

# Wedding Ceremonies—Heart2heart Ceremonies

*Celebrating you!*

*Marlee Bruinsma*

*Civil Marriage Celebrant*



*for a stress-free, relaxed and elegant  
wedding ceremony*



## Planning a ceremony—where do I start?

Your ceremony usually contains many different elements:

- \* Procession
- \* Welcome of Guests
- \* rituals
- \* readings
- \* exchange of vows
- \* exchange of rings
- \* music, and
- \* involvement of guests.

Many of these items are optional and will depend on the type of ceremony you want.

Your guests can be included through the use of guest vows or participating in readings and rituals eg. ring warming.

Rituals are elements such as lighting candles, handfasting, sand ceremonies, flower or wine ceremonies. There are lots of other rituals to choose from as well. They are an action accompanied by an explanation of the symbolic meaning of that action.

My role is to give you lots of ideas so that you can choose items that reflect your personality and style and the theme of your wedding.

Your ceremony can be elegant and traditional, more casual and relaxed and fun, alternative or contemporary.

The words, vows, readings, music and rituals and the choreography of the ceremony, all help to create the style and feel that you want for your ceremony.

I provide support and guidance to include your own ideas as well, so that you are happy with your ceremony and it is personal and unique.



## Your ceremony can include:



- \* Procession of bride/couple and attendants (music)
- \* Welcome of guests
- \* Giving away of bride/couple (optional)
- \* Some background about the couple or their beliefs or ideals
- \* Readings, poetry or statement about marriage and its meaning
- \* Other ceremonial inclusions eg. candle ceremony, sand ceremony
- \* The Asking—Are you ready to make your vows to each other...?
- \* The Celebrant's Authority (I am duly authorised by law to solemnise this marriage...)
- \* Vows
- \* Words on the Symbolism of Rings
- \* Ring vows and exchange of rings
- \* Declaration of marriage—you are now husband and wife!
- \* Closing ceremony (cake and wine, water ceremony, jumping the broom etc.) or reading
- \* The Kiss
- \* Signing register and certificates (music) then some photos of this
- \* Presentation of married couple
- \* Married couple and attendants (if any) walk to where guests can come and congratulate them—(the Recessional) (music)
- \* Photographs
- \* Celebration!

*Many of these elements are optional – the Celebrant's authority and the vows are important for a legal marriage. Apart from these elements, you can choose anything that you wish to include in your ceremony to reflect your beliefs or lifestyle or wishes for your marriage. You can have other rituals to include children, family or guests, or a theme eg. butterflies, medieval, purple, pirates...*



## Ideas for your Processional:

- \* Bride enters with a parent, brother or sister, or good friend to where the Groom is waiting.
- \* Bride enters with Maid of Honour, Bridesmaids and Flowergirls to where the Groom and his attendants are waiting.
- \* Bride enters with Best Woman to where Groom and Best Man are waiting.
- \* Groom and his attendants have their own procession five minutes before the Bride and her attendants.
- \* Bride enters with both parents to where the Groom is waiting.
- \* Groom enters with his parents, who then take a seat, followed in a few minutes with the Bride and her parents.
- \* Couple enter with their children to where we are waiting for them.
- \* Bride and her escort (father, mother, brother, sister, friend) enter to where the guests are, the Groom then comes and greets her and together they make their way to where the celebrant is waiting.
- \* Bride and Groom arrive first to greet their guests as they arrive.

*You can have live music or music on CD for your processional, if you choose to have one.*

*Here are some songs people have chosen for their processional:*

- Young and Beautiful by Lana Del Ray
- A Thousand Years by Christina Perri or Celia Pavey
- Just a Kiss by Lady Antebellum
- Just The Way You Are by Bruno Mars
- Marry Me by Train
- Every Time We Touch by Cascada (slow version)
- A Moment Like This by Kelly Clarkson
- I'm Yours by Jason Mraz
- I Won't Give Up by Jason Mraz
- Amazed by Lone Star
- Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
- You and Me by Lifehouse
- All of Me by John Legend
- Love is Easy by McFly
- I Will Follow You Into The Dark by Deathcab for Cutie
- Unconditionally by Katy Perry
- Marry Me by Jason Derulo
- Wings by Birdy
- Walking on Sunshine by Katrina and The Waves
- I Can Love You Like That by All 4 One
- You've Got The Love by Florence and the Machine
- By My Side by Ben Harper
- Ave Maria by Beyonce
- At Last by Etta James
- Canon in D by Pachelbel
- What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong
- All You Need is Love by The Beatles
- Groovy Kind of Love by Phil Collins
- L.O.V.E. By Natalie Cole or Nat King Cole
- Spring (Four Seasons) by Vivaldi
- Come Rain or Come Shine by Ella Fitzgerald
- Ain't No Mountain High Enough by Jimmy Barnes
- Slice of Heaven by Dave Dobbyn
- Sea of Love by The Honeydrippers



