

WELCOME.

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends, relatives and children, on behalf of Glen and Emma I thank you for your presence here today to witness this marriage ceremony.

My name is Tom Haig and I am delighted to have been asked to officiate at this ceremony.

Many of you have known Glen and Emma either together or as individuals for a long time and your love, friendship and support has been important to them both in their old lives and now in this commitment to each other which they have chosen to make before you.

AUTHORISATION.

I, Thomas Haig am duly authorised by law to solemnize marriage according to law. Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and 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 a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

PRESENTATION OF THE BRIDE.

Who brings Emma to marry Glen today?

INTRODUCTION.

Glen and Emma, you have chosen to join your lives in marriage, and whatever the future may take you, you will go there together as a married couple, sharing laughter and loving and respecting each other as husband and wife and also as best friends, supporting each other through both the good times and the bad times, sharing the joys and responsibilities of married life.

However, to make any relationship work takes more than love. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so.

And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. While love is our natural state of being, these other qualities are not easily come by. They are not a destination but a journey.

I will now ask you to make your vows to each other.

VOWS.

Glen, please repeat after me:

I call upon the persons here present, to witness that I Glen Lewis Sample, take you Emma Louise Example, to be my lawful wedded wife.

Emma, please repeat after me:

I call upon the persons here present, to witness that I Emma Louise Example, take you Glen Lewis Sample to be my lawful wedded husband.

NOTE

*The above wording is the minimal legal wording that **MUST** be said in the Vows to make the marriage lawful. They can be added to or altered slightly eg 'persons' to 'people', 'call upon' to 'ask', 'husband or wife' to 'spouse' or 'partner in marriage'. 'Persons here present' to 'Everyone or everybody here' **NOTE** 'Family and Friends' cannot replace 'persons here present' or 'everyone here'. Other changes to the minimum wording are **NOT** allowed.*

PERSONAL VOWS (Note;these are optional)
(To be repeated together).

**I take you to be my partner in life and my one true love.
I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow and forever.
I will trust and honour you.
I will laugh with you and cry with you.
I will love you faithfully.
Through the best and the worst.
Whatever may come I will always be there.
As I have given you my hand to hold
So I give you my life to keep.**

Glen and Emma, are you individually and jointly willing to pledge yourselves to commit to these additional Personal Vows?

‘I do’ Or ‘We are’.

CEREMONY OF THE RINGS.

From the earliest times, the circle has been a symbol of completeness, a symbol of committed love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolizes a commitment of love that is also never ending. As often as either of you look at this symbol, I hope that you will be reminded of the commitment to love each other which you have made today.

EXCHANGING RINGS.

Glen, as you place this ring on Emma’s third finger, please repeat after me.

I give you this ring, as a symbol of my commitment, to love, honour and respect you. With this ring, I wed you.

Emma, as you place this ring on Glen’s third finger, please repeat after me.

I give you this ring, as a symbol of my commitment, to love, honour and respect you. With this ring, I wed you.

DECLARATION.

Glen and Emma, your family and friends have come together here today to wish you both every happiness in your future together. Within its framework of commitment and loyalty, marriage enables the establishment of a home where through trust, patience and respect, the love and affection which you have for each other will continue and become even deeper.

Today you have consented together in lawful marriage, you have made a declaration of your love and visible promise to each other by exchanging rings. This all comes together as a promise of a life of peace, love and contentment.

It now gives me great pleasure to declare you to be husband and wife.

Glen, you may now kiss your bride.

SIGN THE REGISTER.

Inform the guests that the bride and groom will now sign the register and could the two witnesses also come forward for this final part of the ceremony.

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE.

Ladies and gentlemen, It gives me great pleasure in presenting to you Mr and Mrs Sample.