

# Relationship Ceremony Service

## Introduction

### **Celebrant:**

Good morning / afternoon / evening, my name is [Celebrant's name], and I am privileged to conduct your ceremony today.

This ceremony gives social recognition to a union that has already taken place in the hearts of [Partner 1] and [Partner 2].

I also take this opportunity to wish you much happiness in your future lives together.

## Declaration of Commitment

### **Celebrant:**

Do you [Partner 1] and do you [Partner 2] declare before me and your witnesses here present that you will love and respect each other for the rest of your lives?

### **Partner 1 and Partner 2 respond:**

Yes, we do.

## Reading (optional)

*Choose a reading of your own. You can ask a family member or friend to do the reading.*

## Vows

*First the Partner 1, and then the Partner 2, repeat the vows after the Celebrant:*

### **Partner 1** [repeating after Celebrant]:

I call upon the people here present  
to witness that I [Partner 1's name],  
take you [Partner 2's name]  
to be my partner for life

I promise to love you  
To care for you  
And to respect you  
For all of my life

**Partner 2** [repeating after Celebrant]:

I call upon the people here present  
to witness that I [Partner 2's name],  
take you [Partner 1's name]  
to be my partner for life

I promise to love you  
To care for you  
And to respect you  
For all of my life

### **Ring Ceremony [optional]**

[Partner 1] and [Partner 2] have chosen to exchange rings as an outward symbol of their commitment to each other. The ring represents everlasting love, a never-ending circle with no beginning and no end.

*First the Partner 1, and then the Partner 2, repeat after the Celebrant:*

*[Partner 1/Partner 2], wear this ring with all my love.*

### **Conclusion of Ceremony**

**Celebrant:**

[Partner 1] and [Partner 2], you have both declared your love for each other in front of your family/friends as witnesses, I have great pleasure in congratulating you both.

You may now both kiss.

### **Signing of Relationship Ceremony Certificate**

*Partner 2 and Partner 1 sign first, then Witnesses and then celebrant.*

### **Presentation of Relationship Ceremony Certificate**

**Celebrant:**

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, on behalf of the Victorian Registry, thank you all for coming here today to celebrate with [Partner 1] and [Partner 2] and for making their day so special.

Congratulations again to [Partner 1] and [Partner 2].