

# Married By Jay

*all things weddings*

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## Congratulations and well done on becoming engaged

Now you get to enjoy the journey of creating a Ceremony and Wedding all about you.

As your celebrant I am here to guide you through both the legal side to marriage and of course the fun part of designing and creating a ceremony just for you.

Further in this booklet you will find examples of how you want to be brought together, given away the exchange and the most important part how you would like to be introduced to your guests after the ceremony. Along with hints, tips and business partners I have met who have been amazing to work with that you can reach out to if you wish.

Its an exciting journey and I can't wait to be apart of it with you.

*Jay*

## About Me

Vino, Chocolate lover and Celebrant.

I'm a unique celebrant with a creative quirky side, a touch of swagger and delivering a touch of fun to help you create epic memories on your special day.

I live in Brisbane with my fiancé and too many show dogs. I get to travel Australia creating ceremonies with a difference. Like you we are also planning our 2019 wedding.

My passion as a Celebrant is getting to know your story, the good, the bad and the ugly those little things that turn into funny stories, walking on the journey with you and making it all as easy as possible. I see my role is to Elevate your ceremony to places you have always dreamt of it being, telling your story and taking you both to new heights.

From our first meeting I am there to guide you through the legalities, ceremony ideas and the "musts".

Then the fun really begins; in working with you to bring your dream elements together; those moments of magic that make it all about you.

Every couple has a different story my passion is coming up with new ways to make your day unique, memorable and all about you.

So I know we only just met..... But can I be your Celebrant?



# Your Ceremony

Your wedding ceremony is an amazing space for you to be as creative as you would like to be. You can keep it short and sweet, long and amazing or right in between. You can add in any elements you want that makes the day all about you.

There is only one sentence I have to say ....

*I Jay Bingle, a civil celebrant 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 into which you are about to enter.*

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

I'm going to be honest in saying I'm all about helping you create a point of difference in your ceremony. I don't read verbatim from a script. I have notes and I let everything I know about you and that document help me create the ceremony for you.

Lets get creative.



# Vow Renewals & Commitment ceremonies

Each ceremony I write is unique to your story.

Vow renewals and Commitment ceremony's may not have the formal sentence but the feeling, story told and outcome with you and your cosset family and friends is the same.

This is your day, your time and your ceremony bringing you together as one.

I take so much pride on getting to know you both, your story and the way in which you want that story told.

A few weeks out together we will review the ceremony that's been created and tweak it, it is then rehearsed by me many many times, so the ceremony becomes a natural conversation with you and your guests.

I have even been know to take grooms shopping for suits, I assist in writing your vows and even just reviewing them as a second opinion.

My role as your celebrant is to ensure this moment in time is captured perfectly and what ever it takes to create that with you is what I will do.



# Master Of Ceremonies



“Jay took our reception to another level, we mixed up the time line from what the venue tried to make us follow, our first dance was a surprise to our guests as it happened as we entered. He also organized classy drag queens to come into the room and get people up and dancing. Our guests still rave about the reception three months on. Thanks Jay”

On top of being a celebrant. I can also talk under water and being an MC is a little passion.

Let your friends and family enjoy being a guest and I will take the reins on the day.

I work with you and the venue and suppliers to create the perfect time line, from there you & I will run through the entire event to make sure nothing is forgotten from the welcome and introduction through to the cake cutting and first dance.

During our discussions I will raise elements you may not have thought of so you have options and if you don't want to keep it all traditional. Even better.

Wedding and receptions today, don't always have to follow the traditional time line.

Your guests will remember your day because of the elements of you that are brought in.

Once I have collected as much information as possible I “create” a full time line, the next bit is up to you, we can review it or it can be a surprise, you will know the key time line elements or we can review and tweak the final copy. From there its all over to me.

To bring it to life and create magic.

# Our Time Together

Planning a wedding can be stressful, my role is to make it as stress free as possible and calm the wedding day nerves with you.

Getting married with me, you get me as often as you like. Typically though we catch up a couple of times. The first time we will get your Notice of Intention to Marry completed, have a chat about your day, what you would like it to look like and get an idea of your style so I can create a ceremony for you.

In between meetings I stay in touch by sending you the first draft of your ceremony. Remember I don't follow a script as such. I create notes and let the day complete the story.

We will catch up again before your day to finalise the ceremony and anything else you may want to add in or subtract.

Some people want a practice run. Happy to join you at your venue, home etc for a run through.

On the day I will be there meeting and greeting your guests. Before you arrive I let them know of your wishes for example, phones or no phones.

You arrive and the fun begins. I'm not always in front of you, photos of your day shouldn't all include me, I'm not the star you are. So at times I will step to the side so the perfect photos of you being one are created.

At the end I will announce you both and together with your witnesses will sign your wedding certificates, the rest is up to me.

# Jay's Top 5

## WEDDING YODA



You know what I love...?  
I get to be involved in so many weddings and events, I gain wisdom and for that you have an open book of knowledge, understanding and solutions. Today you are engaged. Tomorrow is a whole new journey of marriage.

## LOCATION LOCATION



You want your wedding where?  
Awesome, how many steps to the top or do we need a raft to the bottom.  
Where ever you want to go. I'm there.

## COMMUNICATION



Friendship creates great communication, So if we are going to be friends (Which we are. Right?) You can expect nothing but the best from me. Email, Phone, Text, insta, messenger - we live in the communication age. You call and Im there.

