

MARRIAGE CEREMONY 4

<Party 1 full name> and <Party 2 full name> this is the time you have chosen to **<be married> or <become husband and wife> or <words to that effect>**. We are all here this afternoon, not only to witness your commitment to each other, but also to wish you every happiness in your future life together. I say to you in the presence of these witnesses that I am duly authorised to solemnise marriages according to law.

Who brings this woman to stand with this man **<words to that effect>? <Response>**

<Insert reading – optional>

Before you are joined together in marriage in my presence and in the presence of your friends and 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 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. Have you **<the wedding rings> or <have you a wedding ring>? <Response>**

Please hold each other's right hand.

<Party 1 first name> do you wish to take this **<woman> <man> <person>** in marriage to be your lawful wedded **<wife> <husband> <spouse>?**

<Response>

And do you **<Party 2 first name>** wish to take this **<man> <woman> <person>** in marriage to be your lawful wedded **<husband> <wife> <spouse>?**

<Response>

That being so please **<Party 1 first name>** repeat after me

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I **<Party 1 first name>** take you **<Party 2 first name>** to be my lawful wedded **<wife> <husband> <spouse>**. I give you this ring as a symbol of the vow made between us.

<Party 2 first name> please repeat after me

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I **<Party 2 first name>** take you **<Party 1 first name>** to be my lawful wedded **<husband> <wife> <spouse>**. I give you this ring as a symbol of the vow made between us.

Ladies and gentlemen, 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.