



What is Marriage Week?

Marriage Week is an annual celebration, initiated in Australia in 2007, to reinforce and promote the benefits and importance of marriage and increase awareness and value of pre-marriage and in-marriage education. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for couples to affirm their relationship and take time out for each other.

Marriages are very important to us and Marriage Week aims to create a marriage culture within the Church. It is celebrated in the second full week of September. Strongly supported by the Combined Churches of Townsville, Marriage Week this year had wonderful attendances and included many events such as: a secret men's breakfast, black tie picnic on the strand, marriage week celebratory dinner, valiant men and alpha men courses.

Why Marriage Week?

- It gives a husband and wife, and those preparing to marry, the opportunity and encouragement to focus on their relationship
- It affirms that marriage is valuable, the foundation of healthy families, healthy children, and a healthy community
- It highlights that marriage is 'the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life'
- Marriage should be encouraged, strengthened, valued and supported by society and individuals in every possible way as a social good
- To create a network of people across Australia working together to offer positive resources that will help couples reaffirm the value of and commitment to their marriage.

Can you think of a couple who could benefit from participating in marriage week?

Find out more: www.marriageweek.org.au