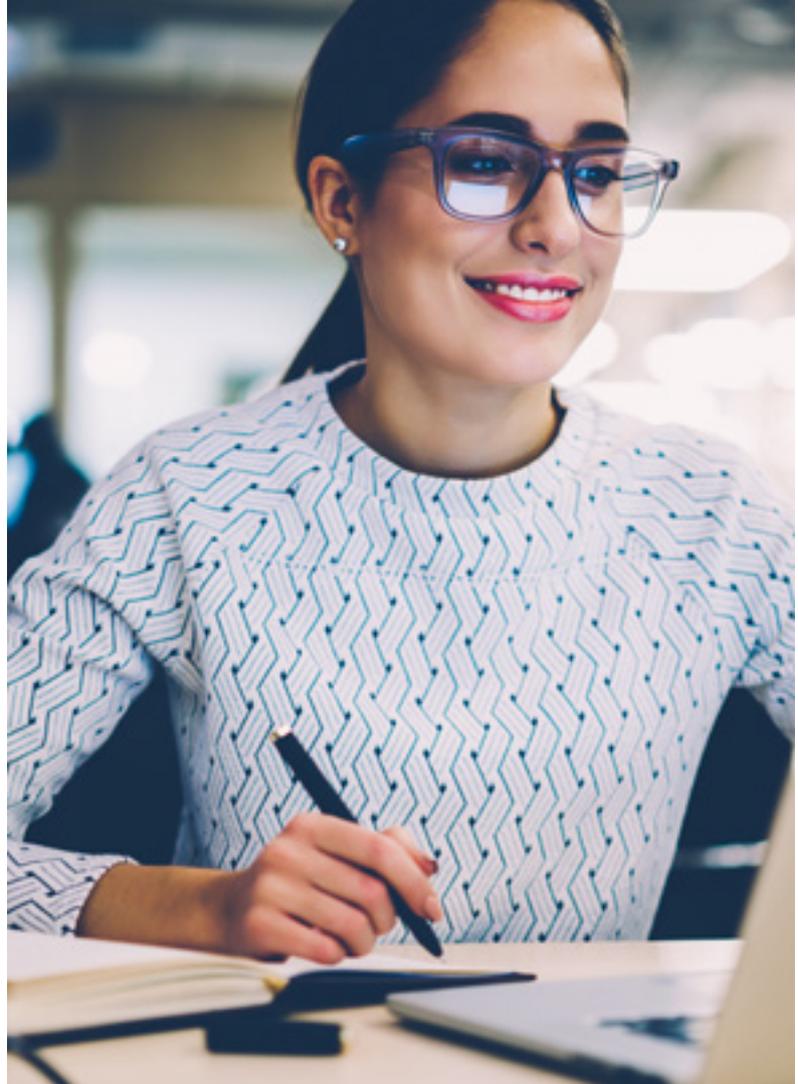


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MEMBER BENEFIT AND SAVINGS



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From the President's Desk

As a Celebrant you should consider the benefits of joining a professional association – and the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants (AFCC) offers so much, in so many ways.

The celebrancy world is such a wonderful profession, but Celebrants often need support, and assistance like insurance/copyright cover.

The Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants (AFCC) is Australia's largest and premier celebrant association offering celebrants support and benefits to help them in their endeavours as a Celebrant.

Membership of the AFCC offers many inclusive benefits such as insurance, copyright protection, software options, ongoing professional development, resources, networking opportunities, association marketing, annual National Conference and a vast range of support material including direct networking via a closed Facebook group with over 1000 like-minded members.

If you are looking for an association to support you in your journey, then please consider the AFCC. Right now, we are offering new members 15 months of membership for the price of 12 months. Join from the 1st of April to take advantage of a vast range of benefits and savings.

I look forward to welcoming you to the AFCC.

Cheers Ant
AFCC National President

“Opportunities multiply when they are seized” – Sun Tzu



ANTHONY BURKE
AFCC National President



IRENE HARRINGTON
Celebrations Editor

Editor's Expose

When I chose to join the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants (AFCC), I did so because like many, I wanted a professional association and the insurance and copyright coverage.

