



Personal, Modern, Relaxed & Engaging Ceremonies

# *Sally Corfield* CELEBRANT

# *Congratulations on your engagement!*

I'm Sally Corfield, an authorised Civil Celebrant, Civil Partnership Notary and JP (Qual), performing marriage, commitment and civil partnership ceremonies across Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast and South East Queensland.

I'm a warm and friendly, modern and professional full-time celebrant with a love for creating genuine, engaging and intimate ceremonies for couples who are after something really personal and a little less formal and traditional.

I love ceremonies, but more importantly I love what they symbolise... the commitment, the love, the promises... the first moments of the rest of your lives as husband and wife/ wife and wife/ husband and husband!

I love that each couple I meet is unique – you've travelled your own path to get to this point in your life. You have your own personal reasons and expectations for your marriage, your own ideals and values and your own vision for your ceremony and wedding.

I am a big believer in love and I 100% support marriage equality. I am thrilled that as of Saturday 9 December 2017, same sex couples can finally have equal rights and be able to marry the love of their lives! I can't wait to be a part of many wonderful ceremonies!

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Invest in a professional, experienced and highly regarded celebrant for the most important part of your big day!

I would love the chance to meet with you over coffee to have a chat about your ceremony and to see if I'm the right celebrant for you.

*Sally*



*The National Association of Professional Celebrants*

# Personalised Ceremony Package

The perfect ceremony for your perfect day!

Together we can create a ceremony that really reflects you, engages your guests, sets the tone for your whole wedding, and is personal, modern, relaxed & engaging.

## Your Package Includes:

- A free, no-obligation initial appointment
- Supply, advice and lodgement of Notice of Intended Marriage form and all of the legal documents taken care of for you.
- Unlimited telephone and email support.
- A Welcome Kit, complete with all of the forms and information you need to know.
- Lots of planning resources, ideas and inspiration to create a ceremony that suits your personalities, style and vision for your ceremony
- Lots of great ideas and special ways to include your children, families, pets, or quirky interests into your ceremony.
- Lots of support in the lead up and on the day to make sure your wedding ceremony runs smoothly and stress-free.
- A ceremony planning meeting.
- A unique, personalised and meaningful ceremony written just for you – your ceremony can be anything you want it to be – whether you'd like a traditional ceremony or something more light-hearted and relaxed, we can work together to create a ceremony that 'fits' you!
- Beautifully written ceremony presented in a heart-felt, light-hearted, relaxed yet professional tone! Unlimited edits of your ceremony script until it is perfect.
- A final meeting or ceremony rehearsal (additional fee may apply depending on location of your rehearsal)
- A beautifully printed keepsake copy of your wedding ceremony.
- A keepsake Marriage Certificate presented to you at your ceremony
- Free use of my signing table, chairs & signing pen, if you need these.
- A clear and professional presentation using a high quality wireless PA system and microphones
- PA system can also be used to play music from your iPhone, iPad or USB.
- Travel within Brisbane (travel fees apply outside of Brisbane) – Ask me for a quote

## \$750.00

*\*Additional fees may apply for travel, special inclusions or extra requests.*

# Short and Sweet Ceremony Package

Perfect for couples who are after a short, simple and sweet ceremony to formalise their relationship in front of their family and friends, in a relaxed and light-hearted ceremony.

## Your Package Includes:

- A free, no-obligation initial appointment
- Supply, advice and lodgement of Notice of Intended Marriage form and all of the legal documents taken care of for you.
- Unlimited telephone and email support.
- A Welcome Kit, complete with all of the forms and information you need to know.
- Support in the lead up and on the day to make sure your wedding ceremony runs smoothly and stress-free.
- A short and sweet ceremony that celebrates your love, and legalises your marriage.
- Option to walk down the aisle and add a 'giving away' if you like.
- The option to add readings or a poem of your choice
- Option to add your own personal vows (I have a guide to writing your own vows which can help with this)
- Option to exchange wedding rings or another token (if you want – this is not a legal requirement)
- Your ceremony performed at the time, date and location of your choice.
- As few or as many guests as you'd like (min of 5 people must be in attendance – the bride, the groom, the celebrant and 2 witnesses over the age of 18)
- Your ceremony presented in a heart-felt, light-hearted, relaxed yet professional tone!
- A final meeting to sign the last documents or ceremony rehearsal (additional fee may apply depending on location of your rehearsal)
- A keepsake Marriage Certificate presented to you at your ceremony
- A clear and professional presentation using a high quality wireless PA system and microphones
- PA system can also be used to play music from your iPhone, iPad or USB.
- Travel within Brisbane (Travel fees apply outside of Brisbane) – Ask me for a quote
- Option to organise everything via email if you're overseas or interstate and are unable to meet in person.

## \$600.00

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# Basic Legal Ceremony Package

A great alternative to a Registry Office ceremony!

