

Wedding Ceremony Choices offered by Jennifer Cram, Civil Marriage Celebrant

	Full-Service Couture Ceremony (the Big White Wedding)	Simpler Couture Ceremony (when 6 bridesmaids is not your style)	No-Fuss Intimate Ceremony (a small wedding)	Enchanting Elopement (when you just want to get married without the hoo-ha)	Warm & Wonderful Weekday Weddings (very suitable for Visa Weddings)
Inclusions:	As many guests, bridesmaids and groomsmen as you want Formal processional Formal recessional Readings (Optional) Rituals (Optional) 1 hour rehearsal to make sure it all runs smoothly	Best Man and 1 Bridesmaid only. Simple or no processional. No recessional. One reading.(Optional) Simple rituals only (Optional) No rehearsal	Approximately 20 guests or less. No bridal party Bride may make a formal entrance No readings. Simple rituals only (Optional) No rehearsal	Couple and two witnesses only. No readings or rituals. May be available Saturday afternoon (most popular time for weddings) if booked no earlier than 5 weeks before the wedding	Available Mon-Thurs and Friday until lunch-time. No readings or rituals Full fee payable at initial meeting.
Fee Adjustment	Where a lower level has been booked but later exceeded the appropriate higher level fee will be applied.				
Ceremony Duration	20-35 minutes	20-25 minutes	15-20 minutes	3-15 minutes (your choice)	15 minutes
PA system	YES	YES	NIL	NIL	Small PA system if needed
Travel included	Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony and rehearsal.	Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony			Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony
Fee	\$550	\$450	\$395	\$340	\$275 (4068 & 4069 postcodes) \$315 elsewhere
Ceremony:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written specifically for you • Inclusion of guests • Rituals and readings (optional) • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish • Liaison with photographer, videographer, and musicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written specifically for you • Inclusion of guests • Simple rituals requiring no rehearsal. (Optional) • No more than one reading (optional) • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written specifically for you • Inclusion of guests • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish • Very limited selection of rituals (optional) • No readings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony focussed on the vows • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish • Rituals limited to exchange of wedding rings • No readings 	Personalised partially pre-written ceremony with your choice from a prewritten selection for your <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmation of Intention • Vows • Ring Vows
Extras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Readings in attractive folders • Presentation folder for Marriage Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Reading in attractive folder • Presentation folder for Marriage Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Marriage Certificate presented in a decorative envelope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Marriage Certificate presented in a decorative envelope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of your vows • Marriage Certificate presented in a decorative envelope
Rehearsal	Rehearsal (on site or elsewhere)	No rehearsal – some staging directions in ceremony script	No rehearsal – minimal staging directions in ceremony script	No rehearsal	No rehearsal
Declarations	Signed at Rehearsal		Signed at venue immediately before ceremony commences		
Surcharges (where applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel where venue is more than 100km return • Parking / entrance fees at cost • Late Start fee should you not be ready to commence ceremony within 15 minutes of agreed start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel where venue is more than 100km return • Parking / entrance fees at cost • Late Start fee should you not be ready to commence ceremony within 15 minutes of agreed start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel where venue is more than 100 km return • Parking / entrance fees at cost • Late Start fee should you not be ready to commence ceremony within 15minutes of agreed start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking / entrance fees at cost • Late Start fee should you not be ready to commence ceremony within 15 minutes of agreed start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking / entrance fees at cost • Late Start fee where you are not ready to commence ceremony within 315 minutes of agreed start time

Explaining My Fees

Wedding ceremonies are not “one size fits all”. Different clients have different needs, so I offer a range of ceremony choices. The quality of the service you receive, however, does not change.

My fees for conducting your wedding are based on a number of criteria in order to provide you with options that will match your needs and your budget.

Because different options require differing levels of input, time and energy required to develop, create and perform your ceremony for you my fees reflect the size and complexity of your ceremony as impacted by a combination of the following:

- the size of the wedding
- type/complexity of the ceremony
- time required to develop the ceremony
- whether a rehearsal is required
- the day of the week on which the ceremony is held
- the location of the ceremony:

Detailed Explanation

1. Size

This is based on the size of the wedding party and the number of guests. I use number of guests as the simple criterion because that drives the size of the wedding party (no-one gets married with 6 bridesmaids and only 10 guests) and also drives the amount of equipment needed on the day and the length and complexity of the ceremony itself. The larger the wedding, the more time I spend on creating the ceremony and co-ordinating the details.

2. Type/Complexity of Ceremony

With the exception of *Warm and Wonderful Weekday Ceremonies* all of my ceremonies are custom-created for an individual couple. The more modest fee for a *Warm and Wonderful Weekday Wedding* reflects the fact that that ceremony is fairly standard, though personalised, romantic, with a choice of pre-written statements of intent and vows.

I do not expect couples choosing any of the other service levels to choose from pre-written components

3. Time required to develop the ceremony

Developing a custom-created ceremony that reflects your personalities, styles and wishes takes time. The more complex the ceremony the more time it takes. I write a first draft based on information I gather from you and you have full rights of editing. Going through the process with one or more drafts also takes time.

4. Rehearsal

A large wedding party with a processional and recessional needs a rehearsal, as do complex rituals. Readers also need to be rehearsed. A rehearsal is built in to the full-service couture ceremony fee structure but I am happy to add a full onsite rehearsal to any of the other levels of service (add \$100 to the fee). If the ceremony site is more than 100 km return trip from my office you will also need to double the excess travel fee.

5. Weekday or Weekend

I don't apply a premium for a weekend wedding. The reduced fee for the *Warm and Wonderful Weekday Weddings* reflects the reduced number of hours I need to devote to those ceremonies. The restriction on *Enchanting Elopements* on Saturday afternoon reflects the high demand for weddings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

6. Location of Wedding

I build travelling into my fee structure. Travel beyond 100 km return (which covers Brisbane City, Ipswich, Logan Shire, Pine Rivers, Redcliffe and Redlands) attracts an additional fee.

Combo Weddings

A combo wedding is a wedding that

- incorporates another type of ceremony, **or**
- includes more than one couple (double or triple wedding), **or**
- Follows close on or is closely followed by a second but related ceremony (usually within hours but possibly involving a change of venue)

Because of the complexity and work required to develop and officiate at a combo ceremony an additional fee applies. This will typically be the full fee for the wedding plus 50-60% of the fee for the second type of ceremony.