

## Weddings and ceremonies on the Sunshine Coast

The Sunshine Coast region has many attractive parks and beaches where weddings/formal ceremonies can be held. Whether you prefer ocean views, peaceful bush settings or open parkland, an outdoor ceremony on the Sunshine Coast can make it a day to remember.

### Where can I get married?

All beaches and parks are available for ceremonies, except at Noosa Main Beach between "First Point and Middle Groyne". If you propose using a beach for your ceremony it must take place outside the flagged bathing area (yellow flags) setup on the day.

### Popular sites

Maps showing some of our popular ceremony sites are available on our website – [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

### How to apply

Complete an Application for Wedding/Formal Ceremony; this must be signed to agree to the Wedding/Formal Ceremony Conditions. Please note that a receipt for payment does not constitute approval and your booking will be confirmed once you receive an approval letter from Council.

### How much does it cost?

A non-refundable fee of \$155.00 (GST free) is payable by cash, cheque or credit card. Payment can be made via email, fax, post or in person at Council's Customer Service Centres. See application form for application lodgement and payment details.

### How long will the application take to process?

If your application has been fully completed, you should receive a payment receipt and approval letter within 10 working days. If there is another booking or event which conflicts with your application, we will contact you by telephone to discuss.



### Can I have fireworks?

A fireworks display will not be permitted.

### Can I release balloons?

No, under Local Law 3 (Community Health and Environmental Management) the release of balloons into the environment is an offence and could result in a fine of \$200.

For environmental purposes please use bubbles and/or fresh rose petals in place of confetti or anything of an artificial or synthetic nature.

### Things to consider:

- How important is it that you have control of the area chosen? Other users may be in the area picnicking, playing or walking dogs. There may also be another ceremony both prior to and/or after your ceremony.
- Your booking will confirm that no other bookings exist for the nominated time in the nominated location. However, an approval does not guarantee exclusive use of the area and/or its facilities.
- Council maintains its parks and gardens on a routine maintenance program. Special mowing or additional servicing of the area is not provided. Council is also unable to control leaf/branch debris resulting from inclement weather conditions or irresponsible people using the area prior to your ceremony.
- Can the official party and all your guests access the area safely? Do you have

elderly or mobility impaired guests? Is the area easily accessible for manual delivery of equipment and set-up as vehicle access is not permitted into park or beach areas. Vehicles must be parked in designated car parking spaces.

- Do you have a wet weather alternative? We suggest you speak to your function venue for possible assistance.
- Some areas are more exposed to the elements than others, for example, late afternoon winds along the coastal strip. The available space and ambience of beaches are also affected by high or low tides. We suggest you check the local tide times

### Further information

For more information on holding a ceremony on the Sunshine Coast and for possible locations view councils website.

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