Perfect for couples who are after the simplest basic legal ceremony to legalise their relationship.

## Your Package Includes:

- A free, no-obligation initial appointment Simple, quick and easy to organise – we only need to meet once before the ceremony!
- All the legal side of things taken care of professionally for you – no fuss or hassle!
- Supply, advice and lodgement of Notice of Intended Marriage form and all of the required legal documents
- Unlimited telephone and email support
- A Welcome Kit, complete with all of the forms and information you need to know.
- A very basic ceremony to legalise your marriage (required compulsory wording to make your marriage legal)
- Option to exchange wedding rings or another token (if you want – this is not a legal requirement)
- A maximum of 10 guests is suggested as this really is a very short and basic ceremony – if you're having a bigger ceremony, the Short and Sweet Package might be a better option for you.
- Your ceremony presented in a professional manner
- The final documents signed at your ceremony, before we commence. This means you will see each other before your ceremony so if you prefer to meet before the day, the Short and Sweet Ceremony might be a better option!
- A keepsake Marriage Certificate presented to you at your ceremony
- A clear and professional presentation using a high quality wireless PA system and microphones
- Travel within Brisbane (travel fees apply outside of Brisbane) – Ask me for a quote
- Option to organise everything via email if you're overseas or interstate and are unable to meet in person.
- Letter prepared for Department of Immigration if required for fiancé visa or immigration purposes.

**Mon – Thurs     \$450.00**

**Fri - Sun         \$500.00**

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# The Legals – What You Need to Know

In order for a marriage ceremony to be legal in Australia, there are certain requirements that must be met.

- Marriage equality laws come into effect on Saturday 9 December 2017. Same sex couples can lodge their Notice of Intended Marriage on this date with their celebrant.
- You must complete and lodge a [Notice of Intended Marriage form](#) (NOIM) with your chosen celebrant, at least one month prior, and no earlier than 18 months, to the date you wish to be married. For example, if you wish to be married on the 3rd of December 2018, you would need to lodge the NOIM with your celebrant on or before the 3rd November 2018. This is really, really important! There are exceptions to this rule, so if you need to be married with less than one months' notice, please let me know immediately and I'll advise you on the legalities and process for this.
- You must both sign the Notice of Intended Marriage in the presence of a qualified witness (this can be your celebrant)
- **Your celebrant must sight original identity and eligibility documents for both of you. These must include:**
  - Your original birth certificate or passport +
  - Photo ID (passport or drivers licence) +
  - Proof of dissolution of previous marriage if either of you have been married before (eg. divorce certificate/death certificate)
- If you have any trouble obtaining any of these original documents, please let me know as soon as possible, so I can advise you of how to go about obtaining these. By law, a marriage cannot be solemnised without all original documents being sighted by the celebrant prior to the ceremony. I ask that all documents be presented no later than our final meeting/rehearsal (although the sooner, the better!)
- If your documents are not in English you must present the original document plus a NAATI accredited translation of the original.
- You will need to arrange to have two witnesses present at your marriage ceremony. These witnesses must be 18 years of age or over, of sound mind, and be able to understand and comprehend the ceremony. They will also be required to sign the marriage certificates as witnesses.
- A translator/ interpreter will be required to translate any documents that are not in English, and to translate during the ceremony for a bride, groom, or witness who does not speak or understand English. This service will need to be organised by the couple.

# The Legals – Your Ceremony

- Your ceremony must be conducted by a Commonwealth authorised marriage celebrant. You can check this at <http://marriage.ag.gov.au/marriagecelebrants/civil> (Yes, I'm on there!)
- A Declaration of No Impediment to Marriage MUST be signed before your ceremony can commence. I will have this form prepared for you to sign at our final meeting/rehearsal.
- You are not legally required to exchange wedding rings or say your own personal vows – this is an optional personal choice.
- There are 3 main parts that need to be said during your ceremony for your marriage to be legal. Other than these words, your ceremony can be ANYTHING you want it to be!
- Your celebrant must say:
  1. *“My name is \_\_\_ and I am a Commonwealth Marriage Celebrant authorised to solemnise marriages according to law.”*
  2. *“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. Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.”*
  3. Both parties must say (these words can be repeated after the celebrant):

**Partner 1:** *“I call upon the persons here present to witness that I (full name) take you (full name) to be my lawful wedded husband/ wife/ spouse.”*

**Partner 2:** *“I call upon the persons here present to witness that I (full name) take you (full name) to be my lawful wedded husband/ wife/ spouse.”*
- At the end of the ceremony, both partners, celebrant and two witnesses sign 3 marriage certificates – one for the celebrant's records, a keepsake certificate for the couple, and one to be sent to the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

# Marriage Certificates & Changing Your Surname

At your marriage ceremony you will be presented with a beautiful keepsake certificate that we sign at the end of your ceremony. This commemorative certificate however, is not an official document, and cannot be used to prove your marriage to government agencies, banks, immigration etc.

