



*Groom and Bride*

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*Our Wedding Day*

*Celebrated at*

*Hamilton Island Resort*

*Whitsunday's Queensland*

*Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2010*



Officiated by

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## *The Wedding of Groom and Bride*



### **Introduction**

Real love in marriage is something beyond the warmth and glow, the excitement and romance of being deeply in love. It is caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as about your own.

Real love is not being totally absorbed in each other. It is looking outward in the same direction together. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger so you can reach out and become involved with life in ways you dared not risk alone.

The beautiful thing about love is that it's an experience we share with the whole of mankind throughout the world. And yet to everyone who falls in love, it is the most unique, precious thing in the world. A really happy marriage is founded on love. Love works in ways that are wondrous and strange. There is nothing in life that love cannot change.

Love is, of its nature, unselfish, understanding and kind. Love sees with the heart and not so much with the mind. There can be no stronger bond between husband and wife to ensure and secure a happy married life. Harmonious wedded life is a precious gain to both man and woman, because as we said before, joys are increased and sorrows diminished by being shared. Marriage increases the scope of responsibility, but it also adds the dimension of love to life, giving it new meaning and new purpose.

### **To Groom and Bride**

On this day Groom and Bride, the day of your marriage, you stand somewhat apart from others by this open expression of your love. And this is as should be, but love is not meant to be the possession of two people alone. Rather it should serve as a source of common energy, an energy that gives you the strength to live your lives with joy and courage.

### **Reading**

Groom and Bride, this reading is adapted from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13. It speaks to us about the love you share as an ideal in your relationship.

### *Groom and Bride,*

*Love is always patient and kind, it is never jealous*

*Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish*

*It does not take offence, and is not resentful*

*Love takes no pleasure in other people's faults*

*But it delights in the truth.*

*It is always ready to excuse, to trust, and to hope*

*It is always ready to endure whatever comes, and finally*

*True love does not come to an end.*



## Statement from the Marriage Act

My name is Ivan Conway, I am a Civil Marriage Celebrant duly authorised to solemnise marriages according to law. Before you, Groom and you Bride are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I have an obligation to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter.

Marriage according to law in Australia is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

## The Giving Away of the Bride

When thinking people conclude what are the real values in life, and come to decide what really matters – it is human relationships.

One of the most understated but deepest relationships in human life is that between the caring father and the loving daughter. One of the rare occasions this relationship is acknowledged is at a wedding ceremony. **\*(father, brother, son)** represents all of us, he particularly represents his family, but today in a special gesture, he symbolises his own personal love for his **\*(daughter, sister, mother)**. So mindful of these values I now ask him. -- Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

**(\*) to respond:** I do.

## The Asking

Groom and Bride, I now ask you to affirm to each other that you freely choose to combine your lives in matrimony together. Are you ready to do so?

**Groom and Bride Respond:** We are.

Groom, will you take Bride to be your lawful wedded wife? Will you love and respect her, be honest with her, and stand by her through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

**Groom to respond:** I will

Bride, will you take Groom to be your lawful wedded husband? Will you love and respect him, be honest with him, and stand by him through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

**Bride to respond:** I will

## Our Marriage Vows

**Groom:** *I call on all present to witness that I, Groom, take you, Bride, as my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, for the rest of my life.*

**Bride:** *I call on all present to witness that I, Bride, take you, Groom, as my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, for the rest of my life.*



## The Giving and Receiving of the Rings



Groom to place the ring on Bride's finger.

Groom: *Bride, I give this ring to you as my personal gift. It is my promise of love and trust, and pride that you are my wife.*

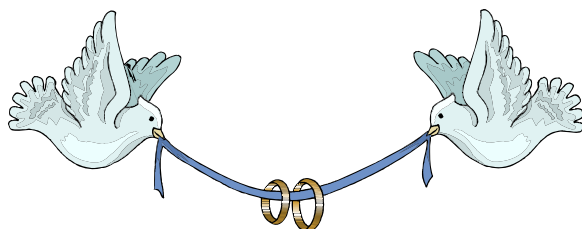
Bride to place the ring on Groom's Finger.

Bride: *Groom, I give this ring to you as my personal gift. It is my promise of love and trust, and pride that you are my husband.*



Ivan:

*The roundness of these rings  
Betokens the endlessness of love.  
Their pure metal speaks of the purity of love.  
Their value reminds us that  
We should defend and protect  
That which we hold most valuable in life.  
You will wear them with love and with honour.*



This beautiful poem is called, "To a Marriage" by Brian Zouch.

*To Groom & Bride*

*In your hands you hold the key to life  
The key to open up the door of love  
The strength to face together joy or strife  
And all of human frailties rise above*

*You take a vow this day to be as one  
In all you do – in all that you aspire  
And let there be no one beneath the sun  
Who'd seek to put asunder your desire.*

*And let us wish this knot we tie this day  
Be firm and strong against the test of time  
And let our children's children say  
That all was good and right and fine.  
And so in all humility and in this place  
We cast your love into the hands of fate  
For it is written true that all you face  
If faced with love, you'll triumph and be great.*

*For greatness lies within the souls of lovers  
There is no power can tear it from your grasp  
It bonds your hearts as one, to one another's  
As Alpha and Omega – first and last.*

*So go you forward from this place this day  
And as you journey 'long the road of life  
Know that you stand together, come what may  
For true love comes just once, not twice, not thrice.*

## The Declaration of Marriage

Groom and Bride you have declared before us that you will live together in marriage. You have made special promises to each other. You have symbolised it by joining hands, taking vows and by exchanging rings. So therefore, according to my appointed authority and in the presence of these witnesses, I now declare you to be husband and wife.

Groom you may now kiss your Bride.

## The Signing of the Register and Marriage Certificate



*Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride*