



ABOUT ME

As long as I can remember, I always wanted to be a journalist. It was never about being on the telly or seeing my name in print - I just figured out really early on that there was a job out there that paid you to talk to people;)

For the past 20 years that's just what I've done - as a broadcast journalist, PR professional and public speaker. It means I've got a lot of experience in the importance of good communication and planning – and I know deep, deep in my heart and head just how powerful words can be in making special moments infinitely memorable. And that's what I'm looking forward to being able to offer you as your marriage celebrant.

I'm a married mother of two and have been living in southeast Queensland for the past decade – but for the 30 years prior I was a proud north Queenslander. I often tell people that I'm lucky to live by the beach, but my heart belongs to the bush, which is why Yandina Creek on the Sunshine Coast is where my family and I have chosen to base ourselves. It is truly the best of both worlds - and also places me in the middle of one of the most beautiful and sought after wedding destinations in Queensland - you're welcome;)

When I'm not preparing for my next ceremony, ferrying my boys to sport practice, or working my day job in agricultural communications for the Australian cotton industry – you'll find me running (I'm training for the 2024 New York Marathon)!

Or wrestling with my playlist trying to choose between Hip Hop or Country. What can I say - I'm an all-rounder ...

And above all, I fiercely believe that Love Is Love.

SERVICES & PRICES

Your ceremony is just that – yours. So how you wish to plan and develop it is completely up to you. As a long-time journalist and event MC – I can assure you that I offer my services as your celebrant with zero judgement. Seriously, zero. I've seen it all. I know everyone has different tastes, ideas, beliefs and styles –and everyone has family (need I say more?!)

My job is to guide you, offer suggestions and make sure that the day you commit yourself to the person you love is the perfect reflection of your relationship & the things that are most important to you both. I'm also incredibly skilled at ensuring the main stars of the day – that's you two – are calm, well prepared and in a great headspace to enjoy your day.

I offer two set packages for you to choose from - Little Love and Big Love xx

LITTLE LOVE

\$795

This is short, straight to the point – but still full of the good stuff! – and is scripted for a minimum of five people (you & your partner plus two witnesses & me) and a maximum of 50 people.

This ceremony includes:

- One x face to face 30-minute meeting
- Ceremony Information Kit with examples of scripts for inspiration
- Ceremony script that includes: Short welcome; 1 x reading, the Monitum (mandatory)
 & Legal Vows (mandatory).
- Legal paperwork (wedding certificate issued to you on the day and lodgment of documents with Births, Deaths and Marriages)
- PA system if required

BIG LOVE

\$995

This is your chance to tell your love story from start to finish. Here you can include as as many rituals, readings, poems & songs – and people – as you wish in your ceremony to celebrate your day.

This ceremony includes:

- Unlimited phone calls/emails
- One x face to face 45-minute meeting
- Ceremony Information Kit with examples and suggestions around vows, rituals, readings, poems and songs
- Hands on ceremony script development with draft provided minimum 2 weeks before your wedding day
- Rehearsal ceremony prior to ceremony (between one week and one day before)
- PA system if required

THE NITTY GRITTY

Once you decide we're a perfect match and say YES to the Celebrant (not quite as catchy as 'Say Yes to the Dress', but work with me ...) I'll send you a Service Agreement outlining exactly what your ceremony includes, as well as a Booking Confirmation invoice. This invoice is for a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the total cost of your ceremony and is due within 7 days to lock your date in on my calendar.

Once the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) has been lodged (a minimum of one month before your wedding day), 50% of the remaining fee is due within 7 days of lodgment with me. The final invoice for the remaining balance is issued 2 weeks before your wedding day and is due within 21 days.

All three payments are non-refundable, however if the wedding is postponed or brought forward, all services will be honoured within a 12-month timeframe as long as a minimum of 21 days' notice is provided, and the celebrant does not have a prior booking on the new date. If the celebrant cancels or fails to attend, all monies paid will be refunded in full.

When it comes to travel, I'll happily travel for you as I reckon there's no such thing as too far to go for love! However, fees do apply for travel over 50km from my home base at Yandina Creek on the Sunshine Coast, QLD.

Every kilometre over 50km is charged for at a rate of 88cents/km (as set by the ATO) to cover fuel costs and travel time.

NB: There is no charge for our first meet and greet (wherever that may be scheduled for) and invoicing arrangements for rehearsal ceremony (if required) are made closer to the wedding date x

LET'S CHAT, LOVERS

SO! If that all sounds great to you, let's make it official and set a date x

Of course, if you've got some more questions, let's schedule a phone call and get to know each other a little bit better!

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PS: If you want to know if cowboy boots will work with wedding attire, the answer is always yes.

