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***“Janes Exquisite Weddings”***

**THE CEREMONY**

**Celebrant – Jane Silich**

**THE CEREMONY ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

 **PRIOR TO CEREMONY REQUESTS FROM THE COUPLE TO GUESTS**

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**PRELUDE: REQUESTS PRIOR TO CEREMONY**

**JANE TO SAY**

Good afternoon everyone, would you please be seated.

How wonderful to see you all here this afternoon to celebrate this beautiful occasion.

It is now time to turn your mobile phones onto silent so they will not ring during the Ceremony.

…………&……….. have requested before the Ceremony commences that I remind you that all phones and cameras are not be used at any time during the Ceremony. They ask that you please do not post on social media before they have walked back down the aisle together when the Ceremony concludes. They invite you to be truly present at this special time. The amazing photographer will capture how this moment *looks* and I encourage you all to capture how it *feels* with your hearts, and without the distraction of technology. Once the ceremony has concluded, you may use your phones and cameras and we do ask that you be mindful of the photographer’s role to play today.

We invite you to leave behind the worries and concerns of everyday life and join us in this wonderful celebration. Today is an opportunity for us to share not only in the joy of the bride and groom’s love but to also reaffirm and appreciate the love and the friendship we all experience in our own lives.

I will be asking you all to stand once the Ceremony music begins and the bride’s attendants begin their walk down the aisle ahead of the bride. Thank you.

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

**Bridal party entrance**

**Music: TBC**

**Live Strings Trio to play**

**THE WELCOME AND THE INTRODUCTION**

How beautiful is the day touched by love! May this be a day to be remembered and cherished by us all.

On behalf of …………&……….. and their families, I extend a very warm welcome to each of you.

We have come together today in this beautiful setting to witness …………&……….. commitment to one another. This special ceremony, amongst these exquisite surrounds with family and friends, suits their easy-going personalities, their active lifestyle and their love of the outdoors. This beautiful couple feels very lucky to have found each other and they are excited about enjoying their future together.

…………&……….. would like to take this opportunity to make special mention of those who have travelled long distances to be here today; they are very grateful.

There are loved ones who are not able to join our celebration today, and we want to honour their memory. Let us remember, just for a few short moments, those happy thoughts and memories of good days with our loved ones. If they were with us today they would most certainly share our congratulations and joy in this celebration.

…………&……….. your family and friends have come together to celebrate the love that brought you to this day. With a love that deepens through many years, may you know its meaning and marvel at its mystery - that is, how you become truly one in sharing yourself with one another, and yet, remain as two in your own individuality. This is what makes you a remarkable couple – you are so very different in many ways, yet you complement each other so perfectly. May those who are close to you be continually inspired by the beauty of this and the energy of your love for one another.

What is it about love – that unseen, amazing miracle that has played a role throughout time and the universe? When it is true and lasting, it forms an unbreakable bond between two very fortunate people who simply love each other and wish to share this precious gift forever. …………&……….. your love for one another and your willingness to accept each other’s strengths and differences with respect and understanding, will keep providing a foundation for growth as you continue in your relationship with kindness and compassion. You are one, yet you are distinct. Each of you expresses certain qualities of being which have drawn you to each other, each with their own uniqueness, and your relationship therefore reflects that of a true union.

Every romance starts with a connection. A look, a glance, a conversation, or perhaps even prancing around like a courting rifle bird at the park. Lee and Neil met 4 years ago at the local dog park and became friends as their dogs Bodhi and Pablo also became fast friends. Their friendship grew as Neil’s youngest daughter Caitlyn insisted one evening that Lee come over for dinner. Their love grew and it became clear they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. Destiny (or was it the dogs?! ☺) has brought you together to this moment today.

It is a journey for …………&……….. and a commitment to cherish and be there for one other for the rest of their lives. Family and friends are very important to them, and this celebration today is not one they would have considered doing without the presence of all of you here – so it is in this spirit that they stand before us today. I think we are therefore very privileged to witness and share in this new chapter in their life story. …………&……….. may the love with which you join heart and hand today never fail, but grow deeper and surer with every year you spend together.

