

MARRIAGE CEREMONY 3

<Party 1 full name> and <Party 2 full name> this is the time you have chosen to become husband and wife. We are here today, not only to witness your commitment to each other, but also to wish you every happiness in your future life together.

My name is <Registrar's full name> and I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law.

Before you are joined together in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am bound to remind you of the solemn and firm nature of the relationship you are about to enter.

Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the voluntary commitment of two people to the exclusion of all others and is entered into with the desire, hope and firm intention that it will last for life.

I shall now ask you to make your wedding vows. Please hold each other's right hand.

<Party 1 first name> <have you the wedding ring>? Please repeat after me.

I call upon all present to witness that I <Party 1 first name> take you <Party 2 first name> to be my lawful wedded <husband> <wife> <spouse> to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health while we both shall live. With this ring, a token and pledge of the vow made between us, I thee wed.

<Party 2 first name> <have you the wedding ring>? Please repeat after me.

I call upon all present to witness that I <Party 2 first name> take you <Party 1 first name> to be my lawful wedded <husband> <wife> <spouse> to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health while we both shall live. With this ring, a token and pledge of the vow made between us, I thee wed.

You have declared before all of us that you will live together in marriage. You have made special promises to each other, which have been symbolised by the joining of hands and the taking of vows.

By the authority vested in me I now pronounce you <husband> or <wife> or <spouse> and <husband> or <wife> or <spouse> OR <words to that effect>.

The ceremony is now concluded. I am sure that you all join me in wishing <Party 1 first name> and <Party 2 first name> a long and happy life together. We will now proceed to sign the marriage register.