## Readings:

- \* By family or friends
- \* By you
- \* By the celebrant
- \* An opportunity to add a particular flavour to your ceremony—interesting (use quotes); romantic (poetry); lighthearted (what about Dr Seuss—Oh the Places You’ll Go?), traditional (eg. Corinthians – Love is patient...), or themed (eg. Medieval poetry)

### *Blessing of the Hands*

#### Traditional

*“These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you,  
that are holding yours on your wedding day,  
as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.*

*These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.*

*These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years,  
and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.*

*These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.*

*These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes;  
tears of sorrow, and tears of joy.*

*These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children.*

*These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.*

*These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.*

*And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours,  
still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.”*



## Vows:

- \* You can write your own vows or make choices from a wide selection of vows.
- \* Your vows need to contain certain words to make them legal.
- \* Your vows may be a combination of serious intent and light-heartedness eg. I promise to stand by you, whatever may come, and be honest, faithful and respectful of your needs and of the ways in which you are different to me. I promise to always support the All Blacks except when they are playing (your team name here).
- \* You can each have different vows or you may like to say the same vows.
- \* You can repeat your vows after the celebrant, write them in a beautiful card and read them to each other and then present the card to each other, or you may like to remember them and say them without prompting (with your celebrant there to prompt you if you forget).
- \* Your vows should mean something to you and be ones you are capable of keeping.
- \* Some couples like to recognise that everyone is human and so add to their vows some words such as “to the best of my ability, I will...” or “I will respect your intentions and your integrity as we try and live up to our vows, knowing that sometimes we will falter but we will try again...”

## Examples of Vows

I call upon everyone here to witness that I, <name>, take you, <name>, to be my lawful wedded wife/husband, my partner in life, and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will trust you and honour you. I will laugh with you and cry with you. I will love you faithfully through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the easy. Whatever may come, I will always be there. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my heart.

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I, full name, call upon the persons here present to witness that I take you, full name, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, for the rest of my life.

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I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, full name, take you, full name, as my lawful wedded wife/husband. I will make my home in your heart from this day forward. Today, (name), I join my life to yours, not merely as your (husband/wife), but as your friend, your lover, and your confidant. Let me be the shoulder you lean on, the rock on which you rest, the companion of your life. With you I will walk my path from this day forward.

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Celebrant: (Name), will you marry (name) this day? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honour and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep only to her/him, so long as you both shall live?

*Answer: I do.*

Couple then individually repeats after celebrant:

I come here today, (name), to join my life to yours and I ask everyone present to witness that I, (name), take you to be my lawful wedded wife/husband. In their presence I pledge to be true to you, to respect you, and to grow with you through the years. Time may pass, fortune may smile, trials may come; no matter what we may encounter together, I vow here that this love will be my only love.

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From this day forward, I, (full name), call upon the persons here present to witness that I choose you, (full name), to be my lawful wedded husband, to live with you and laugh with you, to stand by your side and sleep in your arms; to be joy to your heart and food to your soul; to bring out the best in you always; and for you, to be the most that I can. To laugh with you in good times; to struggle by your side in the bad; to give you solace when you are downhearted; to wipe your tears with my hands; to comfort you with my body; to mirror you with my soul; to share with you all my riches and honours; to seek joy and have fun with you as much as I can until we grow old, and still loving each other sweetly and gladly, our lives shall come to the end.



## Rituals:

- \* You don't have to include a ritual.
- \* Rituals are designed to symbolise the joining together of two people, or to acknowledge your heritage or ancestry or your children.
- \* Rituals are also a way of making your ceremony individual and including or interesting your guests.

