

World's first legal Pastafarian wedding to take place in Akaroa this weekend

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Longtime loves Toby Ricketts and Marianna Young look forward to Saturday, when they will wed Pastafarian-style.

Noodles and nuptials are set to share centre stage in the world's first legal Pastafarian wedding, to be held this weekend on a commandeered pirate ship in Akaroa.

Toby Ricketts and his partner Marianna Young, from Totara North, will wed on Saturday, 16th April by 'ministeroni' Karen Martyn - [the world's first legal Pastafarian marriage celebrant](#) - in front of a crowd dressed in full pirate regalia.

Pastafarians are followers of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM), who believe that pirates (while miscast as evil) are actually the supreme beings on earth and that all modern-day humans have evolved from pirates.

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The groom, an international voiceover artist, says he is very much looking forward to his day that has "come about very quickly over the past few weeks", after he proposed to his long-term partner via a Google calendar invite.

"I sent Marianna a 'meeting' invite via Google calendar titled 'Pirate Wedding?' - and she accepted."

The Church of the FSM is officially recognised as a religious organisation. Members are [entitled to wear a colander as 'religious headgear'](#) in passport and driver license photographs to illustrate their belief.

A spokesperson from the Church of the FSM said that while this weekend's wedding will be a little "different" and will certainly challenge tradition, there will be vows exchanged as a legal requirement.

There will also be pasta and pirate-themed puns aplenty, and following the ceremony guests will be treated to "a pasta and vegetarian meatball feast and rum-fueled revelry".

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