

# *Sample Basic Ceremony Book.*



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# *The Marriage of Bill & Lyn*

*Date: .....*



Music to play:

Good Afternoon everyone, my name is Adrian Downey, I am the celebrant for Bill & Lyn's marriage ceremony. I would like to welcome you all here on this special day.

Today is special for Bill & Lyn – They have chosen this day to publicly confess their abiding love for each other. A love they intend to embrace all the days of their lives.

They understand the significance of the vows they soon will take and they are eager to move into the next part of their journey together.

Bill & Lyn have chosen you their closest family and friends to be the people before whom they declare their love, their intentions and their commitment. They wish to thank you for sharing this day with them.

Bill & Lyn in the joining of your lives together in marriage you will be walking the same road together. You met as individuals and as you share your lives, allow each other room to grow and so become greater individuals.

Offer strength and encouragement when it is needed. Praise each other's efforts and realise their failures. Acknowledge all achievements, however small. Convey any thoughts, confident that they will go no further.

Express your fears and doubts without reservation.  
For it is trust and communication that will support and strengthen your bond of love and friendship and pave the road you will travel.

### **Giving Away**

Who brings Lyn to be married to Bill?  
“I Do” .....? (optional)

### **Monitum of Marriage**

Before I join you Bill and Lyn in marriage I am required to state that I am duly authorised by Law to solemnize marriage 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 of the relationship into which you are now about to enter

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

## The Asking

### Adrian to Bill

Do you, Bill, take Lyn to be your lawful wedded wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour her and keep her, in sickness and health and forsaking all others, keep only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Bill: I Do.

### Adrian to Lyn

Do you, Lyn take Bill to be your lawful wedded Husband?

Will you love him, comfort him, honour him and keep him, in sickness and health and forsaking all others, keep only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

Lyn: I Do

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## Vows

### Adrian to Bill

[Repeat after me]

I ask the people hear present to witness that I Bill take you Lyn to be my lawful wedded Wife (or spouse).

To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, while we both shall live.

### Adrian to Lyn

[Repeat after me]

I ask the people hear present to witness that I Lyn take you Bill to be my lawful wedded Husband (or spouse).

To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, while we both shall live.

## Wedding Blessing

May all that you are, always be in love. May all that is love, always be in you. May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration, and may each day you share be as precious to you as the day you first fell in love. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. May the challenges life brings your way make your marriage even stronger. And may you always be each others best friend and greatest love.

## Rings

You are symbolising your marriage by the exchange of rings, may I please have the rings?

### Ring Blessing

May these rings represent your love for one another. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go – may they always return to one another. May these two find in each other the love for which all men and women seek. May they grow in understanding and compassion. May these rings on their fingers symbolise their love.

(Ring vow may be added)

*Bill, please place Lyn's ring on her finger*

*Lyn, please place Bill's ring on his finger*

### Declaration of Marriage

We have this afternoon been privileged to hear Bill and Lyn make special promises to each other, we have heard them make vows to each other and we have witnessed the giving and receiving of rings.

And so as duly authorised it is my great honour and privilege to declare them Husband and Wife, spouse or partner.

Bill, you may kiss your Bride, Spouse or Partner.

### **The Signing of the Register**

I now invite Bill, Lyn along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the register and the certificate.

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### **The Presentation**

Ladies and Gentleman, it gives me great pleasure to now present the certificate of marriage to Bill and Lyn. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming as I now present for the first time as husband and wife, spouse or partner;

Mr & Mrs .....

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