But my reasons for joining, were soon overshadowed by my reasons for continuing as a member, as I found AFCC offered so much more to its members.

In this special edition of our national magazine *Celebrations*, you'll find information about all the other wonderful resources and support offered to all financial members.

Many AFCC resources can be downloaded at no cost from the website and some other resources are available to purchase at members' prices.

It's hard to list all the assistance and resources offered to members in order of their importance, so we've just listed them all in random order, because what is important to some, is not necessarily so for others.

We have also included some testimonials provided by current members who are all delighted they made the decision to be a part of this association.

For now, happy reading! And here's to a wonderful 2019 for all!

AFCC National Committee

The AFCC is managed by a National Committee of volunteers. The Association is served by the 10 volunteers who are based around Australia.

The Committee is made up of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 6 Committee Members.

Each of the Committee members are allocated portfolios each year to focus on benefits, projects and ways the AFCC can continually support its members.

AFCC Membership Benefits and Savings: Valid February, 2019

- **FREE** Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance INCLUDED with your membership.
- **FREE** Copyright protection and an APRA commercial music performance licence exemption INCLUDED with your membership.
- **FREE** access to a fully supported marriage celebrant software package (*The Celebrant Suite*), or (*Celebrant Briefcase*) INCLUDED with your membership.
- **FREE** access to a store of member information and resources on the AFCC website, eg Funeral Resources Guide, Certificate templates etc.
- **FREE** access to the Attorney-General's Department endorsed '*Celebrant Closure Kit*'.
- **SAVINGS** of up to \$90 when undertaking appropriately catered AFCC-hosted face-to-face Ongoing Professional Development (OPD) events.
- **SAVINGS** of over \$200 when registering for the 2019 AFCC National Conference INCLUDING full 2019 OPD compliance.

FULLY INCLUSIVE and TAX DEDUCTIBLE MEMBERSHIP to 30 June 2020:

The AFCC is offering new members a special offer of 15 months' membership, for the price of 12 months – ONLY \$205 for full membership from 1st April, 2019 through to the 30th June 2020.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Have access to AFCC email help at helpdesk@afcc.com.au for website navigation and payment issues
- Have direct access to a support hotline **1300 555 875** for the cost of a local call
- Have access to the AFCC member 'Code of Ethics'
- Have a voice and be represented by a Committee that is truly national
- Have access to a 'members only' AFCC Facebook page
- Receive high quality, full colour quarterly *Celebrations* – our online AFCC magazine
- Receive regular information, updates, reminders and advice on relevant issues via 'e-Blast' emails and **Snapshot** bulletins
- Link your own contact details, profile and website to the AFCC website
- Receive an AFCC member lapel badge with your name, free for all new members
- Be involved in an association representing members to other organisations and government bodies, including the Attorney-General's Department and State and Territory BDMs
- Receive the benefits of a website with an effective '*Find a Celebrant*' search engine
- Access to a wealth of professional information and educational resources
- Be a member of the largest and most progressive national celebrant association, with professionals from all streams of celebrancy, to expand your knowledge and opportunities

List of AFCC Resources available from the website

- *Wedding Resources Guide*
- *Funeral Resources Guide*
- *Celebrant Closure Kit*
- Sample Client Service Agreement
- Emergency Sheet
- Risk Plan
- Ceremony Certificates – for naming, renewal of vows and commitment ceremonies and family certificates
- Rehearsal tips
- Name change information
- Process of Grief flyer (for individual states)
- Copies of *Celebrations* magazine
- AFCC Logos to use as promotion
- AFCC Management and Policies

Insurance Coverage

Ok, we admit it, insurance is not exciting or sexy, but would you offer a civil celebrancy service without it?

99.95% of ceremonies run smoothly, but accidents and mistakes are common human traits. Things (that's being polite!) happen.

