

The Rehearsal



Why have a Rehearsal?

A Rehearsal is a great idea if you want to make sure everyone involved in your ceremony gets a chance to practise what to say (and when), and where to stand.

For obvious reasons, it's best to hold it at the actual venue but if for whatever reason that's not an option, another location will do.

To recreate similar conditions and get the most out of your practice run, I always encourage choosing somewhere with enough space to contain the people and other elements in your ceremony.

Who should attend?

Anyone who has a part to play in your ceremony should be at the rehearsal including maid of honour, bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen, flower girls, page boys, parents, music co-ordinator, anyone performing a reading, and ring bearer.

What should we bring?

It's a great time to check and practise that important elements work, like:

- Music – check your selected media (eg phone, tablet, laptop etc) actually work and time the wedding party's walk down the aisle to make sure that's in sync.
- Readings – make sure you know who'll be reading (if anyone), what will be read and when. Let them practise reading.
- Rituals – you'll want to check that people involved know what to do or say, and where to stand during the ritual (from my experience: don't assume they know!)

Anything else?

The Rehearsal is also a good time to complete the Declaration of No Legal Impediment to Marriage, which I'll provide for you both to sign.

Every couple getting married in Australia is required to make a declaration about their marital status, and their eligibility to be married under Australian law before their ceremony takes place.

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