

Quality Ceremonies with Style & Sensitivity

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Here we are, already into autumn. The year is certainly flying by, and for all you brides and grooms who already have a date set for your wedding, the excitement must be mounting as the date draws closer. For those of you who haven't yet set a date and are trawling the many websites for information of what to do, and how to do it - happy hunting. Remember, don't leave booking your celebrant until too late. Weekends are popular and are booked quite a way in advance. Ring or email me if you need assistance, I'm always happy to help you with information on the ceremony side of things.

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A little bit of advice !

Are you thinking about having wedding programs to hand out at your ceremony? Of course, don't pay someone else to do this when you can make a very elegant, and cost-effective program yourself - that is of course, if you have access to a computer and printer. It is a great project if you're very well organised and have covered off all the necessary jobs, or ticked off everything on your "to do" list prior to the wedding and find that you have a few hours of spare time on your hands.

In my opinion, wedding programs aren't a necessity, but if you feel the need to have a program, then by all means, go for it. A program certainly shouldn't have a blow by blow description of the ceremony, otherwise your guests will be too busy reading the program and not watching you, and taking part in the "magic of the moment". A single sheet of A4 should be enough to contain all

the information. Of course you can decorate it or lay it out as you wish. The finished product may take the shape of a rolled scroll tied with ribbon, or perhaps folded to an A5 booklet. Let your imagination go to work.

Some ideas of what may be useful to include in a program, are the following :.....

- List the names of the people in your bridal party. Not all guests may know them already.
- If a loved one can't be present in person at your wedding, or in fact has passed away, place a red rose (or your choice of flower) on a vacant seat on the front pew or chair. Place a note in the program saying why the flower is on the seat.
- You may like to list the songs that will be played as part of your wedding, or any guest readers, musicians, or singers.
- Plus of course, the order of the ceremony - as your celebrant, I can provide you with this.

Remember, each guest doesn't need his or her own program - just one per family, or one per couple will do. Remember to keep one for yourself though.

Silly Superstitions - Just for a laugh

- It's bad luck for the bride to start down the aisle on time but good luck to step into the church with her right foot first.
- Flower girls drop petals as they walk down the aisle is to ensure the new couple will have many chances to have children.

(<http://www.usq.edu.au/artsworx/schoolresources/fivewomen/traditions.htm>)