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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES A CELEBRANT ACTUALLY DO?

A question that is asked a lot is how can a civil celebrant charge this much when we're only there for 15 – 20 minutes on the day?

All in all, each ceremony a celebrant creates can take anywhere from 10 to 20 hours to prepare (from first meeting to the final draft), customise and deliver.

It's a substantial amount of time. We also need to be there 40 mins – 1 hour before the ceremony starts to make sure that everything is going smoothly for you, to set up and check things over with a venue manager or point of contact on the day to ensure there's no on-the-day hiccups.

We supply the PA and music for the ceremony. We talk through with the photographer (and sometimes videographer) before the ceremony to make sure the shots that you and they want are captured, calm down any nervous bridesmaids or groomsmen.

All in all, we are your go to person for your wedding ceremony – and whether you've been dreaming of this day since you were five, or had never given it a thought before – it's definitely worth investing in.

Your wedding day doesn't have to be the most expensive day of your life. But as it's one of the most memorable days you're likely to have I do recommend that people invest in a day that represents themselves and their relationships as best as possible. And this starts with a great celebrant that will set the tone perfectly for you and your guests.

Providing ongoing support

For couples who don't have a wedding planner or coordinator, your marriage celebrant is the supplier who will be there throughout the entire wedding process. Think about this, they're one of the first suppliers you'll book and they are there throughout the process. If your celebrant is sick they can't send you off to someone else in the business. And you know that it is always that person who you first met and get along with who will be there on the day.

Which means that they are the best source of support and knowledge for you throughout your entire wedding planning process. Whether you've got questions about other suppliers, your ceremony, or even if you're looking for recommendations, your celebrant is there.

PRICING

Civil Celebrants (and weddings in general), the old adage 'you get what you pay for'. When you are looking for celebrant services, it's important for civil celebrants to be completely clear and open about their pricing.

As a newly engaged couple, there's nothing worse than feeling like you're being taken advantage of.

Your wedding day is arguably one of the most important days of your life, and there are two major people that you'll be sharing the altar with. One is the person you're about to marry. And the other is the person who marries you.

In Australia, 75% of all marriages are performed by a civil celebrant. And while just 30% of couples say that the ceremony is the most important part of the wedding to them, picking the right celebrant can make or break your wedding. Your celebrant is the person who will perform your service, be in most of your ceremony photos and more importantly, lodge the paperwork that says you're actually married. So you want to make sure they're a good fit.

That said, there's always the wedding budget to fit into. Celebrants are usually the fourth wedding supplier that a couple books (following the venue, dress and photographer), showing that they are an important factor in your wedding. However, being higher in the buying cycle means that you still have time to rearrange your budget if you connect with someone you love who costs more than what you were initially expecting to pay. After all, isn't feeling comfortable when you're getting married more important than your budget? Getting married doesn't have a fixed price, the sky is the limit. It just depends on what your priorities are.

In New South Wales marriage civil celebrants, a second to Victoria costing around \$716, and coming in just above the national average.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.easyweddings.com.au/articles/average-cost-marriage-celebrant/>

<https://www.serviceseeking.com.au/blog/cost-of-celebrants/>

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