



Example Ceremonies

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CEREMONY 1

Hello everyone and on behalf of BRIDE and GROOM thank you for being here to share today with them.

Today we are really celebrating a wedding... because when you think about it GROOM and BRIDE have been living like a married couple for some time now. Not what you would expect to come from a chance meeting at *****.

What I know most about having met GROOM and BRIDE is that sometimes life makes things easy for you.

They were thrown together again when BRIDE was 20 and GROOM 26 and since then have not been apart, they have moved to Newcastle, bought a house together and easily handled any of the little challenges that have come their way together and with a really positive attitude.

Sometimes, people have to work hard at relationships and sometimes things just fall into place and I think BRIDE and GROOM have been blessed to have that kind of relationship.

Lots of laughs, not too many tears, and a natural understanding of each other which means that they know how to push each others buttons, but also know when is the wrong time to do so.

DAD – you stand here on your daughters wedding day, as a proud dad to give them your blessing. Will you continue to give your love, advice, and help with any handiwork around the house as GROOM and BRIDE become man and wife?

Dad: I do/I will

BRIDE and GROOM a marriage is something that is lived, a wedding is just a moment in time. Your actions have shown us all that you have a love to last a lifetime. Today we just make you declare it publicly, and hopefully see GROOM cry a little with emotion so that his mates have something to tease him about.

Now I, Kerryn Tippett, a civil celebrant, Am duly authorised by the law to solemnize marriage according to law. Before you, GROOM and BRIDE are joined together in marriage in my presence and in the presence of your witnesses I am to remind you publicly of the solemn the serious and the binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter. Marriage, is the union between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

GROOM and BRIDE will you join with each other as husband and wife, lovers and friends. Will listen to, care for each other and give each other the best of yourself to each other in the building of your life together?

Together: We Do / We Will

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I BRIDE, take you, GROOM, to be my lawful wedded husband.

GROOM, since we met I've always known we were meant to be together. You're everything I'm not. When I'm stressing out & upset, you're the voice of reason who makes me laugh. When I'm shy, you take the spotlight, and even when I'm not shy you still love to take the spotlight! If I'm Monica Geller, then you're my Chandler Bing. I love you so much and will always give you my love & support... And lastly, I promise to always support the Bulldogs.

GROOM, I give you this ring as I give you my promise to love, support and laugh with you the rest of my life.

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I GROOM, take you, BRIDE, to be my lawful wedded wife.

BRIDE, when you walked back into my life 9 years ago it suddenly changed for the better. We have had some many amazing years and I look forward to many more filled with good times... I can't wait to have children with you and I want to keep making you laugh. You mean the world to me and I will continue to love you more and more each day.

BRIDE, I give you this ring as I give you my promise to love, support and laugh with you the rest of my life.

GROOM and BRIDE, the best blessing that anyone can give you is that the rest of your life together is as happy, and as full of love as this moment is right now. I now declare you husband and wife, you may kiss your bride!

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Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for being a part of this very special ceremony today. You have a wonderful evening and a beautiful dinner ahead to enjoy. Would you please join me in congratulating the newlyweds.

CEREMONY 2

Family and friends on behalf of BRIDE and GROOM, I welcome you to their ceremony. Today BRIDE and GROOM celebrate their relationship. They will commit to each other by their vows, that they are prepared to give all that it takes to make a happy, successful relationship. Laughter, support, trust and above all, love. They are promising to work as a team, accepting each other's faults and weaknesses whilst admiring their strengths. This union has a foundation based on love, but built on respect.

Today, BRIDE and GROOM feel so fortunate to be surrounded by their friends from near and far and would like to especially thank those that have travelled great distances to share and celebrate with them. Whether it be Abu Dhabi, Qatar, India, Queensland, Melbourne, Tasmania, or just down the road, your support and presence here today is the best gift BRIDE and GROOM could ask for.

At this moment I would also like to acknowledge those absent family and friends who are here with us in spirit and thought. In particular GROOM's mum, who is looking over us today, his daughter, and BRIDE's Grandad who were unable to join us today but we know are wishing BRIDE and GROOM the very best.

BRIDE and GROOM would now like to reflect their commitment and understanding in a shared reading.

