



Journeys of Love



Thank you for choosing me as your marriage celebrant for your upcoming wedding.

To help you prepare for our 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

- Evidence of date and place of birth - original Birth Certificates, extract or an Australian or overseas passport.
- Photo ID - valid passport or drivers' licence, proof of age card.
- Consent and Court approval (*if under 18 years of age*)

Other things you will need

- Date last marriage ended if divorced and court location.
- Copy of death certificate if widowed.
- Your parent's full birth names and current names (if known).
- Parents country of birth (if known).

Personal questions I am required to ask:

- Are you both over the age of 18
 - *if one of you is under 18. Do you have the consent form from a guardian?
 - *if one of you is under 18, do you have court approval?
- Are you related in any way? (e.g. brother, sister, father, mother)
- Have you been married previously?
 - *How was your last marriage end?
 - *Do you have supporting evidence regarding any said marriage?

Things I am required to give you:

- A copy of "Happily Ever Before & After", advice on relationships and relationship education brochures.

Things for you to ponder regarding your Marriage Ceremony

- Who will give the bride away? (e.g. Father, brother, sister, uncle guardian etc)
- Is the ceremony going to take place indoors or outdoors?
 - *Do you have all the relevant council permits and licenses (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 (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 (e.g. IPOD, Cd, DVD, Live)
- What type of vows do you want? (standard, customised)
- Are you exchanging rings and who will have the rings?
- Are you including any rituals, customs, traditions? (e.g. Sand ceremony, dove release, hand fasting ceremony, butterfly release)
- Who will witness the signatures on your marriage certificate? (two people are required and they must be over 18 years of age)

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

Kind regards

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