we would
Be together for a long time
I wanted to stop living only for myself
And begin to live for us.
I knew somehow that the happiness

Part of my life was just starting
Because I could be with you
and still be myself
You loved me for being me
And I loved you for being you
And now I knew somehow that with you
My life will always be complete
And that I will always love you.

May your future be a happy one. May you both find joy and harmony in love, felt by others who visit your home. May this love you feel towards each other today be remembered and celebrated by you with very happy memories on your future anniversaries.

We'll now sign the register for a few minutes, and after that, please feel free to come forward and offer your love and congratulations to Mr and Mrs

On behalf of the bridal couple, thank you for coming along today to celebrate their marriage.