GROOM- *"Have no illusions, life is challenging"*

BRIDE- *"Have no illusions, Relationships are not easy"*

GROOM- *"Have no illusions, sometimes we'll question"*

BRIDE- *"Have no illusions, we will find fault"*

GROOM- *"Have no illusions, this is commitment"*

BRIDE- *"Have no illusions, we will work it out"*

GROOM- *"Have no illusions, hardship brings strength"*

BRIDE- *"Have no illusions, we are each others rock"*

TOGETHER *"Have no illusions, love will endure"*

As many of you know, the last 12 months have presented many challenges to GROOM and BRIDE. Happily, BRIDE and GROOM are here today, to commit to each other as they had planned, in front of their friends and family and will always hold today – the day they could be here at ***** with the people they love, as their most special and significant day in their hearts. One to be celebrated as they day they truly became a

committed couple.

Who gives this woman to be joined with this man?

Dads- "We do"

DAD and DAD will now give a short reading

Celebrate and Come Together. It hasn't been smooth sailing getting here; There were times when we thought they wouldn't make it. Obstacles seemed to go out of their way, to get in their path, or so it seemed then. They questioned again if the decision was right for them both. Was the timing right? Sometimes it appeared that all had been lost. But through it all they hung on to their love.

When they hit quicksand, love held them higher. When stormy seas tossed, love was a life raft. Love helped them rise and face the dark moments; To clear hurdles and find the right road. There may never be a perfect time; Things may never be as they would want them. But life is too short to wait till that moment. So, celebrate this love that's carried them, as they join now and proclaim that love

BRIDE, do commit yourself to GROOM? Will you love him, respect him, comfort him in sickness and health, and, forsaking all others, keep only unto him for as long as you both shall live?

BRIDE- "I do"

GROOM, do commit yourself to BRIDE? Will you love her, respect her, comfort her in sickness and health, and, forsaking all others, keep only unto her for as long as you both shall live?

GROOM-"I do"

BRIDE- "I BRIDE, surrounded by my friends and family commit myself to you GROOM

GROOM- "I GROOM, surrounded by my friends and family commit myself to you BRIDE

These Rings tell the world that you have publically declared your love for each other. These rings hold in them forever the happiness and joy felt by each of you today. These rings will stay with you always and symbolize your unity. These rings honour you and show and show your pride in your commitment to each other

BRIDE- GROOM, with this ring I am yours. With all that I am and all that I have, I honour you

GROOM- BRIDE, with this ring I am yours. With all that I am and all that I have, I honour you

BRIDE and GROOM would now each like to give a short reading about the significance of the vows and commitments that they have just made

This ring on my finger tells the world that, today, you loved me enough to marry me. This ring on my finger makes me the happiest person alive. This ring on my finger will stay with me forever, and hold the energy of our special day. This ring on my finger honours me and makes me proud to belong to you

Nothing's for certain they say in this life. But I know for certain I want you as my wife. I knew it when you gave me that certain gaze, that certain smile, that I wanted to share all my days with you. I certainly want to declare my love for you, and am glad to have seen for certain that you want to be with me too

BRIDE and GROOM, you have declared your love for each other before me, your friends and your family. GROOM, you may kiss the bride

CEREMONY 3

Good morning and welcome. My name is Kez and I have the delight in performing today's ceremony.

BRIDE and GROOM have invited you all here today to bear witness to, and join in the celebration of, the love they have for one another. To see them formally commit to each other, and to celebrate their relationship together with the people who are most important to them, you, their closest friends and family.

As their closest friends and family, GROOM and BRIDE will look for your support and encouragement throughout their marriage, listen for words of love and assistance when required, and ask that you join them in looking forward to their future.

This is a relationship that has already spanned more than half their lifetimes. Since first being introduced through BRIDE's brother NAME, over twenty years ago, they slowly developed a friendship based on mutual respect and admiration. Although their lives wandered in different directions at times, the friendship continued to develop over the years, leading to a seemingly inevitable moment of honesty between them. After contemplating this daunting realization, involving careful consideration of the impact of their relationship on others, they agreed on taking the leap of faith that led to them falling in love and being together. This risk has reaped its own reward in becoming this most fulfilling, satisfying, and empowering relationship that you are witness to today. It has also brought their beautiful baby Leo into our world, a life for all of us to share in.