## Examples of Rituals

### Wine Ceremony

The years of life are as a cup of wine poured out for you to drink.

This "Cup of Life" contains within it a wine with certain properties that are sweet and symbolic of happiness, joy, hope, peace, love and delight. This same wine also holds some bitter properties that are symbolic of disappointment, sorrow, grief, despair, and life's trials and tribulations. Together the sweet and the bitter represent "Life's Journey" and all of the experiences that are a natural part of it.

Those who drink deeply from the "Cup of Life" with an open heart and willing spirit,  
invite the full range of challenges and experiences into their being.

Celebrant pours wine into goblet and holds it up and says:

This "Cup of Life" is symbolic of the pledges you have made to one another to share together the fullness of life.  
As you drink from this cup, you acknowledge to one another that your lives have become one.  
Drink now, and may the cup of your lives be sweet and full to running over.

Celebrant hands glass to groom, who drinks, then hands it to bride, who drinks, who passes it back to celebrant.

Celebrant: As you have shared this cup of wine, so may you share your lives.

May all the sweetness that it holds for you be the sweeter because you taste it together.

May you find life's joys heightened, its bitterness sweetened, and all of life enriched by good company, stimulating work and great food and wine!

### Warming of the Rings

Around the world, wedding rings are the strongest and most visible sign of the bond these two people are about to make.

A commitment to life, to each other and to the future. As the words of this ceremony are spoken,  
the rings for <name> and <name> pass among you to give them your personal blessing before they exchange rings.  
In this way, the rings are not only a gift from <name> and <name> but are also given with the love, support and wisdom  
of all of you present here today.

At the exchange of rings between husband and wife: These rings, now warmed by those you love the most  
will forever show the world you are one and they will carry with them the eternal love and blessing of your families and friends.

### Handfasting

This is the Ribbon of Handfasting. The handfasting knot has long been associated with Celtic weddings in the old tradition.  
It symbolises unity and eternity. <name> and <name>, please take each others' right hand.

With this ribbon tied you become one  
As you begin the journey of marriage  
Remember that you are both unique  
And that your differences are what brought you together  
Do not try and change each other  
Instead grow together in all that you do  
Create your own lives, yet make them one  
And as you walk through life together, hand in hand,  
Let love guide you and the joy of life sustain you  
The bonds of this union are gentle, as is the knot that ties you in oneness.

(The hands are withdrawn from the ribbon.)

The ribbon has been removed, but the union of their hearts and spirits is one they freely choose.



## Ways of Including Children:

### *For very young children:*

- \* have someone bring your child forward to participate in a blessing of the family by the celebrant
- \* have your child carry a toy that the rings are tied onto and bring him/her forward when you come to exchange rings, eg. a teddy bear
- \* you can make promises to your child as well as to each other or promises to each other about supporting each other in your parenting
- \* mentioning your child in the ceremony and including a reading about families
- \* your child may be able to sit in a high chair close to you during the ceremony
- \* have readings about children
- \* if you have a guest book made up, you may like to have your child's handprint as a decoration on each page
- \* have your child dressed in colours to suit your bridal party.

### *For older children:*

- \* you can include readings about family/children in your ceremony or have an older child present a reading in the ceremony
- \* they can play a role as flower girls, bridesmaids, best men or ring bearers, or witnesses, depending on their age
- \* you can make promises to them in your vows
- \* you may give them a gift of a ring or necklace during the ceremony, with some words of thanks for being a part of your life and your family – thank you <name> for enriching our lives with <a favourite attribute of your child, eg your beautiful smile, your great sense of humour etc> and we promise to love you and nurture you and support you to reach your dreams and goals...
- \* they may participate in a family ritual such as candle lighting, pouring of sand or water or pebbles to represent the merging of all of you into the marriage
- \* they may give away the Bride or the Groom or both in the ceremony
- \* the gift of a flower to each child – as Rudolph Nemser said:  
“The flower symbolises the beauty of life. It also symbolises the meaning of your dedication. Whether a flower is beautiful or not; whether it comes into full bloom or not; whether it fulfils itself as a flower or not – depends upon the nurture it receives. No flower grows alone, apart from the sunshine and the rain, apart from the soil in which it lives. So, too, no child grows alone. May the flower then be a reminder of the beauty of fulfilment, and of the reward which comes from love and understanding, from teaching and example.” Marlee as the celebrant may ask you to repeat: As this flower has been nurtured by the rain and the sun and by the support of the earth we live on, we promise as your parents to provide you with all that you need to grow. Just as this flower represents the highest potential of a plant, so too do we promise to help you reach your highest potential by giving you our love and care and guidance to be all that you can be.