## IT'S YOUR TIME & ITS PERSONAL



My passion is your story.  
Everyone has one unique to them, thats what i am out to discover and every ceremony and celebration is unique.  
Every ceremony is filled with unique expression and I tell your story.

## OH I HEAR YOU



Your celebration should be heard.  
I use a Beringer wireless speaker and microphone Giving us 100 watts of rechargeable power and the ability to blue tooth your music and ceremony anywhere anytime.

# Hint and Tips

## Create your own free website

[www.withjoy.com](http://www.withjoy.com) is a great platform for your wedding celebration, the site will only exist until the day of your wedding but all of your guests can jump on and know what's happening when and you can even have listed places to stay etc.

## Invitations

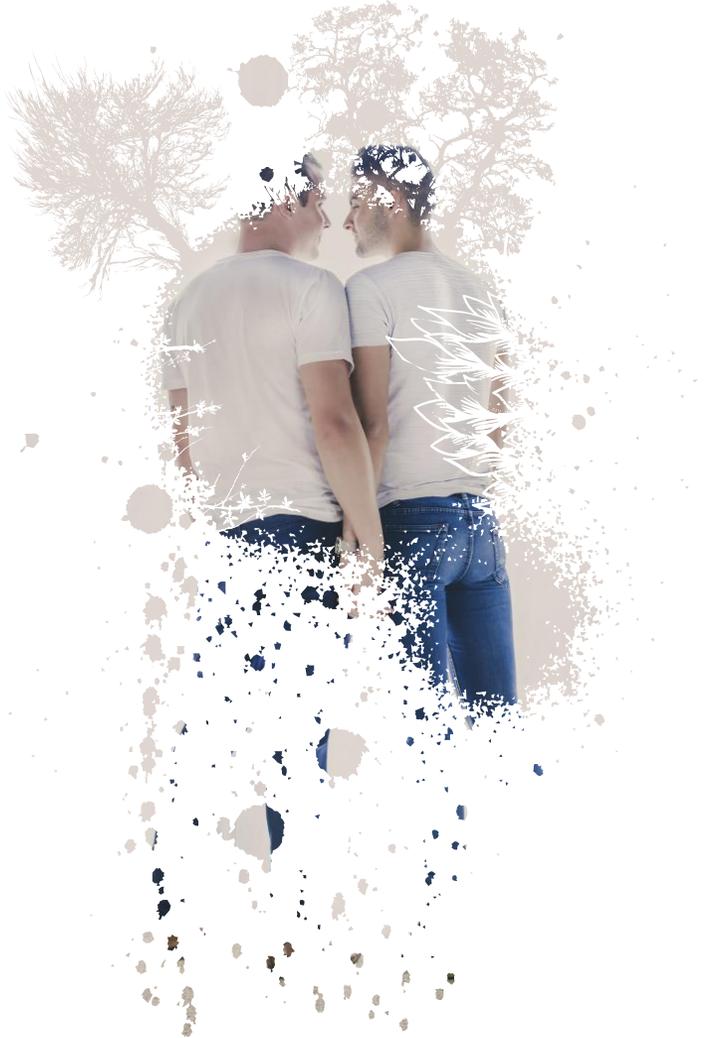
Everyone loves to receive an invite in the mail, places like Vista print allow you to order in bulk and offer so many designs its crazy.

## Photographer

There are so many out there, finding a good one can be tedious, I'm happy to suggest a few to you that I have worked with along the way. You can spend \$1000 up to \$6000 budget is up to you. But happy to assist.

## Videographer

OK. So I wasn't going to have one either. But then my own celebrant gave me the meaning and reason why we should. Its not for today or tomorrow its for ten years down the track when you look back at all of the things you didn't see; in the blur that is your wedding day.



## Celebrant Code of Practice

Solid relationships set you up to meet the changes and challenges of life. It is important to develop good communication and sound relationship skills early, so that you can fall back on these skills during difficult times. Pre-marriage education prepares couples for marriage by providing skills and information to build lifelong marriages. Courses are also available to explore the added dimension and complexity brought to a marriage by children from a previous relationship.

For a copy of the Happily Ever Before and after brochure, please follow the link. I can also provide a printed copy for you.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Marriage/Documents/happily-ever-before-and-after.pdf>

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Like all good industries we too have a Code of Practice to uphold.

For the most up to-date copy, please follow the link. For a printed copy please let me know.

[https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Marriage/marriagecelebrants/Documents/Code\\_of\\_practice\\_for\\_marriage\\_celebrants.pdf](https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Marriage/marriagecelebrants/Documents/Code_of_practice_for_marriage_celebrants.pdf)

## Making a complaint

I am always available to assist you in any constructive feedback and complaints you may have and will always work with you find a solution. However if you are not satisfied with the outcome there is a second option.

If you want to make a complaint about a Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrant, you should consider:

whether you can settle the matter directly with the celebrant

that we do not have the power to make a celebrant refund money

that your complaint may be refused if it is not made within three months of you becoming aware of the subject matter of your complaint. You can email us at [marriagecelebrantssection@ag.gov.au](mailto:marriagecelebrantssection@ag.gov.au) to request more time.

Further information is detailed in the following fact sheet:

I can also provide a printed copy should you require it.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Marriage/Documents/complaints-against-commonwealth-registered-marriage-celebrant.pdf>

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# *Thank You*

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