



Recommended Celebrants





Andrew Gibson

Andrew is a retired senior school teacher and headmaster. He became a marriage celebrant in 2016 after his son asked him to be the celebrant for his wedding. Since then Andrew has performed over 40 marriages and numerous funerals. He is a thoughtful, caring celebrant whose desire is to conduct ceremonies that are appropriate and sensitive, and as closely as possible reflect the wishes of all concerned. He is married with 2 children and three grandchildren.

Beverley Elliott



A warm hello. In times of loss, finding someone who listens with empathy, speaks with sincerity, and crafts ceremonies that truly reflect the essence of your loved one can bring immense comfort. With years of experience officiating at funerals, I am committed to honouring each individual's unique story. Whether the loss of a loved was unexpected or expected, and you want a quiet farewell or a vibrant celebration of life, I will work closely with you. Together we will create a ceremony that is as personal and meaningful as the life you are commemorating. My funeral experience also includes creating services that are religious or express a spiritual understanding of life. If you're seeking a celebrant who combines warmth, creativity, and a genuine desire to listen and understand, I would be honoured to guide you through this important journey that is part of life."

Colleen Frost

I have been preparing and conducting funerals for over 15 years. I enjoy helping and guiding loved ones during the difficult times of a death in the family, helping advise and decide how they would like the service to be conducted. I am willing to work with families enabling the service to be exactly to their wishes. A Civil Celebrant can include or exclude religion depending on the family's wishes.



Emma Harrison

Emma truly values connecting with people.

In her role as a funeral celebrant, Emma completely tailors her services to the individual. She likes to think there are "no rules" when it comes to celebrating a life - as long as a ceremony reflects the person being honoured.

Emma brings a high level of relatability and authenticity through her lived experience, and does everything in her power to make this process the best it is able to be.



Fiona Calabrese

I have a passion for working with families. Supporting those bereaved with compassion and careful attention to detail. Importantly, ensuring the story of your loved one is pieced together accurately and delivered with respect and dignity. Delicately navigating the complexities of what can be a highly emotional space. I'm here to keep you focused on the preparations required, providing guidance whenever needed.



Gail Eaton-Briggs

Funeral Services designed to meet the needs and wishes of you and your loved one. If you are looking for a Celebrant to officiate at a funeral, you may wish to think of me. I'm available to respond quickly with compassion and respect to prepare and deliver a service to honour your loved one and celebrate their life in accordance with known wishes.



Jill Harper

Each funeral is special and unique. I care for people, and I give of my time, my energy, my knowledge, and skills. These skills enable me to speak with families, listen to what they have to say, craft a story, then present it with clarity, personality, warmth, and impact. I pay attention to detail thus ensuring that the special 'touches' that make for lasting, treasured memories are achieved. I believe I have made a difference for many families.



Leanne Orr



As your Celebrant, helping you to achieve a “Remembrance Ceremony” acknowledging and recognising the beauty and the purpose of the life of your loved one with a personal and meaningful celebration, is important to me, as I know how difficult it is to try and arrange this whilst you are grieving. It is a time that you will share with your family and friends. I feel privileged to be able to walk with you throughout this time, helping to incorporate your personal wishes into a eloquent and respectful ceremony, which reflects all the threads of your loved one’s life, turning treasured memories into a loving tribute.

Julia Hern



Julia has been a celebrant since 2018, and takes great pleasure in designing ceremonies that are personal and heartfelt reflections of the people involved. Everyone has unique characteristics, and a memorial service can celebrate the adventures and experiences that shaped a life. Julia understands the complexity of loss, and can help you curate memories that deserve celebration, grief and gratitude into a funeral that honours your loved one.

Richard Ross



Death is a natural part of life, but grief can be devastating and a difficult experience to navigate for the family and friends left behind. The gift I bring to this moment is my presence, my listening ear and my reverence for the unique story of the loved one you grieve. My vast experience of over five hundred funerals and death in every possible circumstance, has taught me just how important the funeral service can be as a milestone on the journey of grief. I will give the time it takes to help create the funeral service you seek as we celebrate the unique character and achievements of your loved one, give thanks for the love we shared with them, and find strength and purpose in continuing our lives without them.

Rodney Bester



2018 saw me celebrate 50 years in the caring profession. After a 40-year nursing career, I believed I still had more to give. Having attended many funerals where I felt the deceased, and their surviving loved ones deserved a more respectful, personal, and uplifting final tribute, I trained as a celebrant and over the last 10 years I have met and shared some very special, personalised, and memorable farewells.

Rod Curtain

Reflecting through his own personal grief, his gentle and accommodating nature is an asset to our families. Rod understands the funeral is about you, the family and creating a personalised service for your loved one. We recommend Rod if your looking for a warm, caring and gentle feel for your loved one's service.



Sharyn von Bertouch

Throughout life's journey there are many milestones, and we surround these significant times with ceremony and celebration. Dealing with the death of a loved one is a life-changing and momentous occasion. I can help you to plan and conduct a ceremony befitting of the individual who has passed.



Susan Wallace

I have a tertiary qualification, Diploma in Civil Ceremonies. It was a remarkable course which changed my life and my understanding of our need for ceremony to mark significant changes in life. Beyond formal qualifications, I also have a long history in story-telling, writing, performance and public speaking borne out of many years working in theatre, radio, film and television. I am a confident and warm public speaker, very aware of the subtleties needed to give an appropriate sense of gravitas or theatre to a ceremony, dependent on the needs of those for whom the ceremony is crafted.





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