Legal Marriage Ceremony Script – The Goldfields

Welcome to you all! We have come together today to witness the promises in marriage between **Name** and **Name** (full names)

My name is (Celebrant Name) and I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law.

Real love in marriage goes beyond the warmth and excitement of the beginnings of a new relationship. A happy and fulfilled partnership and marriage is founded by true love which is a commitment of both the heart and the mind.

It is caring for one another and each other's happiness and welfare as much as your own as the very essence of love is being understanding, unselfish and kind.

Love makes burdens lighter as you divide them and joys become intensified as you share them. The wonderful thing about love is whilst it is a universal experience: it still feels uniquely precious to the couple who have fallen in love and are choosing to share their lives with one another in marriage.

The Asking
Name and Name

Do you declare before all of us here today that you come here voluntarily and without reservation and that you are free by law to be married to each other today?

Couple:
I do

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 about to enter.
Marriage, according to the law in Australia, is the union of two people, to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

Reading (optional)
Couple can choose one of their own. It can also be read by one of your guests

Vows:

Person 1: (Repeat after the Celebrant)

I call upon the witnesses here present, that I, Person 1, take you, Person 2 to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse
OPTIONAL say personal vows

Person 2: (Repeating after the Celebrant)

I call upon the witnesses here present, that I, Person 2 take you Person 1 to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse
OPTIONAL say personal vows

Ring exchange: Optional

Celebrant:

Name and Name have chosen to exchange rings today as a symbol of their love and commitment to each other.

The band of the wedding ring represents everlasting love, the ring a never-ending circle with no beginning and no end.

Please exchange your rings

Conclusion:

Family and friends; we have witnessed the marriage of Name and Name and I hope this will be a cherished and momentous occasion in all of your lives.

Before we finalise our ceremony with the signing; I'd like to congratulate the couple as it gives me great pleasure to pronounce you as *married* and you may now take your first 'married' kiss!

Signing of Marriage Certificates: Two witnesses to sign

Presentation of Certificate

To everyone here today; on behalf of the Marriage Registry at Bendigo.Love Thank you so much for being here today to celebrate with Name and Name on their Wedding Day and for making their day so special.

Legal Marriage Ceremony Script – The Shamrock

Welcome to the marriage ceremony of **Name** and **Name** (full names), who have decided to make a legal commitment to each other on this beautiful day.

My name is (Celebrant name), and I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages 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 which you are now about to enter.

Marriage, according to the law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

The Asking
Name and **Name**

Do you both come here freely and by your own choice, and do you both choose to marry each other and share your lives together from this day forward?
Couple:
We do

OPTIONAL – add a poem or reading Couple can choose one of their own. It can also be read by one of your guests

Vows

Person 1: Repeat after the Celebrant

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, Person 1, take you, Person2, to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/partner/ spouse

OPTIONAL say personal vows

Person 2: Repeat after Celebrant

I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, Person 2, take you, Person 1, to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/ partner/spouse

OPTIONAL say personal vows

Ring exchange **optional**
Celebrant:
Today, these rings symbolise the love, commitment and promises you make to each other. When you look at them, may they always remind you of your wedding day.

Please exchange your rings.

Congratulations, you may now kiss!

Signing of Marriage Certificate: Two witnesses to sign

Presentation of Certificate

Name and **Name**. You have made special promises today by declaring your vows to each other.
Therefore, it is my absolute pleasure, on behalf of your witnesses, to pronounce you as officially married! Please take your first 'married' kiss!

To everyone here today; on behalf of the Marriage Registry at Bendigo.Love; Thank you so much for being here today to celebrate with Name and Name on their Wedding day and for making their day so special.