Consider the ramifications if:

- an attendee trips on your sound equipment and fractures their hip
- an attendee trips on the red carpet supplied by you
- you visit your client or potential client to discuss your service and you accidentally knock and smash a family heirloom
- you fail to renew your registration and a marriage you officiate is deemed null and void
- your client or third party makes a complaint to the Attorney-General's Office and they launch an investigation
- another civil celebrant alleges that you stole and used their Intellectual Property or defamed their character
- an allegation is made that you breached someone's privacy
- you fail to notify the Registrar of Marriage Celebrants of an actual or potential conflict of interest between your practice as a marriage celebrant, and your business and/or other interests
- you fail to attend a ceremony due to an unforeseen event and the ceremony is cancelled causing distress and financial loss to your client

The good news is that AFCC purchases on behalf of all financial members, a Combined Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance policy. This policy is designed to respond to claims arising from your celebrancy practice, giving you peace of mind that you have professional support when needed.

Professional Indemnity Insurance – Covers you for allegations of professional wrongdoing by you in the delivery of your professional services.

Public Liability Insurance – Covers claims for accidental bodily injury or property damage to clients and/or members of the public at your premises or anywhere you work in Australia.

The policy organised for AFCC is comprehensive in nature, but like all policies, exclusions do apply. Some exclusions are (this is not an exhaustive list):

- claims alleging molestation/sexual misconduct are not covered
- criminal matters are not covered
- claims arising from work performed after the cancellation, suspension or termination of any statutory or professional registration or certification
- claims alleging racial or religious discrimination
- claims arising from non civil celebrancy services. This would include event management services and hiring of equipment.

Our insurance brokers - Focus Insurance Brokers – also have access to comprehensive policies and attractive premium rates for Damage to Business Property, Home/Contents, Motor Vehicle and Personal Accident and Sickness Protection.



AFCC Facebook

The AFCC Facebook page is certainly one of our finest resources. The Facebook page was created as a closed and private Facebook group to allow financial members to network with like-minded professionals in a secure environment.

With having over 1000 members engaged in the page, this is a great place to not only share ceremony ideas, but also to seek support for when celebrants are planning or writing ceremonies, or they are unsure of how to approach a difficult situation. And because it is a closed Facebook group, it is a safe place for members which means all posts and comments are not open to public view.

Copyright Coverage

In July 2018, the AFCC entered into a new Copyright Licence agreement with Copyright Agency (formerly Copyright Agency Limited). The new licence provides for digital storage, reproduction, display and distribution of copyrighted material, in addition to hard-copy reproduction that was available under the previous licence.

All financial members are covered from the day they join the AFCC **at no additional cost on top of the membership fee** for rights to use millions of books, poems, journals and other publications without the need to seek permission from the author or copyright owner. There are, however, some 'Excluded Works' that are not included in the licence, the details of which are provided to members on the AFCC website.

There is also a copy of a set of questions and comprehensive responses (as provided by Copyright Agency) on the website, to make it clear what members can and can't do according to the new licence terms and conditions. That document also provides advice on how AFCC members can protect their own works and intellectual property from unauthorised use by others.

Ongoing Professional Development

When joining the AFCC you are provided an opportunity to attend AFCC hosted OPD sessions around the country at a heavily discounted price.

In 2019, the AFCC, in conjunction with The Gordon TAFE, is hosting a range of OPD sessions across Australia.

Based on feedback from 2018:

- we have a range of new topics available this year.
- we have booked new locations in Victoria (Traralgon & Geelong) and Sydney (Penrith & Waitara[near Hornsby]) and will offer additional OPD in Queensland later in the year.
- West Australian celebrants will notice that we have completely new venues and completely new trainers.

Unfortunately, it is still not financially viable for the AFCC to host OPD in the Northern Territory.

Registrations are now open via the Events page on the website. We have been able to keep the cost for AFCC members at \$135. If you wish to complete your OPD online with The Gordon TAFE, you just need to use a special code to will give you a discount. Due to the exclusive arrangement we have with The Gordon, we cannot give discount codes for other providers.

Non-AFCC celebrants are welcome to register to undertake OPD with the AFCC for \$185.

