

Declaration of Marriage

The author has put this collection together as a result of many requests from couples to provide suggestions for something different for ceremonies. This book is the accumulated experience of over fourteen years of being a civil celebrant. The author has selected sections of ceremonies that have appealed to her.

She hopes that couples find it a useful, workable model from which to build their own ceremony. There are also included suggestions for music. The final section is on special ceremonies that can be worked into the order of ceremony.

There are four readings which can be mixed and matched that are contained in this document.

The declaration of marriage is traditionally one of the last parts of the ceremony and is often just before the signing of the register and certificates.

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Option One

Ladies and Gentlemen, (Bride's name) and (Groom's name) have declared before all of us that they will live together in marriage. They have symbolised it by their vows and exchange of rings. On your behalf I now pronounce them man and wife.

Option Two

We recognise with full awareness that only a couple can truly administer marriage to each other and only a couple can truly sanctify it. Only two hearts pledged to love for life can truly join together

(Bride's name) and (Groom's name), on behalf of the family and friends who love you, both here and faraway, and on behalf of the larger family of human kind to which we all belong, I recognise and honour you as husband and wife, as soul mates. We celebrate your union which you have shared with us this day. May that glory which rests upon all who love, rest upon you, bless you, and fill you with happiness and a gracious spirit. Despite all changes of time and fortune, may all that is noble and lovely and true abound in your hearts, and abide within you. May it give you strength in all your days together. May you accept life's rewards and bear its burdens together for all time.

So may it be.
You may kiss

Option Three

By the power invested in me by the Commonwealth of Australia I now pronounce you man and wife

Option Four

Ladies and Gentlemen, (Bride's name) and (Groom's name) have declared before all of us that they will live together in marriage. They have symbolised it by their vows and their exchange of rings. Therefore, on your behalf, and on behalf of the community, I now declare them to be husband and wife.