

What additional options
are available?

Wider family involvement and participation

**Inclusion of readings, music, singing performances
or other contributions from your family and/or
friends**

Extra travel costs and incidentals

Culturally driven ceremonies

Wedding cloaking ceremony

At the beginning of your wedding you are helped to place the cloaks around each others' shoulders, symbolizing warmth and protection, after which you share the hongi or breath of life as a symbol of your love and trust in each other. The cloaks remain in place until the marriage ceremony is fully completed.

Marae based weddings

Marae based wedding ceremonies following Maaori protocol can be arranged.

Wedding Fees

Please feel welcome to contact me to discuss your needs so we can identify the fee involved in designing and facilitating your ideal ceremony. All fees are quoted in full at the completion of our first face to face consultation, at which time a non-refundable deposit is paid. Full payment is due three weeks prior to your wedding.

How can I help you with
other important life rituals?

**Unique ceremonies designed especially for you and
your family**

Renewal of marriage vows

Naming ceremonies for children and adults

Ceremonies to acknowledge separation, divorce and
other life transitions

Graduations and cloaking ceremonies for other times of
achievement

Special family events and celebrations

Funerals

Spiritual healing and support services

Spiritual house cleansing

Spiritual healing

Spiritual counselling

Fees: All these services are charged at an hourly rate.
Most ceremonies take around 5 hours in total to design
and facilitate. Please feel welcome to contact me to
discuss your needs.

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Earth Stone Rituals

CEREMONIES DESIGNED TO MEET YOUR NEEDS



*Your
uniqueness
matters*

WEDDINGS
AND OTHER IMPORTANT
LIFE EVENTS

harmony
tranquility calm love

Information about Tau



Greetings, my name is Tau Huirama and my tribal affiliations are Waikato and Maniapoto. I am an accredited civil marriage celebrant and have been conducting weddings and facilitating rituals for eighteen years.

I find it a privilege to help individuals, couples, families and groups create and participate in their own rituals of celebration, change, support and comfort, as life brings its joys, opportunities, changes and challenges.

I am a father and grandfather and I live with my partner Liz at Mana near Porirua. When I am not designing and facilitating weddings and other rituals, I am involved in activities that help New Zealand families to nurture and cherish their children so they grow up safe, thriving and fully supported to live their dreams.

The heart of my work is listening to what people want and need, so that I can create the ceremony that works most perfectly for them.

The values that guide me in my work as a designer and facilitator of rituals and ceremonies are:

- Respect
- Peace
- Diversity
- Creativity
- Transparency

Creating your ideal wedding

My role as your marriage celebrant

As your celebrant, my role is to listen carefully to what you want and then design and facilitate your ideal marriage ceremony, in consultation with you.

Your ceremony is created to reflect your values and ideas and to match the environment you have chosen for your marriage, whether indoors, outdoors or in any other unique location.

If you choose my 'foundation wedding ceremony' it will include:

- A welcome to honour your guests and set the scene for your ceremony, informed by your information and ideas
- Your wedding vows, expressing the commitments you have chosen to make to each other
- Your declarations of 'I do' – essential for the marriage to be registered
- The giving or exchange of rings
- The pronouncement: 'I now pronounce you husband and wife'
- The signing and witnessing of the wedding licence
- The formal announcement that you are now a married couple
- The dismissal 'Go with the good wishes of your family and friends'
- Any announcements I am asked to make
- Concluding comments

Earth Stone Wedding Ceremonies

As your Earth Stone wedding celebrant, my service to you includes

- Face to face consultations, so we can create your ideal ceremony
- Phone calls and email conversations so we keep in touch easily as your ceremony and vows are developed
- The booklet of your ceremony which is gifted to you
- My travel costs (if venue within 25km of my office)
- Facilitation of your wedding ceremony
- A table, cloth and pens for licence signing, if needed
- A celebrant's microphone
- Registration of the legal paperwork after the wedding

All couples can trust that I will honour these commitments

- A stress free and supportive working relationship where no question is silly and all your wedding ceremony needs are considered with care
- An invitation to review samples of ceremonies I have written, to help you work through the wording you would prefer and give plentiful opportunity for you to add your own special thoughts and words into the ceremony
- A professional, carefully designed and sensitively delivered ceremony that is intimately meaningful for you and memorable for your family and friends
- My presence at your wedding venue at least 30 minutes in advance, dressed to fit in with your wedding and ready to engage warmly with you and your guests

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