



## *Renewal of Vows / Second Weddings*

Reaffirmation or Renewal of Vows Ceremonies and second wedding ceremonies are celebrated for many reasons.

Sometimes people choose this ceremony to celebrate a significant wedding anniversary (anything from 5 years to 50, or more!) or a landmark birthday, or perhaps you were married overseas and wish to share a ceremony with your friends and family. Often a couple wishes to re-enact their marriage ceremony with family and friends who were not able to attend the original wedding, if for example, the couple married overseas.

A Renewal of Vows can also be celebrated when a particularly difficult patch in a marriage has passed, and to rekindle the marriage commitment.

The Renewal of Vows is not only an expression of love for each other, but also a remembrance of times past and of a renewal of hopes for the future.

A Renewal of Vows could be to re-enact a couple's wedding day with their old friends and new friends, as well as family, and possibly their children, to share their life, their history and love story in their latter years.

And sometimes, just because it feels like a good thing to do!

Whatever the reason, I will work with you to create a unique ceremony you will cherish. You can include any part of your original ceremony that you wish, including special music, and, if possible even invite members of the original wedding party to be involved. I will provide you with a variety of readings and ideas to help inspire you, and you may ask those close to you to contribute also, by sharing their stories and memories, giving readings, or reciting poems they have written specially for the occasion.

Generally, for such a ceremony, we spend a little time reflecting on your history, revisiting important events along the way, e.g. the birth of children, relocation of your home, and other key milestones and events that have taken place over the years. If you wish to exchange gifts or eternity rings to mark the occasion, this can be incorporated into the ceremony. If appropriate, your children or grandchildren can take a special part in the celebration, too.

Renewing your vows is a wonderful way to look back over the years you've shared with each other, honouring and celebrating the good times and the challenges, and is a lovely way to give thanks to each other and to those nearest and dearest, as you make your vows and wishes for the years you've yet to share.

There are **no legal requirements** for a Renewal of Vows or second wedding ceremony, so no birth or marriage certificates are required. The ceremony is usually very personal it is the tale of a couple's love and their commitment to see each other through the rest of life's journey.

To mark the event a certificate is issued including details of this celebration. As with your original Certificate of Marriage, there is space for you and your witnesses signatures, and mine as celebrant.

I will also give you a certificate and a copy of the ceremony as a keepsake.

If you are interested in holding a Reaffirmation/Renewal of Vows ceremony, simply contact me by phone or email and I will be happy to discuss your ideas and options with you.

Once you book the date, I will provide you with pages of:

Readings, sample vows to choose from, rings, vows, renewal of vows sample scripts, songs for the ceremony, guidelines and ideas towards the script.

### **What may the ceremony contain?**

A Re-Affirmation of Vows ceremony may perhaps contain any/all of the following;

- Pre-ceremony music
- Entrance music
- Introduction and welcome
- Acknowledgement of any absent friends or deceased relatives
- Acknowledgement of children from the marriage
- Poetry reading/extracts/songs/original pieces
- History highlights/recollections of couples (relatives/friends who attended the first ceremony)
- Renewal of vows
- Interactive symbols: eg re-dedication of rings, - giving of new rings/or gifts, exchanging of flowers etc
- Signing of Certificate/signing of witnesses
- Declaration and presentation of couple to guests
- Closing words of congratulations

### **What does my fee cover?**

- Complete choice of personalized ceremony.
- A package of information containing sample ceremonies, readings/poetry, rituals, music/songs etc.
- Unlimited access to me regarding your ceremony.
- A rehearsal at your chosen venue. (if required)
- A commemorative copy of your ceremony.
- A certificate of Renewal of Vows .
- A guarantee that I will arrive 30 minutes before your ceremony is due to commence.
- A guarantee of total familiarity with your ceremony and also that my part will be read with total interest and sincerity.
- Use of a PA system (including a music player) if required.

Here are the corresponding symbols and gifts for each Anniversary:

1st Wedding Anniversary -- paper  
2nd Wedding Anniversary -- cotton  
3rd Wedding Anniversary -- leather  
4th Wedding Anniversary -- flowers or fruits  
5th Wedding Anniversary -- wood  
6th Wedding Anniversary -- sugar or candy  
7th Wedding Anniversary -- wool  
8th Wedding Anniversary -- bronze  
9th Wedding Anniversary -- pottery  
10th Wedding Anniversary -- tin  
12th Wedding Anniversary -- linen or silk  
13th Wedding Anniversary -- lace  
14th Wedding Anniversary -- agate  
15th Wedding Anniversary -- crystal  
16th Wedding Anniversary -- silver hollowware, peridot  
17th Wedding Anniversary -- furniture, watches  
18th Wedding Anniversary -- porcelain, cat's-eye  
19th Wedding Anniversary -- bronze, aquamarine  
20th Wedding Anniversary -- china  
21st Wedding Anniversary -- brass or nickel  
22nd Wedding Anniversary -- copper  
23rd Wedding Anniversary -- silver plate  
24th Wedding Anniversary -- musical instruments  
25th Wedding Anniversary -- silver  
26th Wedding Anniversary -- original pictures  
27th Wedding Anniversary -- sculpture  
28th Wedding Anniversary -- orchids  
29th Wedding Anniversary -- new furniture  
30th Wedding Anniversary -- pearl  
31st Wedding Anniversary -- timepieces  
32nd Wedding Anniversary -- conveyances (including automobiles)  
33rd Wedding Anniversary -- amethyst  
34th Wedding Anniversary -- opal  
35th Wedding Anniversary -- coral or jade  
36th Wedding Anniversary -- bone china  
37th Wedding Anniversary -- alabaster  
38th Wedding Anniversary -- beryl and tourmaline  
39th Wedding Anniversary -- lace  
40th Wedding Anniversary -- ruby or garnet  
41st Wedding Anniversary -- land  
42nd Wedding Anniversary -- improved real estate  
43rd Wedding Anniversary -- trips  
44th Wedding Anniversary -- groceries  
45th Wedding Anniversary -- sapphire  
50th Wedding Anniversary -- gold  
55th Wedding Anniversary -- emerald or turquoise  
60th Wedding Anniversary -- diamond  
65th Wedding Anniversary -- diamond  
70th Wedding Anniversary -- platinum  
75th Wedding Anniversary -- diamond

## CHARGES

My fee is \$250.00; this includes assistance with preparation of the ceremony tailored to your requirements, delivery of the ceremony and certificate. This also includes use of my PA system should it be required based on the location and number of guests. A deposit of \$100.00 is required to confirm the booking and balance payable prior to the ceremony day.

## WHAT NOW

Should all of this strike a chord with you and you would like to know the best way to start preparing a ceremony, then you are welcome to contact me. I can arrange a meeting with you to discuss your ceremony requirements. Further information can be found on my website [www.nswcelebrant.sydney](http://www.nswcelebrant.sydney)

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