They have also chosen to be married at a place that is significant and loved by them both. GROOM and BRIDE went to high school not far from here, and both have souls that are most at rest, and most alive, when they are in the ocean. The moment they started planning the wedding they always knew it would be near the beach.

GROOM and BRIDE, everything that has gone before, has brought you to this moment, and taught you both about who you are and what you want out of life and out of a partner. Today, we make official what already is. You are already joined in your hearts and minds, today we give that commitment the celebration it deserves.

We would like to ask PARENTS to come forward.

As parents, you have delighted in watching your children grow and develop into the people who now stand before you today. BRIDE and GROOM would now like to acknowledge and thank you for the love, support and guidance given by you and your families, throughout their lives, and ask for your ongoing support as they continue on their journey together.

NAME and NAME, on behalf of your family, do you support and encourage BRIDE and GROOM in the lifelong commitment they are making today?

[PARENTS] We do

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[PARENTS] We do

One of BRIDE's oldest friends, from Kindergarten, NAME, will now come forward to read an excerpt from The Prophet on Marriage.

Then Almitra spoke again and said... "And what of Marriage, master?"

And he answered saying:

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore.

You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.

Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be spaces in your togetherness, And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love.

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each of you be alone, Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together, yet not too near together.

For the pillars of the temple stand apart, And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow

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GROOM and BRIDE 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 woman and a man to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

GROOM and BRIDE, you already know that a commitment to each other is one that needs to be constantly nurtured and respected, and will not survive complacency or indifference.

GROOM do you take BRIDE to be your wife, your constant friend and companion, your partner in life and love? Will you share your life with her, promising to grow with her in love and respect as long as you both shall live?

[GROOM] I do

BRIDE do you take GROOM to be your husband, your constant friend and companion, your partner in life and love? Will you share your life with him, promising to grow with him in love and respect as long as you both shall live?

[BRIDE] I do

A good friend of GROOM's, NAME will now come forward to read a passage of St Pauls letter to the Corinthians.

Love is patient and kind;

it is not jealous, or conceited or proud;

love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable;

love does not keep a record of wrongs;

love is not happy with lies, but is happy with the truth.

Love never gives up;

and it's faith, hope, and patience never fail.

We now move on to the vows and the rings, where GROOM and BRIDE make a promise to each other and exchange a token reminder of that promise.

The hands that hold you now, will hold you forever. They will wipe tears of joy or sorrow from your eyes. They will be your strength in times of need. They will reach for yours as you journey together through life. The path of your journey through life is not rigid like stone, but fluid like water, changing direction as your lives change direction, evolving

and growing as you do.

[BRIDE] I call upon all persons here present to witness that I, BRIDE, take you, GROOM, to be my lawfully wedded husband.

GROOM, all that I am, and all that I shall ever be, I give to you.

You are my love, father of our child and my companion in this wonderful life we live together

I will respect, honour, and cherish you, and love you until my dying day

[BRIDE] GROOM, you are my love, I give you this ring as a reminder of my commitment to you as my partner for life

[GROOM] I call upon all persons here present to witness that I, GROOM, take you, BRIDE, to be my lawfully wedded wife.

BRIDE, all that I am, and all that I ever shall be, I give to you. I will love you, support you, lean on you, grow with you, laugh with you, cry with you, and always walk beside you, forever celebrating that the two of us walk this life together.

[GROOM] BRIDE, you are my love, I give you this ring as a reminder of my commitment to you as my partner for life

As both BRIDE and GROOM love the water, there is no more perfect place for me to declare them husband and wife. GROOM you may kiss your bride.

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As GROOM and BRIDE, and their witnesses are involved in the signing of the certificates, NAME will be coming around handing out bottles of bubbles to be blown at the end of the ceremony.

GROOM and BRIDE, I wish many more moments in your future filled with as much love and happiness as right now. If you all have your bubbles ready...It is now my great pleasure to introduce to you for the first time as a married couple, Mr GROOM and Ms BRIDE.

CEREMONY 4

Good afternoon and welcome. My name is Kez and I have the delight in performing today's ceremony.

We are here to celebrate the commitment and love BRIDE and GROOM have shown each other, as witnesses to their marriage. As their loving friends and family, you are an important part of BRIDE and GROOMS lives and they are thrilled that you are here to share this unforgettable moment with them.

