

Components of a Wedding Ceremony

This is **just a guide** about the standard components that are in a ceremony. The parts **in red** must be included but everything else is up to you.

Many thanks

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Classic components	Suitable (yes, no, maybe)	Words	Comments
1. Preamble housekeeping issue. (after the service there will be photos, turn mobile phones etc)			
2. Instructions from the couple (feel free to clap, take photos, unplugged ceremony)			
3. Entering of each partner			
4. Music			
5. Welcome by celebrant (Some couples like to have Acknowledgement of Country this can be added at this point if desired).			
6. Giving away			One or more family members escort one or both partners down the aisle and give their blessing
7. Using full names at start			Must have somewhere
8. A bit about the couple			Could be from the celebrant of family or friend of the couple
9. A bit about marriage			

10. Declaration about Marriage in Australia	Yes	<p>"I Karen Ainley am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law.</p> <p>"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 now about to enter.</p> <p>"Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life."</p>	Must be before vows
11. The asking(do you ??? take ??? to be ??		This could be tied in with the ring ceremony if you wanted to	
12. Minimum vows Repeat after me	Yes	"I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, A.B. (or C.D.), take thee, C.D. (or A.B.), to be my lawful wedded wife or husband or spouse; or partner in marriage.	<p>Call upon can change to ask Persons can change to people</p> <p>Husband or wife can change to spouse Persons here present may change to everyone here, everybody here, everyone present here or everybody present here The couple may leave out lawful or wedded but not both</p> <p>Nick names should not be used for the vows but you can say:</p>

			I Elizabeth Jane (Liz) take you Peter John (buddy)
13. Personal vows		The couple write and say their own personal vows. This would be as well as the minimum vows above.	
14. Music poems etc any place you like			
15. Ring ceremony		If you decide to exchange rings I would come up with a few sample lines.	
16. The Declaration	yes	Celebrant now declares you married	
17. The kiss			
18. Blessing of those present			
19. Signing of register	yes		Require a table and chair 3 forms Two witnesses over 18 years
20. Music or something while this is happening			
21. The presentation			It gives me great pleasure to present ... however you want to be introduced
22. The leaving			Music, confetti ...
23. Theme: Some people love the idea of a fancy dress themed wedding			
24. Other rituals or symbols candle lighting ,element well wishing, exchange of flowers, parents or children well wishing, jumping over the broom, wine ceremony, mixing sand, hand binding , family unity ceremony ,prayers, blessings etc			These can be woven into the ceremony