LOCATION	STATE	DATE	VENUE	ADDRESS
TRARALGON	VIC	28.04.2019	Quality Inn Latrobe	5601 Princes Highway, Traralgon
HOBART	TAS	05.05.2019	Rydges Hobart	393 Argyle Street, Hobart
GLENELG	SA	12.05.2019	Glenelg Golf Club	James Melrose Drive, Novar Gardens
PENRITH	NSW	19.05.2019	Penrith RSL	8 Tindale Street, Penrith
DONCASTER	VIC	02.06.2019	Beau Monde International	934 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East
CHARLESTOWN	NSW	16.06.2019	Charlestown Bowling Club	5 Lincoln Street, Charlestown
CANBERRA	ACT	16.06.2019	Best Western Plus Garden City	55 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah
AFCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE	QLD	21-23 July 2019	Twin Towns Services Club	2 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads
MANDURAH	WA	11.08.2019	Seashells Mandurah	16 Dolphin Drive, Mandurah
WAITARA	NSW	18.08.2019	Magpies Waitara	11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara
GEELONG	VIC	15.09.2019	Geelong RSL	50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont
GLENELG	SA	15.09.2019	Glenelg Golf Club	James Melrose Drive, Novar Gardens
PERTH	WA	11.10.2019	Hillarys Yacht Club	65 Northside Drive, Hillarys
PERTH	WA	13.10.2019	Metro Hotel Perth	61 Canning Highway, South Perth

Webinars – 2019



The AFCC has a large range of members spread across our beautiful country. While the AFCC hosts many face to face networking function each year, it is not possible for all members to attend them. The AFCC introduced Webinars in 2018 and have been really embraced by members.

In 2019 we have decided to offer a range of different topics to assist member within their celebrant business. Invitations are sent out via an e-Blast prior to each Webinar.

Whilst it may be necessary to change the proposed topic from time to time, this schedule gives a rough idea of what is planned.

DATE	TOPIC
26 February	Navigating the AFCC Website – resource library, accessing events, shop etc, and basic Social Media – Anthony Burke
26 March	Launch – exciting news!!
30 April	AFCC National Conference – Coolangatta – Q and A – Stacey Maguire
28 May	Risk Assessment and WHS Issues
25 June	Beginners Social Media – presented by Susan Gallina
July	National Conference – no Webinar
27 August	Advanced Social Media – presented by Susan Gallina
24 September	Rituals in ceremonies
29 October	AGD Code of Practice, Code of Ethics, Certificate of Currency
26 November	PA Systems
17 December	AFCC Update & Wrap up for 2019. What's on for 2020?

Networking

Networking is so important in every area of business, and contacts made can be invaluable.

To this end, the AFCC, via its members, holds various networking events throughout the year. These are held usually on a three-monthly basis, although some members meet more frequently as they wish.

Meetings can take many forms, they can be very casual where members come together for a drink, maybe dinner and a chat - or they can be more formal occasions, where guest speakers, with a particular relevance to being a Celebrant, are engaged.

Also, every few months, the National Committee of AFCC meets in various capital cities throughout the country. When this happens, members from that area are invited to meet the National Committee, find out what is happening within the organisation and are given an opportunity to meet others from their area.

Contacts made at networking meetings can be lifelong and many times we hear about members helping each other with ceremonies, if they are sick and needing a replacement, as well as many other ways.

Each State in Australia has its own State Representative for networking events and these come under the management of the State and Territories Liaison Manager, who monitors all events within the country.

The State Representatives and the Liaison Manager are always on hand to help and advise if members wish to start their own networking groups and these are very much encouraged.

AFCC 1300 and Helpdesk

The National Committee doesn't work in an AFCC office from 9-5. Our "office" is in the home offices of National Committee members, or possibly in the kitchen or with their laptop on their knees in the lounge room, any time of the day and/or night, anywhere in Australia.

We have a specific email address for our Helpdesk: helpdesk@afcc.com.au

And a special telephone number: 1300 555 875. The AFCC phone is normally answered by our volunteer Membership Manager. You can always leave a message if they are not available when you call and we will follow-up as soon as she can.