**Write in The Monitum section (a legal requirement & cannot be changed)**

**MONITUM**

My name is Jane Silich, and as a Civil Marriage Celebrant, I am authorized by law, to solemnize your marriage, according to the law. Before you are joined in marriage, in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn, serious, and the binding nature of the relationship of which you are about to enter. Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

**READINGS AND POEMS**

**I would like to ask Neil’s eldest daughter Claire to come forward to deliver her reading for the couple:**

A passage from The Alchemist by Paulo Coehlo

*“When he looked into her eyes, he learned the most important part of the language that all the world spoke — the language that everyone on earth was capable of understanding in their heart. It was love.*

*Something older than humanity, more ancient than the desert. What the boy felt at that moment was that he was in the presence of the only woman in his life, and that, with no need for words, she recognized the same thing. Because when you know the language, it’s easy to understand that someone in the world awaits you, whether it’s in the middle of the desert or in some great city.*

*And when two such people encounter each other, the past and the future become unimportant. There is only that moment, and the incredible certainty that everything under the sun has been written by a universe that evokes love, and creates a twin soul for every person in the world. Without such love, one’s dreams would have no meaning.”*

**I would like to ask Neil’s son Sam (TO BE CONFIRMED) to come forward and read a poem for the couple:**

**The Lovely Dinosaur**

*The fierce Dinosaur was trapped inside his cage of ice. Although it was cold he was happy in there. It was, after all, HIS cage.*

*Then along came the Lovely Other Dinosaur.*

*The Lovely Other Dinosaur melted the Dinosaur’s cage with kind words and loving thoughts.*

*I like this Dinosaur, thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur. Although he is fierce he is also tender and he is funny. He is also quite clever though I will not tell him this for now.*

*I like this Lovely (younger) Other Dinosaur, thought the Dinosaur. She is beautiful and she is different and she smells so nice. She is also a free spirit, which is a quality I much admire in a dinosaur.*

*But he can be so distant and so peculiar at times, thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur.*

*He is also overly fond of Golf. Are all Dinosaurs so overly fond of Golf?*

*But her mind skips from here to there so quickly, thought the Dinosaur. She is also uncommonly keen on Shopping. Are all Lovely Other Dinosaurs so uncommonly keen on shopping?*

*I will forgive his peculiarity and respect his concern for Golf, thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur. For they are part of what makes him a richly charactered individual.*

*I will forgive her quick mind and her fondness for shopping, thought the Dinosaur. For she fills our life with beautiful thoughts and gestures and wonderful surprises. Besides, I am not unkeen on shopping either.*

*Now the Dinosaur and the Lovely Other Dinosaur are old. Look at them.*

*When he is not playing golf and she is not shopping, they are blissfully happy spending quality time with one another.*

*Together they stand on the hill telling each other stories and feeling the warmth of the sun on their backs.*

*And that, my friends, is how it is with love. Let us all be Dinosaurs and Lovely Other Dinosaurs together.*

*For the sun is warm. And the world is a beautiful place…*

**INTRODUCTION INTO THE VOWS**

…………&……….. to face each other and hold hands.

…………&……….. please hold each other’s hands so that you may see the gift they are to each of you. These are the hands that will show passion, gentleness, and strength for you. This is the person that will support and celebrate with you in happiness and will help you fulfil your greatest dreams.

**THE ASKING**

**The small paragraph below is the best way to start this section**

…………&……….. you have come together today so that you may seal and strengthen your love.

In the presence of myself and your family and friends; I now ask:

…………, do you take ………… to be your lawful wedded ………., lover and best friend, today and every day for the rest of your life? Do you promise to be true in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and love her all the days of your life?

……………: I Do

…………., do you take ………… to be your lawful wedded ………., lover and best friend, today and every day for the rest of your life? Do you promise to be true in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and love him all the days of your life?

…………….: I Do

**THE VOWS (LEGAL REQUIREMENT)**

**Both the Groom and Bride must read out the legal section**

**FULL NAMES MUST BE SAID INCLUDING ANY MIDDLE NAMES.**

I call upon the persons here present to witness; that I ………………. take you ……………… as my lawful wedded ………….., to share with you a relationship of love and of tenderness and laughter. I will stand by you through all our tomorrows respecting you as a person and enjoy your love throughout our lives.

I call upon the persons here present to witness; that I …………. take you ……………. as my lawful wedded husband, to share with you a relationship of love and of tenderness and laughter. I will stand by you through all our tomorrows respecting you as a person and enjoy your love throughout our lives.

