

# OUTLINE:

A QUICK GUIDE TO WHAT WE'LL COVER IN THIS VIDEO SERIES

## WHAT THIS HANDOUT IS ABOUT

This handout provides a quick overview of the main topics covered in each of the ten videos in the “We’re Getting Married!” series. It’s best to watch each video in sequence, as many do follow on from what’s been covered, but of course, you can also check-in on any video at any time. Each video is supported by a handout and a suggested prompt that you might like to reflect upon before returning to watch the next video.

I hope that you enjoy the videos!

*Clive x*

## 1. THE VIDEOS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Topics include:

- What this short series of videos is about and what to expect from it.

### 2. WHERE YOU ARE NOW

- Why and how you came together – your story and reflections on what brought you to the point of knowing that you want to be married?
- What does your partner mean to you? What does it mean to become “as one”, or to be “united souls”?

### 3. WHAT IS MARRIAGE? WHY GET MARRIED?

- Why do we have marriage at all?
- What does marriage mean for others (society, family, the legal part)?
- How is this different to being unmarried, but still a pair?
- What is meant by the idea of a “ceremony”?

### 4. WHAT DOES MARRIAGE MEAN FOR YOU?

- What do you want to celebrate, mark, commit to, declare in *your* ceremony?
- What *must* you include, the key elements/purpose of a wedding ceremony?
- What meaning does or doesn't the idea of “the sacred” have for each or both of you?

### 5. WHAT TYPE OF WEDDING IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

- What are the alternatives?
- What elements of ceremony will help achieve what is right for you?
- What alternative approaches might there be for your ceremony?

### 6. WHO TO INVOLVE IN YOUR WEDDING?

- Role of the celebrant and others in the ceremony, including supporters and witnesses
- How might you involve others?
- What do you wish to say publicly for others to hear?

## 7. THINKING ABOUT CONTENT

- What elements to include in your ceremony, including:
  - ritual/rite of passage - purpose and possibilities?
  - vows?
  - ring exchange, or other symbolic actions/rituals and props that may have meaning in the ceremony?
  - readings?
  - music?
  - prayers and blessings?

## 8. GETTING READY FOR YOUR BIG DAY – GETTING ORGANIZED

- How will you prepare for the ceremony?
- How will you rehearse - including involving others, arrival of bride, scripting, reviewing?
- Making your plan/diarising and “plan B” for contingency

## 9. SOME TIPS FOR YOUR BIG DAY

- On the day pacing
- Tips for coping with nerves, being heard

## 10. CHECKING-IN, FINAL PLANNING

- How are your vows developing?
- How is the involvement of others taking shape?
- What contingencies have you planned?
- What work might be needed on your plan? Tweaks and changes to content and structure?