### *Younger and older children:*

- \* Children may be presented with a certificate of acknowledgement or participation.
- \* Children may sign a family certificate, along with the bride and groom.



## Legal Requirements:

### *Notice of Intended Marriage*

Your Notice of Intended Marriage can be lodged up to 18 months before your wedding and must be lodged at least one month beforehand.

Your Celebrant has the Notice and can witness your declarations.

Time runs from the day it is lodged with your Celebrant.

She holds on to the Notice and sends it in with your certificate to register your marriage with the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages after your wedding day.

To support your Notice, you will need your birth certificates or overseas passports.

If you have been married before,  
you also need a certificate to show how that last marriage ended.

### *Vows*

To ensure that your marriage is legal, there are certain words you must say in your vows. You can add your more personal vows to these words.

The legal vows are:

*I call upon the persons here present to witness  
that I, (full name),  
take thee (or you), (full name),  
to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband).*

### *Witnesses*

You need two witnesses over the age of 18,  
who are capable of understanding the nature of the legal ceremony that they are witnessing.

### *Changing your name after marriage*

If you are changing your name after marriage, then you will need to apply to the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages for a Certified copy of your marriage certificate.

This is done after your marriage has been registered with them.

At present, the fees for a standard certificate are \$40.50 and for a commemorative certificate, \$54.

There are also various name change kits available to help you with changing your name  
(I have a fact sheet which tells you more about this—see next page).



## Changing your name after marriage:

### *Applying for your certificate of marriage:*

You can apply for the certified marriage certificate from the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages at any time after your wedding. An application form is attached. This can be filled in with your payment of \$40.50 for the standard certificate or \$54 for the commemorative certificate and sent by me when registering your marriage or you can send it in after your marriage. If you are sending in this form, you will also need to attach proof of identity, outlined in the application. If sent in by me, you do not have to provide extra proof of identity as I have seen your identity documents and the Registry accepts the application with my paperwork.

You can visit the website for more information:

**<http://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/birth-death-and-marriage-certificates/marriage-certificates/>**

Your certificate may take 6—10 weeks to be issued by the Registry, depending on how busy they are. You can also ask for the certificate to be issued as a priority with the payment of an extra fee. You can contact them direct on 1300 366 430 if you have not received it after that time. You receive a certificate on the day, which is evidence of your marriage. This could be used to change your name until recent times. Now the Registry issued certificate is required by most institutions due to the need for increased security of identity.

### *Some of the agencies and institutions you may need to contact:*

Medicare and any private health insurance funds

Banks

Electoral Rolls

The Transport Authority in your State, eg. Transport Dept (Qld), RTA (NSW) etc.

Insurance and utility companies, eg. Telephone, electricity, internet provider

Passports Office (if you change the name in your passport within the first 12 months of marriage, they will not charge you an extra fee; after 12 months, you will need to pay for a new passport)

ATO

Centrelink if receiving benefits

Car registration

Library, Flybuys or other reward programs, store discount cards, Video store, other memberships

Superannuation Fund

Doctors, dentists etc

Your employer or education provider

Council or landlord

You may wish to change your email address too—often your internet provider allows a few different email addresses—check with them

This list is not comprehensive—

you may like to purchase a Name Change Kit eg.

[www.afterthewedding.com.au/namechangekit.html](http://www.afterthewedding.com.au/namechangekit.html)

[www.kardella.com](http://www.kardella.com)

[www.newlywed.com.au](http://www.newlywed.com.au)



## How does it all get put together?

### *Booking and Ceremony Planning Booklet*

To book me as your celebrant, the first step is to have an obligation-free meeting, so that you can ask me questions and see if you would like me to be your celebrant. If you decide to go ahead, then I ask for a booking fee of \$150, which comes off the balance of the ceremony fee. I give you a ceremony planning booklet with lots of readings, rituals and vows to have a look at and then get your feedback at other meetings or via email on what you would like in your ceremony.