AFCC website

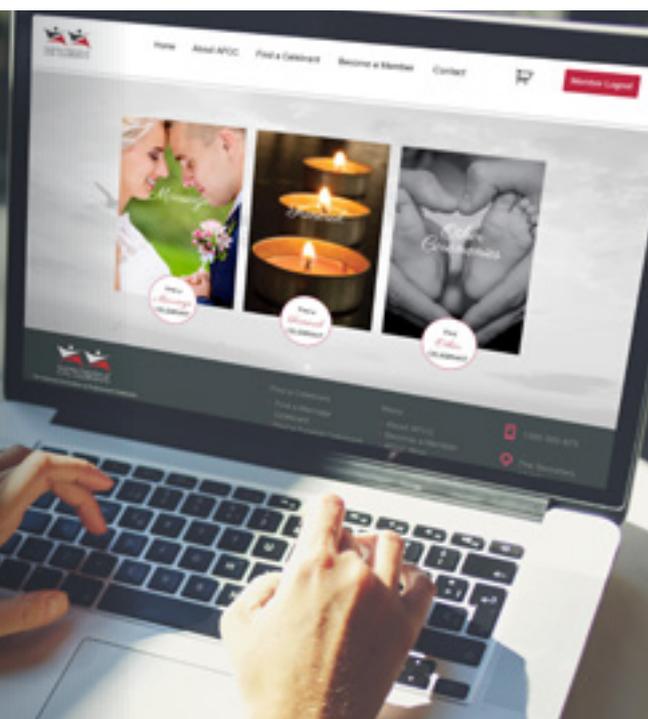
Looking for a free website?

The AFCC understands and recognises how important it is to have a digital presence in the world of business. The AFCC in the past two years, has spent considerable time researching and investing in a website that markets members to potential clients.

When joining the AFCC each member receives a free website built within the AFCC website.

We have a 'Find a Celebrant' search that is being actively used by couples to search for a celebrant. In fact AFCC members are gaining bookings from their very own AFCC website.

You will receive a unique URL that you can use to promote your services, a profile page, photo gallery, reviews section and contacts page.



AFCC Marriage Software Programs

By arrangements with third party software developer/owner, the AFCC offers member benefits of access to a marriage celebrant software program at **no additional cost.**

The packages allow celebrants to input all the information required for the legal documents that must be sent to BDM. Both packages are very user friendly and can be used on all devices such as iPad, iPhone, laptop or desk computer.

Because the AFCC now pays a licence fee for a program on a 'per user' basis, members can have access to one licence to use either the *Celebrant Suite* or *Celebrant Briefcase*. Both program licences expire at the end of the membership year (30th June).

Brief descriptions of the programs (***Celebrant Suite***) and (***Celebrant Briefcase***) are provided below:

The Celebrant Suite

The *Celebrant Suite* is available to financial members of the AFCC through an agreement with the developer/owner, **Byronware**.

It is a simple program designed as a management tool for marriage celebrant members and helps reduce mistakes, transition errors and omissions on formal documentation. This is something that has been the subject of criticisms from State and Territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and their complaints about celebrants to the Attorney-General's Department.

The AFCC does not hold any title over the *Celebrant Suite*. When ordering and being given access to it, the member must be aware that all maintenance, support and help will be provided by the owner. The AFCC does not have, or accepts any liability attached to the program.

The *Celebrant Suite* is only available for the Windows platform and the minimum operating system is Windows XP.

A 'product key' provided to you by return email from **Byronware** to install the program is unique and allows the program to stay 'live' for the membership year, ending on 30th June each year. At the end of the membership year the program will still be in place, but it does not allow any more ceremonies to be added until membership is renewed and a renewal 'key' is provided.

The records previously entered are still be accessible.

The AFCC only provides the connection to the owner of the program and pays for the licence to be issued, on your behalf, as another benefit of your AFCC membership.

Celebrant Briefcase

Like *Celebrant Suite*, *Celebrant Briefcase* is available to financial members of the AFCC through an agreement with the developer/owner, **Nick Brekalo**.

The *Celebrant Briefcase* website has a simple program designed for MAC users as well as Microsoft/Windows and as a management tool for marriage celebrant members and helps reduce mistakes, transition errors and omissions on formal documentation. This is something that has been the subject of criticisms from State and Territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and their complaints about celebrants to the Attorney-General's Department.