**Personal Vows**

**Lee to Neil**

*When I was a little girl, I dreamed of being in love with a man who was brave and strong and true. And of a beautiful wedding surrounded by all the people we love the most. For a long time when I grew up I didn’t think that would ever happen for me, yet here you are, and here we are, and there’s just one thing that’s different. It’s far more wonderful than I could ever have imagined.*

*I dreamt of being in love, I never dreamed of sharing my very soul. I dreamt of sharing my thoughts, I never dreamed that someone could hear me without words. I feel like everything in my life has led me to you. My successes, my heartbreaks, my regret. And when we’re together, the past is worth it. I respect it. Because if I had done just one thing different, I might never have met you.*

*You - my best friend, confidante, co-adventurer, and my greatest challenge. Over the past few years, you’ve become my family in every sense of the word. So today, in front of our most dearest, I choose you Neil, to be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you and trusting what things I’m still yet to discover.*

*I will respect you as a person with your own interests, desires and needs and appreciate that these are sometimes different but no less important than my own. I will respect you as a father to Sam, Claire, and Caitlyn, and as an equal and a partner. I will keep myself open to you, communicating my inner thoughts and feelings, and I will not spend too much time hiding away in my Cancerian crab-shell.*

*There is little to say that you haven’t already heard, and little to give that hasn’t already been freely given. Before you asked me, I was yours. I love you and I am devoted to you in every way. As I have given you my hand to hold so I give you my life to share.*

**Neil to Lee**

*………….*

 **THE introduction into the RINGS.**

Jane to say: May I have the rings please? (The rings to be handed to Jane **by best man Doug)**

May these two rings be a symbol of your commitment to each other, and of your continuous and never ending love. The circle is the symbol of the sun, earth, and universe. Let these rings be the symbol in which your two lives are joined in one unbroken circle. May they always remind you of each other, where you have been together, and where you are going. Let them be worn with love and pride.

**The following section is the Exchange of the Rings. You will both repeat the words after Jane as the rings are placed on your partner’s finger. Groom to lead.**

**THE EXCHANGE OF THE RINGS**

 Groom/Bride to please repeat after Jane and then place the ring on Bride/Groom’s finger

………..I give this ring to you to wear as a symbol of our love, life and future together**.**

**THE DECLARATION**

…………&……….., you have declared before all of us today your love and commitment for one another. You have made special promises to each other. You have symbolized it by the joining of hands, the taking of vows and the exchanging of rings. On behalf of your family and friends, I extend to you our very best wishes, our friendship and our love in support of this commitment made to each other.

Stand in hope and confidence, believing in yourselves and in each other. May your love deepen and strengthen over the years to come. It gives me great pleasure to now pronounce you; husband and wife.

………….., you may now kiss your bride!

**THE SIGNING OF REGISTER AND CERTIFICATES**

Jane to say: We will now proceed to sign the Marriage Certificate and Register. Please remain where you are for a few minutes and we will be back to conclude the Ceremony with the presentation of the Marriage Certificate.

I’d like to call upon the witnesses for the Bride & Groom to come forward please?

Music whilst signing: (Live Music) 2 songs for the signing.

**THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND CONCULSION**

**BRIDE AND GROOM TO NOW RESUME THIER CEREMONY POSITION FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION AND READY TO WALK DOWN THE AISLE**

…………&……….., it is with great pleasure to present you with your wedding certificate and to wish you a happy and successful life together. May your love thrive and prosper through all that life has to offer you.

This is the end of the formal part of the ceremony and now we are able to celebrate this wonderful occasion. You are invited to congratulate the bride and groom once they finish their walk together down the end of the Aisle.

Following that …………&……….. will join their families for photographs so immediate family is requested to stay close by. It is also requested that a group photo is to take place with all the guests to take part in, so be sure to listen up for the photographers instructions.

I’d like to remind you that you may bring out your phones and cameras once we start our congratulations with the couple, and again, we do ask that you are mindful and respectful of the professional photographers we have here doing their special work today.

While the wedding party is having their photographs taken, ………… & ………… invite you to relax and enjoy the spectacular view and grounds of Caversham House before the marriage of good food, good wine, good friends and dancing begins. Pre-dinner drinks and canapes will be served at 5pm in the alfresco area in front of the Main Reception House, where you will enjoy some music and games before being seated for dinner.

And now, family and friends would you please put your hands together as we congratulate the happy couple - …………&………..

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