

Marriage Undertaking

Date of this Agreement: the Agreement Date referred to at Item 1 of the Schedule

Parties

The Gurudwara referred to in Item 2 of the Schedule

and

The Marriageable Persons referred to in Item 3 of the Schedule

Recitals

- A. The Marriageable Persons have requested the Gurudwara to provide access to the Space (referred to in Item 4 of the Schedule) and provide the Services (referred to in Item 5 of the Schedule) on the Marriage Date (referred to in Item 6 of the Schedule).
- B. The Gurudwara is a place of worship for the Sikh community in Victoria.
- C. The Marriageable Persons intend to be married pursuant to the *Marriage Act 1961* (Cth) by being married in the Sikh tradition by way of a Sikh marriage ceremony (referred to herein as an "Anand Karaj") and confirm that their marriage will not be in contravention of the *Marriage Act 1961* (Cth).

Operative Provisions

Now the Parties acknowledge and agree to the following provisions:

1. The Parties agree that all parts of this Agreement including all headings, the Recitals, Operative Provisions and the Schedule form part of the agreement between the Parties, and the Parties agree that the Agreement may only be amended in writing any by the mutual consent of all the Parties.
2. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that the Anand Karaj must be performed in accordance with Sikh practices and the *Sikh Rehat Maryada* (Sikh Code of Conduct) which is currently endorsed by the Akaal Takht (available in the Punjabi language online at <http://new.sgpc.net/sikh-rehat-maryada-in-punjabi/> and in the English language online at <http://new.sgpc.net/sikh-rehat-maryada-in-english/>).
3. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that no clapping or cheering is allowed in any Gurudwara premises including the Space, if the Marriageable Persons or any other persons they invite onto the Gurudwara premises feel the need to express their enthusiasm or appreciation the phrase "Boley So Nihal Sat Ski Akaal" should be utilised.
4. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that only vegetarian food is allowed to be served on the Gurudwara premises.
5. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that no alcohol products, tobacco products or other intoxicants are allowed to be brought onto the Gurudwara premises.
6. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that the Marriageable Persons and any persons who are invited by the Marriageable Persons must at all times have their head covered and shoes removed in any interior area of the Gurudwara premises or the Space, and at all times must be dressed modestly.
7. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that standing around the palanquin (the *Palki*) to support the bride during the Anand Karaj ceremony is prohibited.
8. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that the *Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji* must be respected at all times.
9. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that any food served (*Langar*) must be served in accordance with the *Sikh Rehat Maryada* referred to above, no tables and chairs can be added to the Langar Hall and the tables and chairs which are present are to be used only by the elderly and infirm). If the Marriageable Persons wish for tables to be utilised for the serving of *Langar* only, they must first receive written permission from the Gurudwara.
10. The Marriageable Persons agree that no food or drink other than the communion offering (referred to herein as the "Deg") given by the Gurudwara staff is allowed to be served on the upper floor of the Space (referred to herein as the Darbar Hall).
11. The Marriageable Persons agree that the token gifting or *Shagan* ceremony, if performed, shall be performed outside of the Darbar Hall.
12. The Marriageable Persons shall pay the Gurudwara a Booking Fee (as defined in Item 7 of the Schedule) which shall be non refundable on the Agreement Date.
13. The Marriageable Persons shall pay the Gurudwara the Additional Fees (as defined in Item 8 of the Schedule) prior to the Marriage Date, which is non refundable after the Marriage Date.
14. The Space is not allowed to be decorated without the written approval of the Gurudwara, if any decorations are allowed by the Gurudwara, they must be removed by the Marriageable Persons at their own cost at the request of the Gurudwara.
15. If professional catering is going to be utilised, the Marriageable Persons must ensure that the caterer must meet with the Gurudwara management prior to the Marriage Date to discuss the service of *Langar*.
16. The Marriageable Persons must, at least 5 days prior to the Marriage Date, advise the Gurudwara management of the number of person who will attend the Anand Karaj so that the Gurudwara can arrange enough Deg to be prepared.
17. The Marriageable Persons acknowledge and agree that they have not contravened and will not contravene, section 42 of the *Marriage Act 1961* (Cth) and must ensure that: not earlier than 18 months before the Marriage Date, and not later than 1 month before the Marriage Date, the Marriageable Persons must advise an authorised celebrant in writing of the intention.
18. The Marriageable Persons agree that if they contravene, or allow a contravention, of this Agreement, the Gurudwara management may request the Marriageable Persons to sign an acknowledgement of their contravention as well as an apology which will then be displayed on the Gurudwara noticeboard; the form and wording of the acknowledgement and apology shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Gurudwara.

SIGNED BY THE MARRIAGEABLE PERSONS:
 Groom
 Bride

