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TYING THE KNOT IS AS EASY AS 123 ON 12/12/12

A record number of couples are expected to tie the knot on 12/12/12 - the last such date with the same number for the day, month and year for nearly ninety years.

At the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, 123 couples have registered to get married next Wednesday, exceeding the numbers registered on any date since 01/01/01, and including the popular 08/08/08.

“For many couples, a special date like this has an irresistible appeal, with the extra advantage that it is an easy anniversary date to remember” said Attorney General Greg Smith.

“The countdown to 12/12/12 has resulted in record numbers of marriages at the Registry, which has hired additional venues and extended its hours to accommodate the high demand.”

Because of the large number of couples wishing to get married on the day, the first marriage will take place at 8am and the last marriage will finish at 9pm.

“The staff at the Registry have done a terrific job arranging the largest number of marriages ceremonies in one day at any Registry office.” he said.

Registry marriage figures over the last 11 years show that many couples seized the opportunity to be married on a special date. Generally, dates that fell on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday were more popular than others.

There were 967 marriages across the state last year on Remembrance Day 11/11/11 – 101 of them in a registry office. Even though this year the special date falls on a Wednesday, the Registry expects it to be popular also for non-registry weddings.

NSW Marriages – Number of Marriages (Registry and elsewhere) on special dates:

01/01/01	02/02/02	03/03/03	04/04/04	05/05/05	06/06/06	07/07/07	08/08/08	09/09/09	10/10/10	11/11/11
Mon	Sat	Mon	Sun	Thu	Tue	Sat	Fri	Wed	Sun	Fri
61	720	56	169	61	44	517	460	230	882	967

Registry offices across NSW are increasing in popularity with 4,641 marriages conducted in 2011, more than 150% increase since 2001. Registry office marriages start from \$350.

To find out more about getting married at the Registry, call 1300 655 236 or visit www.bdm.nsw.gov.au