

## **Photographs and Video**

As a general rule there is no objection to the videoing of the service, provided that it does not intrude and that no bright lights are used.

Only the official photographer is permitted to take photographs during the ceremony.

## **Fees**

The inclusive amount is \$600.00  
A deposit of \$100 should be made upon booking the church and the balance paid at least **four weeks prior** to the wedding date. Please make cheques payable to: “Blackwood Uniting Church”.

## **Parking**

Spaces are reserved for your wedding cars at the front of the church.

There is ample parking available for your guests behind the church. Entrance to the car park is from Coromandel Parade.



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# **Blackwood Uniting Church**

*the church on the roundabout*

## *Weddings*



**Thank you** for considering Blackwood Uniting Church for your wedding. The Christian celebration of marriage is an act of worship in which we offer praise to God for the life and love God has given us. You both publicly declare your love for each other and promise life-long faithfulness, and we ask God's blessing on your life together.

Blackwood Uniting Church is called by God to be an inclusive Christian community committed to justice, learning, service and care.



We trust that our people, facilities and careful preparation of the wedding ceremony itself will help make your marriage a memorable and most significant day in your life.

## **Booking Procedure**

On first contact with the office a tentative booking will be made for your selected time and date. By returning the *Marriage Booking Form*, your date is regarded as confirmed. If any changes are made later, to the time etc., you are required to ring the church office and let them know.

## **Ministers**

When your booking is confirmed, one of our ministers will be given your contact details and will conduct your wedding. he or she will then contact you approximately three months before your wedding date to arrange interviews.

If you wish to use the services of another minister, **he or she will need to contact the Blackwood minister asap**. Decisions regarding outside ministers are decided 'case by case', in negotiation with the Blackwood minister.

## **Interviews**

You will meet with the minister, to begin to get to know each other and complete the 'Prepare' questionnaire.

At your second meeting you will discuss the feedback from 'Prepare' and begin detailed planning of the wedding ceremony.

## **About Prepare**

The church has a commitment to help you establish a rich and lasting relationship and requires all couples to participate in pre-marriage counselling. 'Prepare' is the short and confidential counselling resource used by many ministers throughout Australia. It consists of questions that help you explore your relationship, so that you can both be aware of the strengths and growth areas.

## **Legal Requirements**

The minister is a registered religious celebrant under the Marriage Act 1961, which places obligations on him/her to complete the necessary forms on time.

Those that concern you are: The "*Notice of intended Marriage*" which must be filled out **no later** than one month and **no earlier** than eighteen months before the marriage.

The minister must see your original and full birth certificates (or a certified extract\*) if born within Australia, and preferably your full birth certificates or passports if born outside Australia, and if applicable death or divorce papers. \*Photocopies will not be accepted.

The minister is obliged to use a service that fits with the ethos and theology of the Uniting Church in Australia.

## **Music**

Your choice of hymns, songs, entry and exit music can be discussed with the minister and when necessary, with the organist Mr Keith Rodda (7225 1225).

*Copyright* on music must be observed, and for this reason the use of CD's is discouraged.

## **Rehearsal**

The Rehearsal is usually one or two days before the wedding. The whole bridal party, readers, ushers etc are required to attend. This helps to overcome some of the 'nervousness' on the day.

## **Confetti**

We ask that confetti not be used either inside or outside the church. Flower petals or bubbles are fine outside the building.

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