



Commitment Ceremonies



Commitment Ceremonies are celebrated for many reasons.

What is a commitment ceremony and how does it differ from a marriage ceremony?

A commitment ceremony is very similar to a wedding ceremony. The only real difference between the two is that one is legally binding while the other is not. A commitment ceremony stands as a public affirmation of a couple's commitment to one another, without it being recognised by the law.

Commitment ceremonies are a great way to have all the frills and fun of a wedding even if you can't or don't want to legally get married.

There are also other reasons why couples may choose a commitment ceremony over a legally-binding marriage ceremony. For instance, a couple who have both been in marriages previously may choose to demonstrate their love for one another through a commitment ceremony.

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 tailor the ceremony that you wish. 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.

There are **no legal requirements** for a Commitment 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. 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 Commitment ceremony, simply contact me by phone or email and I will be happy to discuss your ideas and options with you.

- Once you confirm your booking I will provide you with a login to my Client Resources area where you will find plenty of sample vow and readings to choose from, Commitment ceremony sample scripts, ideas for music for the ceremony, guidelines and ideas towards preparing your ceremony.

What may the ceremony contain?

A Commitment 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 relationship
- Poetry reading/extracts/songs/original pieces
- History highlights of your time together
- The Asking or "I Do"
- Vows
- Exchange of Rings
- 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 Commitment.
- 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.

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.
- [Booking Form Here](#)

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. You may view my calendar and check your ceremony date and my availability [here](#).
- If you would like to request a meeting for a date, time and place convenient to discuss your ceremony requirements you can use my online [Meeting Request form](#).

I can arrange a meeting with you to discuss your ceremony requirements. Further information can be found on my website www.nswcelebrant.sydney

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