

Wedding & Event Photography Permit

Terms & Conditions



1. What this permit covers

- 1.1 This permit is issued under Regulation 37 of the Royal Botanic Gardens Regulations 2014 and authorises professional photography within Melbourne Gardens for a non-commercial purpose.
- 1.2 The permit covers one shoot of up to three hours on the date and during the window stated on the permit.
- 1.3 The permit applies to the subjects or the organisation named on it, and covers all photographers and assistants attending for that shoot. It cannot be transferred to another person, organisation or shoot.
- 1.4 Non-commercial means the images are for personal use by the subjects. Photography for advertising, marketing, brand, product, editorial or any other commercial purpose is not covered and requires separate approval.

2. Access

- 2.1 The permit covers publicly accessible areas of Melbourne Gardens.
- 2.2 Gardens House, other onsite partner venues and areas in use for events are not covered, and access to any part of the Gardens may be restricted at any time.
- 2.3 The Gardens remain open to the public throughout. No area may be cordoned or roped off, and no inconvenience may be caused to other visitors, who retain right of access to all parts of the Gardens.
- 2.4 Your permit must be available to show on request to any RBGV staff or security member. A copy on your phone is fine.
- 2.5 Photography without a permit may be subject to penalties under the Royal Botanic Gardens Regulations 2014.

3. In the Gardens

- 3.1 The [Royal Botanic Gardens Regulations](#) must be observed at all times.
- 3.2 No interference may be caused to the flora or fauna of the Gardens. Entering garden beds, handling plant material, and climbing trees or structures is not permitted.
- 3.3 Confetti, rice, glitter and flower petals, natural or synthetic, are not permitted anywhere in the Gardens. Bubbles are permitted.
- 3.4 Drones and aerial photography are not permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.5 No vehicle may be brought into the Gardens for the purpose of photography under any circumstances, including wedding photography. All equipment must be hand carried.
- 3.6 Follow the directions of RBGV staff at all times.

4. Fees, changes and cancellations

- 4.1 The permit fee is payable in full before the permit is issued.
- 4.2 Cancellations made more than 14 days before the permit date will be refunded less 20% of the fee. No refund is available for cancellations inside 14 days or for permits not used.
- 4.3 One date change may be requested in writing up to 24 hours before the start of your permit window, subject to availability. Requests submitted in writing by that deadline will be honoured even where the deadline falls on a non-working day.
- 4.4 Permits cannot be extended on the day. If you need longer, contact us in advance.

5. Damage and liability

- 5.1 The permit holder is liable for the cost of any damage caused to the Gardens, its plants, infrastructure or assets.

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5.2 RBGV accepts no responsibility for damage to equipment or for personal injury during the shoot.

6. Compliance

6.1 RBGV may direct any person to leave the Gardens where these conditions are not met or where their behaviour is considered unsafe, offensive or disruptive. No refund applies where a permit is cancelled for non-compliance.

6.2 The permit must be signed and returned to venues@rbg.vic.gov.au before the permit date.