

About my services as a Marriage Celebrant

Sean Joyce

I promise a Wedding that *feels right*. One that to family & friends is an unexpected delight.

Some people see the ceremony as a boring event before the party begins. I like the celebration to start when the Wedding starts. It's not a pantomime but it's wonderful to see your guests taken by surprise by your ceremony. Taken by surprise by words that move them as they realise this truly is, a special occasion. A Ceremony with fun parts and formal parts and not a single solemn part.

We can meet for a coffee and a chat? I am happy to meet wherever you want to and while I have weddings most Saturday afternoons I'm available on weekdays, evenings and Sundays. There is no charge for meetings and you should feel free to bring along anyone you wish, including children, your mum, your ex, anyone who is helping with your wedding.

The legal stuff: The Licence process is amazingly easy. You do it online in the three months before your wedding. Later and without being a nuisance I'll send you requests and reminders for the legal parts so that with so much to think about you can relax on that.

Stress is my fault: I work to ensure happy, tension-free weddings. During the ceremony, it's my job to ensure that together you are at your best - smiling, relaxed and in-the-moment. It's also my job to ensure that your guests are relaxed, happy and enthralled by a ceremony they feel part of. When we meet we can talk about this, why it happens, why it shows in my reviews and why it will show in photographs of your wedding.

Things to think about but don't have to:	You can do anything at your wedding:
Who will be in your wedding party? Jobs are like gifts - spread them around. Witnesses? Mums make great witnesses (Witnesses need not be in the line-up.) Music? Walk-in, Signing, Walk-out? Sound system? If required I provide. Rings? 0,1 or 2 & who will deliver them?	Readings? Prayers, poems and I have samples. Remembrance? Family who have passed. Acknowledgement of people who are absent. (You can include them over Zoom etc) Special 'Thank You's where appropriate. Old-World Handfasting, Jump-the-Broomstick? Vows answer the question - why this person.
Services I offer include:	
Personalised Weddings: Destination Weddings: Registry Ceremonies: Registry Plus Weddings: Wedding MCing: Renewal of Vows: Funerals and Memorials: Living Wakes	Fun and hard work, so work with fun people who work hard. There are special places in NZ and I'm happy to travel. As a VCANZ member I do a lot of Registry Ceremonies. When restrictions genuinely don't permit a Registry Ceremony. Let friends relax & enjoy your Reception while I act as Emcee. With love & gratitude. While sharing with family & friends. People speak amazingly well when honouring a shared loss. Can help family and friends through an expected loss.
A short biography:	
Born in Ireland. Lived in Spain and London then New Zealand. Marriage Celebrant at the request of my daughter. Funeral Celebrant at the request of neighbours. Conference Speaker & Master-of-Ceremonies. Stand-Up Comedy, 3 time finalist NZ TM Humorous Speech contests. 2024 & 2025 Finalist Christchurch Good Times- Comedy Club. Tutored Public Speaking at Hagley College and Christchurch Men's Prison (as a visitor :)	
Gemini Research on reviews: "With almost 400 Verified Reviews on Facebook, WeddingWise and Google, Sean is known for both the number and the quality of his reviews."	
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I would love to discuss your wedding so please call or send an Email.

And do feel free to pass this page to anyone who may be interested :) Sean Joyce