Many couples find they need an 'official marriage certificate', whether it be for legal proof of your marriage, for immigration or Visa purposes, or for either party to change their surname to the other's.

The 'official marriage certificate' can be ordered from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) after your wedding, in a couple of different ways:

- We can complete the marriage certificate application form together at our final meeting or rehearsal, and I can send it in together with all of the marriage documents from your ceremony, on the next business day after your wedding. There's no need to present send in certified copies of ID if you send your form through your celebrant.
- If you prefer, you can complete the form [online](#) and post in with certified copies of the required identification
- Visit BDM in person at Level 32, 180 Ann Street, Brisbane with your completed form and original identification.

The official marriage certificate from BDM is a recognised identity document and can be used as proof of change of name – just show your certificate when you apply to government agencies and banks to change your surname.

There is no need to complete an official Change of Name if you are simply changing your maiden surname to your married surname (either party can take the surname of their spouse). If you wish to hyphenate your maiden and married surname, or add your maiden surname as a middle name, or make any other amendments to your name, this may require an official Change of Name through BDM. Get in touch with them for more info.

## Marriage Certificate Fee

*Paid directly to the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Standard postage included.*

Official Marriage Certificate	\$46.60
Official Marriage Certificate + Commemorative Certificate ( <i>see designs online</i> )	\$61.00



# Reviews



“Sally was everything we could have asked for and more in a celebrant. From her incredibly helpful planning, to new ideas for the day, to script writing, to run throughs, to not only delivering the ceremony perfectly - but for also doing it in the rain - Sally you are an absolute star and we could not speak any more highly of you. Thank you so much for all that you did, you were outstanding!”

**Jess and Kadie**

Civil Partnership Oct 2017 /Spicers Tamarind Maleny

*Photo Credit: [Matt Rowe Photography](#)*



“Sally has so much warmth and an infectious smile which as well as her professionalism makes her the perfect choice for the celebrant of any style of wedding. Thank you so much for our beautiful ceremony. Everyone commented about how lovely you were and how the ceremony was really special.

**Sharon and Ken**

Married June 2017/ Mooloolaba Yacht Club

*Photo Credit: [Forever in This Moment Photography](#)*



“Thank you for all of the work you put into our ceremony. It was absolutely beautiful, funny, and so many people have commented on how brilliant and smiley and lovely you were!”

**Cathy and Hass**

Married May 2017/ Victoria Park

*Photo Credit: [Melanie Rose Photography](#)*



“Sally is so down-to-earth, relaxed and happy in her nature. Being a celebrant suits her to a T and she did an AMAZING job - not only as stated by my husband and I, but our guests commented too!”

**Nikki and Aaron**

Married April 2017/ Riverlife

*Photo Credit: [Love from Luff Photography](#)*

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# So, where to from here?

- Contact me to arrange a free, no-obligation meeting to have a chat about your ceremony and see if I'm the right celebrant for you.
- At our first meeting, I'll go through all of the important legal information you need to know, run through the different packages and options, and if you decide to go ahead with your booking, we can complete the Notice of Intended Marriage form. (It's a good idea to bring along your [original identification](#) to this meeting)
- Once you've booked my service and paid a \$100 deposit to secure your booking, I'll send through all of the planning information, ideas, resources etc.
- If you've booked the Personalised Package, I'll send through the questionnaire for you both to sit down and fill in. It will take a bit of time to fill in, and it really makes you think about why you are getting married, what it means to you, and what you want from married life, and it's a great tool for me to get to know you better and what you want for your ceremony!
- Once you have completed the questionnaire and sent it back to me, we'll book in a planning meeting where I get to know you both a bit better and we discuss all of the finer details of your ceremony.
- If you've booked the Short and Sweet Package, I'll send through a form for you to complete with all the details for your ceremony and your script preferences.
- I'll then get working on the draft copy of your ceremony and once I have sent this through to you, we can go back and forth with your script until it's just right.
- About a week before your ceremony, we'll have a ceremony rehearsal or final meeting to sign the last few documents, complete the marriage certificate application form and to finalise all of the details.
- Your ceremony day! Relax, enjoy every moment of your day, and be assured I have your ceremony all under control. I will present your ceremony in a heart-felt, light-hearted, relaxed yet professional tone, and I'm very good at calming nervous brides and grooms before the ceremony begins!
- Congratulations, you're married!!!
- On the next business day following your ceremony, I'll lodge all of your paperwork as required for your marriage to be registered with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- If you've applied for the official marriage certificate, you should receive this in the post from the Registry of BDM within 2 – 6 weeks and you can then start the big process of changing your surname, if you choose to!

# Let's Meet!

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**Get in touch to book in a Free, No-Obligation Initial Meeting**

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