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Thank you for visiting ‘Love and Life by Sue’. Whether you are planning a wedding with the love of your life, a funeral to celebrate the life of a loved one or one of many other love and life celebrations, I am glad that you came to ‘Love and Life by Sue’.

My name is Sue van Leeuwen and I am the owner of this business. My mission is to work with you to create a marriage, funeral or celebration service that truly celebrates love and life in an authentic way. Your way!

I am legally authorised by the Commonwealth Attorney General’s department to perform marriages across Australia and have completed a certificate IV in Celebrancy which included Marriage celebrancy units and Funeral celebrancy units

My commitment to you is that I will spend time with you, get to know you, listen to your dreams and desires for your celebration. We can then create a service that is unique, special and memorable.

Please contact me to discuss your needs.

**About me**

My name is Sue van Leeuwen and I am the owner of ‘Love and Life by Sue’. I trained as a civil celebrant as I wanted to add this important and meaningful work to my diverse portfolio career.

I am also the business owner of Amity Leadership and Consulting where I consult to organisations and leaders in the area of leadership development, governance and innovation. I am also a professional non-executive director, sitting on a number of Boards including a port authority. I was previously an academic and have a Doctorate in the area of business administration. My executive career included positions as CEO of Swanleigh and Leadership WA. (https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-sue-van-leeuwen-18659429/)

My commitment to the community is significant and I am a regular volunteer including as a Run Director for parkrun (http://www.parkrun.com.au). I am a member of 100 Women (https://100women.com.au), a philanthropic circle providing grants for the empowerment of women and girls, and I am the Chair of the Patricia Giles organisation (http://patgilescentre.org.au) which provides family and domestic violence services across Western Australia.

I have been married for over 34 years, married in a civil service, before they were trendy! We have 2 beautiful daughters who along with their partners have given us 4 amazing grandchildren. I love family time, photography, running/walking/hiking (generally wandering and putting one foot in front of the other) and travel.

Living in Perth and Preston Beach, and because I am trained as a Funeral celebrant and registered as an authorised Marriage Celebrant by the Attorney General’s Department, I am able to conduct marriage and civil ceremonies across Australia.

**Marriages**

Your wedding day is one of the most significant and happy days of your life. Accordingly, you need to choose people and suppliers who can deliver on your wishes and desires for your special day. As your Celebrant, I will work with you both to design and deliver a ceremony that authentically reflects your ‘love and life’ together and tells your story. From a traditional wedding ceremony to a funky, themed ceremony, I am willing to assist you in any location, at any time, to make it *your* special day. I am located in Perth and Preston Beach in the South of Western Australia, but I am happy to travel for your special day.

Through ‘Love and Life by Sue’, I will provide a range of services for your marriage, including:

* Initial meeting and unlimited follow-up contact to answer all your questions,
* All the legalities
* Design of your ceremony *with* you including sample services, ideas, vows, etc,
* A rehearsal of your ceremony,
* Design and delivery of an authentic ceremony that truly reflects you as a couple,
* A copy of your ceremony
* PA system
* Signing table and chairs (if needed)

The Legal Stuff:

I am legally authorised by the Commonwealth Attorney General’s department to perform marriages across Australia. Whether it’s me or someone else you chose to work with you on your marriage, ensure that they are equipped to do so. A great celebrant will not only walk you through the legalities of marriage, and also create a ceremony which truly reflects your authentic partnership.

I will assist you to understand the legal requirements of marriage and also the ‘notice of intended marriage’ which must be given to me at least one month, and up to 18 months, before your wedding. I will need to see your evidence of date and place of birth, identity and evidence of the end of any previous marriage for you or your partner. If there is less than a month before your wedding, a prescribed authority may approve a shorter notice in some limited circumstances.

On the day of your wedding, we will sign 3 marriage certificates along with 2 witnesses. I will then register your marriage with the Registrar of births, deaths and marriages in the state or territory in which I marry you.

As an authorised Celebrant, I charge a range of fees for my service, depending on the type and location of your wedding. I also require a non- refundable deposit once you have agreed to use my celebrancy services. Please contact me and we can discuss your needs and my fees.

**Funerals**

As the owner of ‘Love and Life by Sue’, I know that losing a loved one can be a difficult period. We all grieve differently. I feel very privileged to be able to spend time with families and friends as I create a ceremony for their loved one. I know that this ceremony, whether a traditional funeral or a celebration of life, recognises the love and the life of your special person.

For traditional funerals, I work alongside you and your chosen Funeral Director to create an authentic service that reflects the significance of your loved one’s life. These services will include your chosen readings, poems and music. It can also include a eulogy and rituals of significance to your loved one and family.

For celebrations of life, I will work with you to design and deliver a celebration that is as creative as you want it to be, including storytelling and rituals of significance. I can even work on a hybrid of both a funeral and a celebration.

I am willing to assist you in any location, at any time, to make *your* day special. I am located in Perth and Preston Beach in the South of Western Australia, but I am happy to travel. Why not contact me for a chat about creating a dignified and authentic recognition of your loved one.

**Other Ceremonies**

As a Professional Celebrant, I am also happy to work with you on a range of special events and ceremonies, including:

* renewal of vows / re-affirmation ceremonies
* commitment ceremonies
* baby naming / name giving
* family commitment ceremonies
* MC services at conferences

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