

# White Feather Celebrations

## WEDDINGS - INFORMATION KIT

**First of all, congratulations!**

You and your partner have made the first step in the wonderful journey of marriage. Thank you for making the decision to have me officiate your love and commitment. I am over the moon and so honoured to share this time with you.

My name is Katie Golik, and I am the director of White Feather Celebrations. I am an authorised marriage celebrant, and I also can do baby namings, vow renewals, funerals, as well as special events like 21st birthdays and anniversaries.

### **1. My Approach**

I like to approach celebrations similarly to my everyday life - with purpose, meaning and a little bit of fun thrown in! I am committed to you and your ceremony, and everything in between. I'm a professional at all times and would be happy to answer any questions you may have pertaining to your ceremony.

### **2. Legals**

- There are some forms that need to be signed by you and your witnesses on the day to make your ceremony legal.
  - Notice Of Intended Marriage
  - Declaration of No Legal Impediment
  - Official Certificate of Marriage

### **3. Religion and Rituals**

- There are various rituals that can be included in your ceremony, such as:
  - Hand-Fasting
  - Candle Lighting
  - Love Letters
  - Time Capsule
  - Wine Ceremony
  - Pass The Rope
  - Tree Planting Ceremony
  - Passing of the Rings
  - Hand and Feet Cleansing

## **4. Different Types of Marriages**

Some potential marriages are not so straight forward. There may be different cultures coming together, or children from another marriage. Whatever your situation may be, I am happy to make your dream become a reality.

“Today, we wish to acknowledge the joining of two cultures. Culture is such an important thing, now more than ever. It’s something unique that you bring to your marriage, that you can share with your partner and those experiences can last a lifetime.”

“Sometimes it can take someone to hurt you to realise where you need to be. These two people have been through some truly inspirational things, including having their children. I am honoured to be here today to join these two families together, as one.”

## **5. Outline Of A Wedding Ceremony**

- **Entrance**

The entrance and first look of one partner to the other is one of the most important parts of the entire ceremony. It’s a chance for the couple to see each other in a new, exciting, beautiful light. It’s the start of a new life together and something wonderful.

- **Welcoming**

The welcoming of your guests to your special day makes them feel included and appreciated. It also shows that the ceremony is about to begin.

“Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the wedding of Darryl and Tracy. I would like to acknowledge Tracy’s family that have travelled all the way from the US to be here today for this beautiful ceremony.”

“Good afternoon family and friends, and welcome to the ceremony of Mark and Jaydon. Today’s guestlist may be small, but the couple have chosen you to be here for a reason. They want to share their beautiful love story with their closest circle, you.

- **Readings, Music, Poems**

There may be a special reading, song or poem that you may want to include in your ceremony that has significance to you or your loved ones.

- **Celebrants Role**

My role as a celebrant is to make sure the ceremony runs smoothly, as well as to make sure all the documents are filled out correctly and actioned accordingly.

- **Acknowledgement Of Family**

Welcoming all family and friends including those who have travelled from far away or overseas, as well as acknowledging people that are no longer with us.

- **The Asking**

The Asking is when parents permission is sought in giving away the bride with a mixture of seriousness and wittiness. There are also other options, such as:

- If the bride does not wish to be given away, but would like both parents to affirm their blessings on the marriage, or
- The couple would prefer a community vow of support instead of a “giving away.”

- **Personal Vows**

The personal vows give the couple a chance to express their love, devotion and commitment to each other in their own words.

- “Anna, I love you more than life itself. Your smile makes the sun shine just that little bit brighter, and the sound of your voice makes my heart sing.”

- **Rings**

The exchanging of rings can be a symbol of your binding love for each other. There are a couple of options in regards to wedding rings:

- Both parties wear a ring each
- The ‘groom’ does not receive a ring, so the ‘bride’ will accept the ring placed on her finger.

- **The Kiss**

Obvious!

- **Certificates and Signing of Documents**

There are 3 certificates that will need to be signed on the day. These will be provided by White Feather Celebrations. You will need two witnesses to sign them for legal reasons. These witnesses need to be over 18 years of age.

- **Declaration of Marriage**

This is the first official introduction to your loved ones as a married couple.

**Code of Practice -**

<https://www.ag.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Code%20of%20practice%20for%20marriage%20celebrants.pdf>

**Complaints -**

<https://www.ag.gov.au/families-and-marriage/marriage/complain-about-marriage-celebrant>

**Happily Ever... Before and After**

<https://www.ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Marriage/Documents/happily-ever-before-and-after.pdf>

**Relationship Services**

Centacare

<https://centacarebrisbane.net.au/marriage-and-relationship/pre-marriage-education/>

Better Relationships

<https://betterrelationships.org.au/>

Prepare - Enrich

<https://www.prepare-enrich.com.au/for-couples>

Partner 1 -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 2 -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Want to get started?**

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