### *Draft Ceremony*

Then I do a draft ceremony and send to you for checking and changing. Before the day, you will know exactly what is in your ceremony and will have approved the content.

### *Attending to the Legals*

We generally attend to the Notice of Intended Marriage at the second meeting to get this out of the way in time for your wedding. At our last meeting, we attend to declarations that you complete before your wedding. After your wedding, I register your marriage with the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages.

### *Rehearsal*

My standard and deluxe fees include an informal rehearsal before the day, running through the content of the ceremony, timing your procession and practicing any rituals, working out where we all stand and how the ceremony will flow, taking into account venue considerations and practicalities. This is an opportunity to play the music you have selected too and work out the timing. It is a good idea to have your attendants present at the rehearsal as well.

I only charge an extra fee if the rehearsal is likely to take more than 4 hours (unlikely but has happened on occasions for very formal weddings where all of the wedding providers are on stand by until called to rehearse their part!)

### *On the Day*

On the day, I am there at least half an hour beforehand to set up certificates, rituals, PA system, check the venue, help to greet the guests arriving and attend to any last minute details (eg. talk to the photographer, people who may be playing the music, the venue operator, obtain ceremony items brought for your use by your friends, eg candles, wine glasses for wine ceremony and ensure all the guests are ready for the start of your ceremony. After your ceremony, I congratulate you and leave you to your photographs and celebration.

### *Afterwards*

I give you information on obtaining a certified copy of your marriage certificate (if you are changing your name) and also send your information in to the Registry so that they can register your marriage. I can help you to follow up with them if you haven't received your certificate (if you have applied for one).



## Ceremony packages for Weddings

### Simple and Elegant - short and sweet package

#### Your wedding ceremony includes:

- an individual ceremony with your choice of vows, readings and other ceremony inclusions
- all legal paperwork and registering your marriage afterwards
- a short rehearsal (30 minutes)
- up to an hour's travel each way to your venue
- all meetings (unlimited)
- PA system so that your guests can hear your ceremony

Monday to Thursday	\$300
Friday and Sunday	\$375
Saturdays	\$400

### Get us married quick! - the elopement package

#### Your ceremony includes:

- a choice of three short ceremonies
- all legal paperwork and registering your marriage afterwards
- up to an hour travel to your venue (extra travel attracts an additional fee)
- all meetings
- a signing table and chairs if needed

Monday to Thursday	\$250
Friday and Sunday	\$300
Not available Saturdays	

### Add some frills and extra touches - the standard wedding package

#### Your ceremony includes:

- a ceremony written just for you with choices from an extensive range of ideas in my ceremony planning book
- your own ideas for your ceremony are also included
- all legal paperwork and registering your marriage afterwards
- a full rehearsal (up to an hour)
- up to an hour and a half travel each way to your venue
- all meetings (unlimited)
- PA system so that your guests can hear your ceremony
- signing table and two chairs if needed

Monday to Thursday	\$350
Friday and Sunday	\$425
Saturdays	\$450

### We're only doing this once, in style - the deluxe wedding package

#### Your ceremony includes:

- a fully bespoke ceremony with support and guidance to write your own vows or choose from an extensive range of vows, readings and rituals
- all legal paperwork and registering your marriage afterwards
- up to two hours travel each way to your venue
- the certified marriage certificate from Births Deaths and Marriages
- all meetings
- a full rehearsal - unlimited time
- a vows certificate
- a change of name kit
- signing table and two chairs
- PA system
- a bound copy of your ceremony as a keepsake
- certificates for all younger members of your bridal party

Monday to Thursday	\$400
Friday and Sunday	\$450
Saturdays	\$575



## About Marlee Bruinsma

I live on the border of Brisbane and the Gold Coast and conduct all types of ceremonies, from weddings to renewal of vows to baby namings. I am married with three children.

I often do several ceremonies for the same family over time.

Authorised as a celebrant in 2005, I have conducted over 400 weddings, from beautiful chapel weddings to garden weddings and handfastings.

