

Good morning everyone. My name is Meg Marshall and it gives me great pleasure to be here as today's celebrant at the gorgeous Wedding Venue. Bride and Groom are both thrilled that you, their closest family and friends could be here today to help them celebrate their love for each other and to support their decision to continue life's journey together as husband and wife.

Bride and Groom have chosen a selection of family and a close friend to be their bridal party. Bride has her sisters Sister 1 and Sister 2 standing with her, while Brother, Groom's brother and Mate, his good friend support him today.

Bride and Groom met 7 years ago through mutual friends. Their ties to each other expanded as they moved into their house in Timbuktu, added a new kitchen and started their fur family of 2 dogs and a cat. In thinking about their ceremony today, and I suspect their lives moving forward, they were keen for things to be funny, easy going and warm. So to support that wish lets move into the formalities.

**I am duly authorised by law to solemnize marriages 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 about to enter.**

**Marriage according to law in Australia is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life.**

Bride and Groom you are now about to make promises to one another. Today these vows represent your intention to love and support each other and celebrate your life together.

Groom, do you take Bride to be your wife. Do you promise to share your life with her, support her dreams, laugh and cry with her, be her friend, and to love her with all that you are and all you will become?

Groom: I do

Bride, do you take Groom to be your husband. Do you promise to share your life with him, support his dreams, laugh and cry with him, be his friend, and to love him with all that you are and all you will become?

Bride: I do

Thank you

Groom please repeat after me:

I, Groom, call upon the persons here present to witness that I take you Bride to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward

Bride please repeat after me:

I, Bride, call upon the persons here present to witness that I take you Groom to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward

Bride's niece and nephew have been given the very serious job today of minding the rings. Niece and Nephew, can you please step forward with the rings.

Groom please repeat after me:

Bride, with this ring I wed you and promise my love always

Bride please repeat after me:

Groom, with this ring I wed you and promise my love always

It now gives me great pleasure to announce that you are husband and wife. Groom you may kiss your beautiful bride!

*\*The Kiss\**

In order to make this lovely union official, there are a few documents that we need to sign – we will be back with you as soon as possible.

*\*Document Signing\**

As I present you with your marriage certificate, I wish you every happiness together and thank you for allowing me to part of such a special day.

Now that the formalities are over, Bride and Groom can breathe easier and more importantly have their photos taken. They ask that everyone moves up to the Balcony for a group photo. Canapes and drinks will be served in the restaurant from 12pm.

I am incredibly honoured to introduce for the very first time – Mr and Mrs Smith!!!!