

The Ceremony of Bill & Lyn

Date: 14.10.2018



Music to play:

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

Today is special for Lyn and Bill – 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.

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

Lyn and Bill in the joining of your lives together in marriage you decided to walk the same road together. You may have 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.

Marriage, as defined 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, continue to take Lyn as your lawful wedded wife? Do you promise to continue to love her, honour her, comfort her, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

Bill: I Do.

Adrian to Lyn

Do you, Lyn, continue to take Bill as your lawful wedded husband? Do you promise to continue to love him, honour him, comfort him, and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

Lyn: I Do

Vows

Adrian to Bill

[Repeat after me]

Today in front of family and friends, I Bill, solemnly renew my promise, to love and cherish you Lyn, to comfort and to care for you, to honour and protect you, throughout our lives together.

Adrian to Lyn

[Repeat after me]

Today in front of family and friends, I Lyn, solemnly renew my promise, to love and cherish you Bill, to comfort and to care for you, to honour and protect you, throughout our lives together.

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.

Bill, please take the ring for Lyn and while placing it on her finger please repeat after me;

*From this day forward, I recommit myself to you,
and this ring is a symbol of my love for you.*

Lyn, please take the ring for Bill and while placing it on his finger please repeat after me;

*From this day forward, I recommit myself to you,
and this ring is a symbol of my love for you.*

Declaration

We have this afternoon been privileged to hear Lyn and Bill 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.

Lyn and Bill, having witnessed your renewed vows, I hereby affirm your commitment to continue as husband and wife.

You may seal your renewal of vows with a kiss.

The Signing of the Certificate

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

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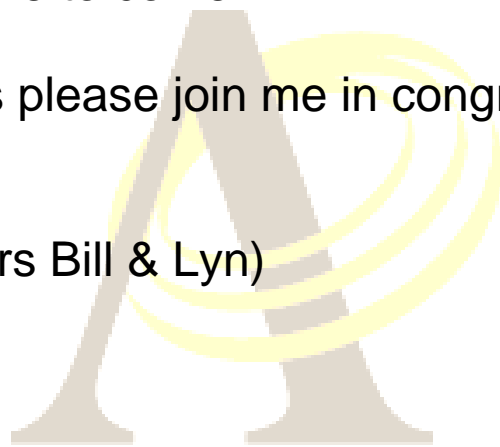
The Presentation

Family and friends, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Bill and Lyn have reaffirmed the love and commitment of marriage, as husband and wife, and will continue to honour these vows through eternity. As they continue their life together, we hope that their home brings them comfort shelter and contentment making it a safe haven in which to grow, for a long time to come.

Family and friends please join me in congratulating and welcoming;

Bill & Lyn (Mr & Mrs Bill & Lyn)

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Adrian Downey
NSW Celebrant