Each wedding is different because each couple is different and this is the magic of a civil ceremony and the reason why I enjoy my job so much. Dealing with happy people is a bonus!

I see my role as guiding and supporting you to have the ceremony you want. You can choose from many different resources I provide for you and you have a full say in what you want for your ceremony. There are just a couple of items that you cannot change in order to keep the ceremony legal and everything else is your choice.

After I am booked, I give you a ceremony planning booklet and then get your feedback on what you would like. Then I prepare a draft ceremony to send to you.

I understand how busy life gets and am able to fit in with your hours and can visit you at your home as well, if need be, or at a convenient location.

A lot of your ceremony planning can be done via chat or email or phone—Skype or home phone—however it is also good to have a meeting so that we get to know each other a little. This allows me to add the personal touches to your ceremony that make it uniquely yours.

You can change or add to your ceremony as well. I also prepare all the paperwork to make the ceremony legal and register your wedding afterwards.

I specialise in stress-free relaxed weddings, for even the biggest formal wedding. Your wedding can be beautiful, elegant, sweet and relaxed all at the same time!

*Thank you for taking the time to look through this information. Please feel welcome to call me or email me with any questions you have. Warm regards, Marlee*



## Testimonials:

For us, the handfasting ritual was a great alternative to exchanging rings. Thank you so much for everything you did to help us create a ceremony that was reflective of "us". You made it very easy for us to put everything together. You have put together a great book of information and resources from which to build a ceremony. We feel so grateful that we were able to find such a great celebrant, given that we were searching from so far away (Canada).

*Jenn and Dan from Canada, who married in Queensland, Australia*

Dear Marlee

I also wanted to thank you again for all of your help and caring from the planning of our wedding, through to the day itself. Sean and I were so happy with everything, and really appreciated having you as our celebrant.

*Niki*

Marlee, thank you so much for everything you did for us, our ceremony was so perfect, and really did share that magic with everyone present on the day. Our day felt like a fairytale and you were a big part in making it so memorable.

*Matt and Kassie*

Marlee, we cannot thank you enough in regards to our wedding ceremony. It far exceeded our dreams of what we wanted on our special day. It was an absolute joy and pleasure to have had you as our celebrant. Everything you did on the day was perfect and you took our ideas and created a truly exceptional ceremony. We have had so much positive feedback from our guests. Above all we are so happy with how it all went, it could not have been better. We will always cherish and be uplifted by the magic of our wedding day.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

*Jasmine and Craig*

Thank you so much for making our wedding day the wonderful day that it was. You made everything leading up to our day seem easy. All the options and types of ceremonies you showed us just made it so easy to put together the ceremony we wanted and any questions we had were never any trouble for you. Our wedding ceremony was beautiful and all our guests commented on how nice it was and what a 'lovely lady' our celebrant was, but I am sure you hear that all the time. Once again, thank you for everything on our wedding day. P.S. The wonderful gift of our ceremony in print was very much appreciated.

*Stuart and Sarah*

Now that the honeymoon is over and all the excitement about the wedding has died down a bit we thought we'd write to you and thank you for conducting our wedding ceremony. We were thrilled with how perfect our ceremony was, and you were instrumental in this, as the words you spoke very nicely captured our relationship, as well as our feelings and philosophies. We had a lot of feedback about your role in the ceremony and it was all positive. Thank you very much for conducting the most important part of our day in a warm, yet professional manner. We will certainly recommend your services to other engaged couples in the future.

*Renae and Ryan*

Thanks so much for a beautiful ceremony. We had so many comments about how lovely it all was, so that was really nice. We really felt it was as special as we had always planned it to be and we are very happy as it was very much 'our ceremony' which was the vital key for both of us.

*Leah and Paul*

You really did such a wonderful job. And yes we will most certainly cherish our wedding day especially as you brought it all together so magically! It left such a huge impact on everyone. We will send you some pics as soon as we have them all in. We have had heaps of feedback all saying the same thing. "That was the best wedding I have ever been to" The Sand ceremony and the Stone circle/ceremony were extremely appreciated by everyone. It has left them all with a more holistic experience that they have taken home with them. Quite a number of people have told us how they can't stop talking about it to their friends. We shall send all our guests your web link so they can pass it on to anyone they think may like to use your services.

*Wendy and Robert*