

Schedule of Fees

The basic fee of \$450 includes:

- Signing of all required documents and certificates, and lodging of relevant documents with registry office
- Four meetings
- Explanation of legalities
- Provision of up-to-date relationship support information
- Resources for readings and music
- Cumulative travel to 200kms
- Design of a personalised ceremony in ongoing consultation with the couple
- Delivery of personalised ceremony
- Use of PA equipment
- Presentation Certificate of Marriage
- Rehearsal

There are additional costs for travel over 200kms and travel expenses such as air fares, accommodation, meals and taxi fares. Also for costume hire, additional ceremonies such as a name-giving, and unusual activities such as rockclimbing or ballooning.



Roxanne has a background in nursing, welfare work and professional writing, as well as a life-long interest in different cultures and religions.

She has completed formal studies in all of the above and has gained a post-graduate Certificate of Civil Ceremonies through Monash University.

All of this has equipped her well with the skills, knowledge and experience to help you develop a wedding ceremony that is everything you want it to be for your wedding day.



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Your Wedding

*Congratulations!
You have found each other
and are ready to make the
commitment of a lifetime, to
declare your love before family
and friends. Your wedding
marks the beginning of a whole
new phase of your relationship.
It's your day, your ceremony,
and can be designed to reflect
who you are and what you
believe and all that you hope
for your future together.*



Your Ceremony

Some people prefer a ceremony that is very simple while others like to include many layers of symbolism. It's a very personal choice.

Whatever is right for you. Consider:

Where would you like the wedding to be held?

Options include a private home, the backyard, public parks and gardens, national parks and wildlife reserves, churches and private chapels, wineries, in hot air balloons or on a boat out to sea.

Your wedding can be held anywhere in Australia providing it has the space for the bride and groom, the celebrant, and two adult witnesses.

What readings would you like?

Poetry can say things that we find hard to express. Do you have any favorite poems or readings that speak to you, or which you have heard and liked?

Could someone write a poem for you?

Any prayers you would like included?

Or the celebrant can help you choose from her own collection of readings.

Are there symbolic ceremonies you would like included?

These are likely to include the exchange of rings but might also include smudging, candle lighting, flower petals, wishing stones, tree planting, handfasting, giving of gifts, breaking of the glass, or any of a range of cultural customs. Or you might like a theme wedding.

What music would you like to be played?

Music is usually played as people gather at the start, as the bride walks up the aisle, during the signing of certificates, and at the end. But it can be played at any time you choose.

Do you have favorite music?

Are there songs with special meaning for you?

Would you like somebody singing rather than recorded music?

Is there somebody in your family or among your friends who can contribute their own music?

Who would you like to be involved?

There are many different roles people can take in a wedding. These include, of course, bridesmaids and groomsmen, flowergirls and page-boys, and there are special roles for the parents of the bride and groom, and for any children of the couple, but there is also room for others to decorate the venue, drive cars, welcome guests, act as ushers, hand out booklets, read poems, write poems, manage the music, bring gifts, bring forward symbols, collect items, light candles, or keep a track of the rings as they are passed around for blessing.

A hundred jobs for a hundred guests!

The Exchange of Vows.

This is the most important part of the ceremony, where you tell each other how you feel and make your promises.

The vows must fulfil the requirements of Australian law, and your celebrant will explain this further, but within those guidelines you can incorporate whatever words best express what you want to say.

You can write the vows yourselves, use other words for inspiration, or draw from the celebrant's resource file.

You might like to use the same words as each other, or different ones. You might choose a poem and take the verses in turn.

You can read the vows from cards that you hold, or memorise them (and provide the celebrant with a copy so she can prompt you when needed), or follow the celebrant's lead.

It's entirely up to you!

Choosing your Celebrant

Celebrants come in all shapes and sizes. There are different levels of training and experience, and each one has their own distinctive personality and style. It's important to find the right celebrant for you, the one that you feel comfortable with and who understands what you are wanting in your ceremony.

So, shop around, meet as many as possible and ask questions. For a list of all authorized celebrants, go to the Attorney-General's website at:

www.ag.gov.au/mclisting
and search for your region.

