



Michael Pratt

My previous work as a Teacher, Live Performer, Master of Ceremonies, Event Manager and Sales & Marketing Manager all helped point me toward becoming a Commonwealth-registered Marriage Celebrant. Having conducted over 200 ceremonies, I hope to assist you with your career growth. No client's situations are the same; I am adaptable, creating and individualizing ceremonies to support the needs of the couple/families. I will share the benefit of my ideas and experiences, to help you adapt, and to support, advise and guide you, this is how I hope to deliver OPD for The Gordon. There is never only one voice in a room, we can all learn from each other.



Bronwyn Mills

Bronwyn is an experienced Trainer and Facilitator and brings a professional, yet charismatic approach to the delivery of training. She has made a successful career in training and mentoring workplace Leaders.

Working with people is her passion - her strengths lie in her ability to communicate with people and understand how to draw information by actively listening; her love for people led her to become a Celebrant. She completed her Certificate IV in Celebrancy with The Gordon and has been working in the Industry for over 10 years, performing a range of Weddings, Funerals and Naming Day Ceremonies.



Lisa Greenfield

Lisa has been a Registered Marriage Celebrant since 2004, and an OPD trainer for over 10 years. With 25 years in Organisational Development and Learning, she is an experienced facilitator, coach and mentor. Her OPD workshops are conducted to respect the experience of the Marriage Celebrants who attend, facilitating discussions to share and further build on their wealth of knowledge.

Lisa also facilitates Certificate IV in Celebrancy for aspiring celebrants.

Lisa's philosophy is that learning should be fun and motivating; her presentation style is characterised by her sense of humour, empathy and professional knowledge.



Jan Littlejohn

Jan Littlejohn is a celebrated Marriage Celebrant and Interfaith Minister who has provided over 1200 ceremonies in the past eight years.

Jan provides services for naming, renewal of vows, commitment ceremonies funeral and memorial services. Jan brings her skills to The Gordon to provide you with the best material and content to ensure your OPD experience is a great one.



Sian Holm

Sian became a celebrant because of her belief in the importance of relationships and commitment, her passion for friendships and social connection, and her appreciation for celebration. She is passionate about working with a range of people to shape and facilitate meaningful celebrations of life's most special and momentous occasions

Sian is also passionate about sharing her love of her role with aspiring and experienced celebrants, delivering both OPD and the Certificate IV in Celebrancy for The Gordon. Sian's students, clients and friends describe her as warm, vivacious and engaging, with a fun and practical approach to life and learning.



Rosemary Hackman

Rosemary is a registered civil celebrant based in the ACT and has over 40 years of teaching knowledge and expertise that she bring to the table for your OPD training. Rosemary believes you need to have the right attitude, great communication skills and flexibility to help you be a successful Civil Celebrant.



Kerry Sutton

Kerry understands the need to be flexible, committed and ensure you have an eye for detail as a Civil Celebrant.

Kerry shares her years of knowledge and believes respect and trust are the underlying foundations of building a great communication pathway with your couple. Kerry is keen to impart current industry requirements in a fun and engaging way.



Ritchie Hewett

Ritchie is a highly regarded trainer having taught in the TAFE sector for 10 years. Of course he is committed to high quality training and excellent outcomes but it is extremely important his training is engaging and enjoyable. His classroom is a professional learning environment but also a place where people interact in a light-hearted and amusing atmosphere where learning is a pleasure - not a chore.

Ritchie enjoys a range of hobbies and activities but meeting and working with people in a collaborative and supportive environment is on top of the list.



Nancy Batenburg

Nancy is a civil marriage celebrant from Darwin, ensures she provides a holistic approach to services and would like to impart her skills and knowledge of how to action clients' requests with a sense of professionalism. Nancy makes sure everyone in her class is catered for and wants to ensure the program is delivered to meet the highest expectations.



Maggie Ramsay

Maggie's OPD training sessions are always fun, interesting and informative and her students keep coming back. Her lively personality and wealth of experience in celebrancy make her a valued part of our team of trainers. She has a long history of public speaking and training in the corporate world and universities. She enjoys performing ceremonies of all sorts and loves the job satisfaction of seeing her clients happy.

What makes celebrancy so special for Maggie? Being at the heart of the important moments in people's lives - it is a real privilege.



Nigel Riley

Nigel was introduced to weddings at an early age, MCing his first wedding reception at the age of 17. Since those beginnings he has gained experience across the entire aspect of the business, from wedding coordination through to catering. As a registered Celebrant he has quickly become a respected Industry professional, and facilitated weddings across Australia and Internationally. His teaching and training acumen spans a similar time frame, with qualifications including a Bachelor of Education and Certificate IV in Training and Assessing. Nigel has vast experience and knowledge and he aims to make his classrooms a safe place to discuss and learn about the Industry in an inclusive and collaborative environment that is both informative and challenging.



Susan Gallina

The wedding industry is a fantastic industry to be a part of, full of happy couples brimming with excitement, and we are privileged to be a part of such intimate moments in people's lives.

It is particularly important for industry professionals to ensure their knowledge and skills are up to date. Attending OPD is absolutely the best way of networking with other celebrants, learning key skills like legals, speaking techniques and ceremony planning and for seeking help when you need it.

I am always happy to answer any questions, role play, use open discussion or follow up with an individual who has a difficult question. The truth is celebrants learn so much from each other in class and I learn from them as well. It is very much about sharing experiences between us all.



Mardi Kent

NSW based Mardi, has been a Civil Marriage Celebrant since 1990. With a wonderful background in learning and development and human resources management, Mardi brings a broad base of knowledge to your OPD training. Mardi speaks three languages and has performed a wide variety of weddings incorporating special rituals and requests.

Bright bubbly and talented you are always guaranteed to enjoy Mardi's OPD.



Dr Diana Carroll

Dr Diana Carroll is a Celebrant in Sydney and Adelaide. As a Celebrant, Diana draws on her professional expertise as a writer, professional public speaker, and event manager. She also has many years experience as a lecturer at TAFE and university and as a corporate trainer both in Australia and overseas.

Diana brings all these skills to her OPD sessions, along with her happy, positive personality. Diana believes it is a joy and a privilege to be a Celebrant and be able to share in so many of life's special moments. This enthusiasm shines through in her OPD workshops.



Debra Smith

Debra is a Civil Celebrant in Perth, with extensive training experience in the government and university sectors.

She enjoys the positive environment of interviewing couples, then creating and conducting their wedding ceremonies professionally and mindfully.

Sharing the stories of her experiences to illustrate the points covered during the OPD sessions makes for captivating, and enjoyable, learning opportunities.



Gail Eaton-Briggs

Gail is an authorised Civil Celebrant with experience in both the work of Civil Marriage and the delivery of training.

Through her business Great Hobart Weddings, Gail has performed over 395 marriage ceremonies as well as naming and vow renewal ceremonies and funerals.

She is very much looking forward to welcoming you into the room and sharing her Celebrant and training experience, and expertise with you.



Jade Schultz

Jade is a registered Marriage Celebrant, Qualified Counsellor and Trainer and Facilitator. Jade provides services for Weddings, Funeral's, Naming Day's, Renewal of Vows, Commitment Ceremonies and Memorial services. Jade has been publicly speaking for over 25 years. As well as running Celebrant OPD workshops, Jade facilitates and trains new Counsellors.

Jade has vast experience and extensive industry knowledge. With a relaxed and modern approach, Jade aims to make her classroom an inclusive and collaborative environment, that is fun, motivating, informative and challenging. Jade brings her energy, empathy, professional knowledge and her sense of humour into every OPD experience, to ensure you get the most learning from your experience in the most positive way.