

MARRIAGE OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

Report to the Bishop concerning a proposed marriage

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CLERGY

1. A designated place of worship remains the normal venue for conducting marriages.
2. The standard and thoroughness of preparation must remain the same whether the marriage is conducted in a place of worship or at another venue.
3. The rite used must always be an approved rite of the Anglican Church of Australia.
4. The venue chosen together with the practical arrangements must be conducive to the solemnity and intention of the occasion (music, audibility, movement of people, seating, etc.) An alternative venue may need to be booked in case of inclement weather. There should be no agreement to proceed unless you are confident that you are in control of these arrangements.
5. Solemnisation of Matrimony Canon 1981 of General Synod, which is binding upon us all, states:
“matrimony shall not be solemnised according to the rites and ceremonies of this Church except: in a church or chapel of the Church or a church building licensed by the bishop of the diocese for the solemnisation of matrimony unless the bishop of the diocese in the particular case gives express permission for the solemnisation of the marriage at some other specific place”.

Parish or Ministry:		
Celebrant reporting:		
Proposed date & place of marriage:		
	GROOM	BRIDE
SURNAME		
CHRISTIAN NAMES		
ADDRESS		
MARITAL STATUS		
DATE OF BIRTH		
CHURCH AFFILIATION		
BAPTISED/CONFIRMED		
CHURCH ATTENDANCE		

Describe the Pastoral or evangelistic issues involved in this request, eg.

- This request may be important in the spiritual journey of the couple and need not necessarily be interpreted as an avoidance of faith or church.
- For various reasons the ecclesiastical institutional Church may be a barrier to this search for God.
- Personal issues of integrity may be involved in the decision of the couple.
- Family issues may be the reason behind the request for an alternative site.

Describe what marriage preparation is being proposed or arranged.

Describe the proposed venue and issues that may relate to the solemnity of the occasion.

Celebrant's assessment of the relationship and recommendation.

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Bishop's Decision: Yes No Date: _____ Initials: _____