The AFCC does not hold any title over the ***Celebrant Briefcase***. When ordering and being given access to it, maintenance, support and help will be provided by the owner. The AFCC does not have, or accepts any liability attached to the program.

The *Celebrant Briefcase* is available for the Windows and MAC platforms.

You will need to be a financial AFCC member to access a licence for this program and it is advisable to contact the AFCC Membership Manager to be allocated your licence following your signup. Go to: membership@afcc.com.au

The AFCC only provides the connection to the owner of the program and pays for the licence to be issued, on your behalf, as another benefit of your AFCC membership.

AFCC National Conference 2019

The AFCC holds an annual conference for all financial members each year in July. **Being a member of the AFCC provides you with a heavy discount to attend this amazing yearly conference.**

The 25th AFCC National Conference will be held from 21st to 23rd July, 2019 on the beautiful Gold Coast and hosted by the Queensland Conference Team who look forward to welcoming celebrants to Mantra Twin Towns and Twin Towns Clubs and Resorts.

A brief outline of the program for this year's Conference is:

Sunday, 21 July

Registration Desk	Opens 4.00pm
Welcome Event	5.30pm – 7.30pm

Monday, 22 July

Day 1 (training sessions)	8.00am – 5.30pm
Gala Dinner (Optional)	From 7.00pm

Tuesday, 23 July

Day 2 (training sessions)	8.00am – 5.00pm
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Wednesday, 24 July

Day Trip (Optional)*	9.00am – 5.00pm
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*Wind down after conference with a day trip to the beautiful Gold Coast Hinterland visiting Tamborine and enjoying the sights and shopping, before stopping at the wonderful Cedar Creek Estate Vineyard & Winery for an all inclusive lunch and wine tasting! An optional tour of their purpose-built cave filled with thousands of glowing glow worms is available too.



AFCC Conference Fellowship

The **AFCC Conference Fellowship** has been created to formally recognise AFCC members who invest in themselves and their business by attending the **2019 AFCC National Conference** and who wish to expand their skills by completing 5 workbooks.

When you register via the AFCC website, you will be asked if you wish to participate in the **AFCC Conference Fellowship, commencing from 28 February**, participants will receive a monthly workbook on the last day of each month, allowing you to delve into your business, mindset, goals, basic social media and more! You can join this program at anytime.

As an **AFCC Conference Fellowship** participant, you will be awarded the **AFCC Conference Fellowship** pin in recognition of your dedication to **YOUR** business, **YOUR** clients and **YOUR** star!

Costs

Conference Registration for AFCC Members: \$395 (\$425 from 24 June 2019)

Welcome Event

FREE for members and \$40pp for guests/partners

Gala Dinner \$88 per person

(Theme : **“Come as the STAR you are!”**)

Day Trip \$80 or \$85 with glow worm tour

How Do I Register

By logging into the [AFCC website](#) and clicking **EVENTS** tab. Please ensure you read the AFCC Refund Policy attached to the event and you will also need to be a current financial AFCC member at the time of the conference. Students are welcome.

Partner Program

A day of golf on Tuesday and deep sea fishing trip is being considered for partners who would love to do something while their **STARS** are at conference.

Contact Us

Any questions can be directed to the Qld Conference Team via conference@afcc.com.au

Testimonials

What are our members saying about us?



Shirley Naylor (a student member)

I joined AFCC even before I did my training. (I have been involved with Member Associations coming up 42 years and truly appreciate the value of a good one.) I am very impressed with the resources available through AFCC, the insurance, *Celebrant Suite*, my celebrant badge; and the Wedding Resources Guide is frankly amazing. Loving Celebrations magazine! I have downloaded back copies to a folder and reading through them have discovered gems such as information on beach weddings, Penny Wong's contribution re same sex marriage and Social Media Marketing. Also loving the AFCC Facebook page and its wide ranging interactions, as well as the generosity of members towards each other. And although I am spreading my funds and have not yet registered, I am coming to the National Conference in July ... on my way north to marry my sister and her love in "BrisVegas". (Finished through Assessment 5, just have my videos to get through, doing two this weekend.) Thank you for all you and other National Committee members do, Irene and I look forward to meeting you and the wonderful people I see every day on Facebook.