A marriage is made between two people, and strengthened by the support of those they surrounded by so on behalf of everyone here I ask you DAD, Will you offer BRIDE and GROOM your love and support throughout their married life?

[DAD replies I will / I do]

For BRIDE and GROOM today is about celebrating a realisation they have felt for a long time: they have a need to be together, they are each other's best friends and of course, they love each other to bits.

They recognise the benefits of balancing to common interests as within a life of their own. As GROOM said during one of our meetings, "It's nice to remember that you miss each other."

Each has spent time overseas following their own interests and passions – BRIDE's trek in the Himalayas with her dad and GROOM's recent trip to Europe with Pie Wagon. And having just come back from a trip overseas, has only reaffirmed the importance of not taking each other for granted and appreciated both the moments together, and apart

Today is about celebrating all that BRIDE and GROOM have achieved together, and the challenges that are yet to face.

What they are both nervous about at the moment is will BRIDE or GROOM or maybe both of them cry today...

And later in their marriage, the hope of their own home, getting used to living without flatmates... these are the choices and decisions that have to be made together and having a strong foundation of friendship and respect will only make these decisions easier.

There will be love, laughter, occasionally tears but BRIDE and GROOM will always have each other and because they have each other they will always be happy.

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I would now ask NAME to come forward and read The Velveteen Rabbit

BRIDE and GROOM, you have lived together in love and friendship, will you continue to care for, love and laugh with each other? Do you take each other as a best friend, a lover and a partner in life?

[GROOM/BRIDE replies We do]

The rings that a couple exchanges on their wedding day are a reminder of the promises that are made. I know that GROOM is very much in love with his ring and will wear it with pride... and maybe show it off just a little. BRIDE and GROOM please join hands as you make your vows to each other... can we have the rings please

GROOM, you're my best friend, my support, my other half. When something good happens you're the first person I rush home to tell. When I'm upset you're the person I go to for comfort. When I'm angry or frustrated I know you'll always cheer me up

I call upon all persons here present to witness that I BRIDE take you GROOM to be my lawfully wedded husband and I make this promise to you..

In the good times and the bad I'll be there for you. When you are upset or sad I will be the one to hold you. When you are down. I will be the one to pick you up , in moments of happiness or celebration I will be the on laughing and smiling and throughout it all I will be loving you

GROOM I promise to be your best friend, your support and your other half.

I give you this ring so you know that I am always with you, and that I love you.

BRIDE I've thought about this. Our vows. The wedding. Being married. And, I don't really know what I'm doing. I think, it's just a bunch of stuff that happens. And there's going to be more stuff. Different kinds of stuff. But whatever it is I feel ready for it, and I'll tell you why: If it's sad stuff, I know you'll give me a hug and help me cheer up. If it's easy stuff, and I smack it up real good, then you always let me tell you how good I am and you keep listening for as long as I talk. And if the stuff's difficult, then you'll take care of all the other stuff so I can work on the difficult stuff. Thanks to you I never have to worry about what kind of stuff's coming So if they're still listening, family, friends and the occasional zoo-goer I call upon all persons here present to witness that I GROOM, take you BRIDE to be my lawful wedded wife, to hug you, to listen to you brag about how good you bashed up some stuff, and be proud of you, to support you, to care about you, to do the things that make your life better without you even asking., and to continue to loving you. These are the things you do for me already, and I'm happy for the rest of our life to do them for you.

BRIDE, I give you this ring so you know that I am always with you, and that I love you.

BRIDE and GROOM you have made your vows of commitment to each other in front of your friends and family. We all hope that your married life is as full of love and happiness as this moment is, right now. It is my pleasure to declare you husband and wife, GROOM you may kiss you bride.

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BRIDE and GROOM are really looking forward to spending some time with you during the reception. Straight after the ceremony, once you have said your congratulations then BRIDE, GROOM and family will be moving off to have some photos taken. The reception drinks and 'horse doovers' will start at 4:30 back up at the function centre

BRIDE and GROOM thank you for allowing me to be part of your wedding and I would like to present you with your marriage certificate.

Could every join in me in congratulating Mr and Mrs GROOM and BRIDE.