

## Wedding Script for Jack and Dulcie's Wedding

In this script, it is very quick and elegant ceremony. Jack and Dulcie have a few injuries and they will be seated during the ceremony. They did not want a Processional, Personal Vows, Asking or a long ring ceremony.

They wanted a short sweet story of them and the minimum legal requirements to get married. Dulcie's late mother was religious and in honour of her, Dulcie's son did a reading.

I get the couple to do a survey which asks them questions about their relationship, I then put my magic dust on it and create the script.

### Housekeeping:

**CELEBRANT:** Good afternoon everyone, the ceremony will be starting in 5 minutes. The couple have asked that your phones be on silent during the ceremony, and you are welcome to take photos. The couple has asked me to remind everyone to be seated during the ceremony and if you require the bathroom or anything during the service, let the Retirement Village staff know. They are located towards the back of the room.

*During this time Jack and Dulcie will take their position at the front of the aisle, there will be two chairs next to them in case any of them have to sit down during the ceremony. The wedding party will also be seated.*

### Welcoming and introduction

**CELEBRANT:** Welcome friends, family, and loved ones. My name is Mitchell McAulay-Powel, I am an authorised celebrant and it is such a pleasure to see everyone. There is only one word that I can think of that can truly describe this occasion where the closest friends and family of the couple get to witness a special moment in time. That word is love, the love they have for you and how it is given back to them. May your love carry this couple through the test of time. Jack and Dulcie have been together for seven years and they met in

this very room. It was board game night and Jack saw Dulcie across the room holding a scrabble bag. He knew she was the one. They played scrabble for hours and staff described it was beautiful and heart-warming. Jack then put down a seven letter word, Dinner. Dulcie felt her heart race as she could feel the chemistry between them. In somewhat poetic fashion, Dulcie puts down the word Yes, and there started their journey of love. A beautiful beginning to a beautiful couple.

## READING

**CELEBRANT:** Dulcie's son Hunter will not do a reading from the bible titled, Corinthians 13:4-12.

**HUNTER:** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

## MONITUM (Compulsory)

"I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law."

"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"

## Legal Vows (Compulsory)

**JACK:** "I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, Jack William Merchant, take thee, Dulcie Mae Fairburn to be my lawful wedded wife".

**DULCIE:** "I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, Dulcie Mae Fairburn, take thee, Jack William Merchant to be my lawful wedded husband".

## RING EXCHANGE

**CELEBRANT:** It is the moment in the ceremony where the couple will exchange rings. These rings symbolise a bond which will last a lifetime, it symbolises their strength and commitment to each other.

**JACK** "With this ring, I thee wed, and with it, I bestow upon thee all the treasures of my mind, heart, and hands."

*Jack puts ring on Dulcie's Finger*

**DULCIE:** "With this ring, I thee wed, and with it, I bestow upon thee all the treasures of my mind, heart, and hands."

*Dulcie puts Ring on Jack's Finger.*

**CELEBRANT:** I know pronounce you husband and wife, you may kiss the bride?

## Signing of the Register (Compulsory)

**CELEBRANT:** Friends, family and loved ones. It is now time for Jack and Dulcie to sign their certificates of marriages. I would like to call up James and Louise to bear witness. You are also welcome to take photos at this stage.

**CELEBRANT:** Please return to your original places. (Wait a suitable amount of time). Family, friends and loved ones. Let me introduce Mr and Mrs Merchant for the first time.