Alan Berry

After 6 years on the waiting list, I received a phone call from the Marriage Celebrants Section of the AG's Department at 5.30pm on 1st March 1996 advising that myself and one other (from WA) had been appointed that day as a Marriage Celebrant. As a full-time Public Accountant with my own practice I realised the importance of joining an association. After much research I joined the AFCC on 23rd January, 1997. My decision has certainly been proven to be the correct one as the AFCC offers so much to its members. I have made lifelong friends with AFCC members, who I have met over the years, mainly at conferences. Nine years ago, I travelled on the Ghan which included three and a half hour stop overs at Alice Springs and Katherine. At Alice Springs I was met by Meredith Campbell, who was one of the organisers of the 2006 AFCC Annual Conference at Alice Springs which I had attended. Meredith drove me around Alice Springs showing me the town's landmarks which I had missed on my previous visit. At Katherine I was met by the then AFCC President Barry Densley and his wife Val, who drove me around Katherine followed by morning tea at their residence. Great memories.



Jackie Slater

I tried other celebrant associations before joining AFCC and have found AFCC to be helpful in all areas of my business, through regular contact with other members and the committee, OPD sessions, the Facebook page and regular e-Blasts. I also like the peace of mind I get from knowing that my very reasonable membership fee, includes insurance and copyright cover, celebrant resources, my mini website and so much more!



Dot Orchard

I got registered one day and joined the AFCC the next day, that being over fourteen years ago and I have not missed a year since, paying my membership. This association has been my strength and support ever since. As a very busy celebrant, it keeps me up to date with all that is needed in the wedding and funeral industry. If I have a question it is answered quickly and the replies I receive from celebrants from all walks of life, are always informative and I always learn something new to put into everyday use. I am proud to be a member of this association and can highly recommend it to all celebrants out there knowing that it will help you become bigger and better at what you are so proud to do.



Marina Payne

I have been a member of the AFCC since I became a Celebrant in 2014. I cannot recommend this association highly enough. Not only do we receive free insurances, *Celebrant Suite* Software (to track our weddings), a mini website on the AFCC *Find a Celebrant* page, Webinars to broaden our knowledge, an annual conference each year which is always truly amazing, but the resources for weddings, namings and funerals are unbelievable. Also there is a closed Facebook page for us to share readings, experiences, network, knowledge and most importantly, ask questions. We have some of the most knowledgeable Celebrants in Australia as part of our association, so their support and knowledge is always an added bonus. If you want an association that will give you lots of fun and have your back at the same time, then the AFCC is for you. The volunteers who make up the AFCC Committee are truly the most incredible Celebrants in Australia.



Peter Gourlay

I highly recommend that all celebrants join and participate in the activities of a celebrant association. It not only makes good business sense, but membership can build and support our professional integrity

and credibility. And when it comes to celebrant associations, none is bigger or better than the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants! When I was first registered as a celebrant, I looked carefully at what associations were available and what they offered. The AFCC was the obvious choice for me and I couldn't be happier. AFCC offers insurance and copyright protection, current resources, marketing ideas, a comprehensive magazine, web updates, hotline support, discounted professional development, Australia's largest celebrant conference and a whole lot more. But on top of everything that AFCC offers, perhaps the most important thing that the AFCC offers me, is a sense of collegiality, new friends and the confidence I am up-to-date! And all for a very reasonable membership fee.



Marcia Thomas:

I am very happy to be a member of AFCC and encourage my fellow Celebrants to also become a member!! >From the fantastic resources on offer on the AFCC website, the informative webinars, to the invaluable AFCC Facebook page where you can ask a question or ask for some help, or even by reading someone else's question, be given some ideas which often can be helpful for yourself! The icing on the cake for me with being a member of the AFCC, has got to be, going to the fabulous AFCC Conference and catching up with Celebrants you have met previously at other AFCC conferences, but then also having the chance to meet other Celebrants from all over Australia and having lots of fun with them, while also making new friends (Must also add while taking home lots of new information)!