



Royal  
Botanic  
Gardens  
Victoria

*Venue Hire*



# Melbourne Gardens





## Set within Melbourne's most established garden landscape

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne has been part of the city's landscape since 1846, growing across 38 hectares on the banks of the Yarra River into one of the world's most significant heritage botanic gardens. More than 7,500 plant species draw from collections across the globe, set within a landscape designed to be wandered, lingered in, and remembered.

A wedding within the Gardens borrows from that history. Heritage lawns and pavilions, lakeside settings shaped by generations of horticultural care, and quiet pockets removed from the rhythm of the city. Few places in Melbourne hold this combination of scale, age and natural beauty, and fewer still are open for couples to make their own, even for a few hours.

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Gardens stand, and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

We'd be glad to show you the Gardens.  
Get in touch to arrange a private site visit.



# Lawns





## Dog Flat Lawn

Dog Flat Lawn is one of the most versatile ceremony settings in the Gardens. A generous flat footprint opens onto sweeping lake views, framed on three sides by mature trees and established planting that hold the space without enclosing it. The lawn accommodates ceremonies of any size and configuration, with the surrounding tree lines giving even smaller gatherings a sense of intimacy.

Power access, level ground and nearby amenities make Dog Flat a practical choice for every format. Golden hour light through the western tree line makes it one of the most photographed locations across the site.

- **Best for premium garden ceremonies, couples seeking flexibility in scale and styling, ceremonies built around a hero outdoor setting.**
- **Ideal for all gathering sizes.**

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## Taxodium Lawn

Set on a gentle curve of the Ornamental Lake, Taxodium Lawn takes its name from the heritage bald cypress trees (*Taxodium distichum*) that frame the space. The lawn opens toward the water with established planting wrapping behind the aisle, creating a setting that feels framed without being enclosed.

- Best for lakeside ceremonies, couples drawn to a setting defined by heritage trees and open water.
- Ideal for large gatherings.

## Picnic Point

Picnic Point sits on a peninsula reaching into the Ornamental Lake, framed by water and mature palms anchoring the space. Sweeping views extend across the lake to small tree-covered islands beyond, creating a ceremony backdrop shaped entirely by water and greenery.

- Best for lakeside ceremonies, couples seeking a distinctive setting with sweeping water views.
- Ideal for large gatherings.





## Nymphaea Lake East

On the eastern side of Nymphaea Lake, this ceremony lawn is framed by a dense bank of established greenery that rises behind the aisle like a natural arbour. The lake flanks the lawn on either side, holding the space between water and living architecture.

- **Best for lakeside ceremonies seeking a natural focal point, couples drawn to immersive garden settings.**
- **Ideal for middle to large gatherings.**

## Nymphaea Lake West

Set on the western side of Nymphaea Lake, this lawn is framed by garden beds and tree lines along its borders, with the lake forming the open edge and natural ceremony backdrop. The result is a quieter, more enclosed setting with one of the Gardens' most underrated water views.

- **Best for lakeside ceremonies, couples drawn to a more intimate garden setting.**
- **Ideal for small to middle sized gatherings.**





## Princes Lawn

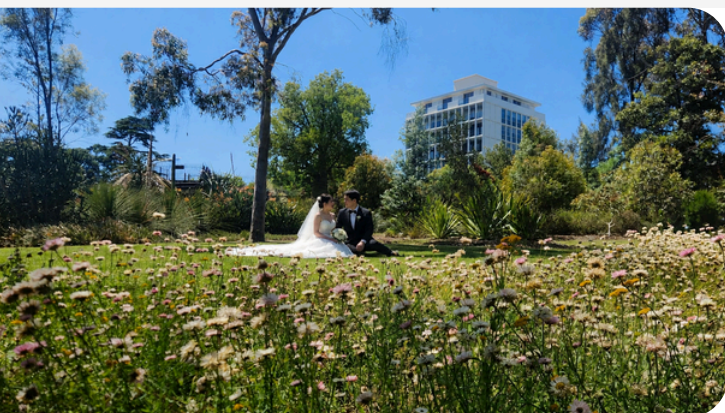
One of the largest open spaces in Melbourne Gardens, with a gentle slope creating a natural amphitheatre effect and the lake forming the ceremony backdrop below.

- **Best for large ceremonies, couples drawn to elevated outdoor settings with natural sightlines.**
- **Ideal for large gatherings.**

## Tennyson Lawn

Set away from the lake and framed by established trees, Tennyson Lawn is substantial in size but defined by smaller pockets that suit ceremonies at any scale.

- **Best for ceremonies seeking privacy, couples drawn to garden settings.**
- **Ideal for small to large gatherings.**

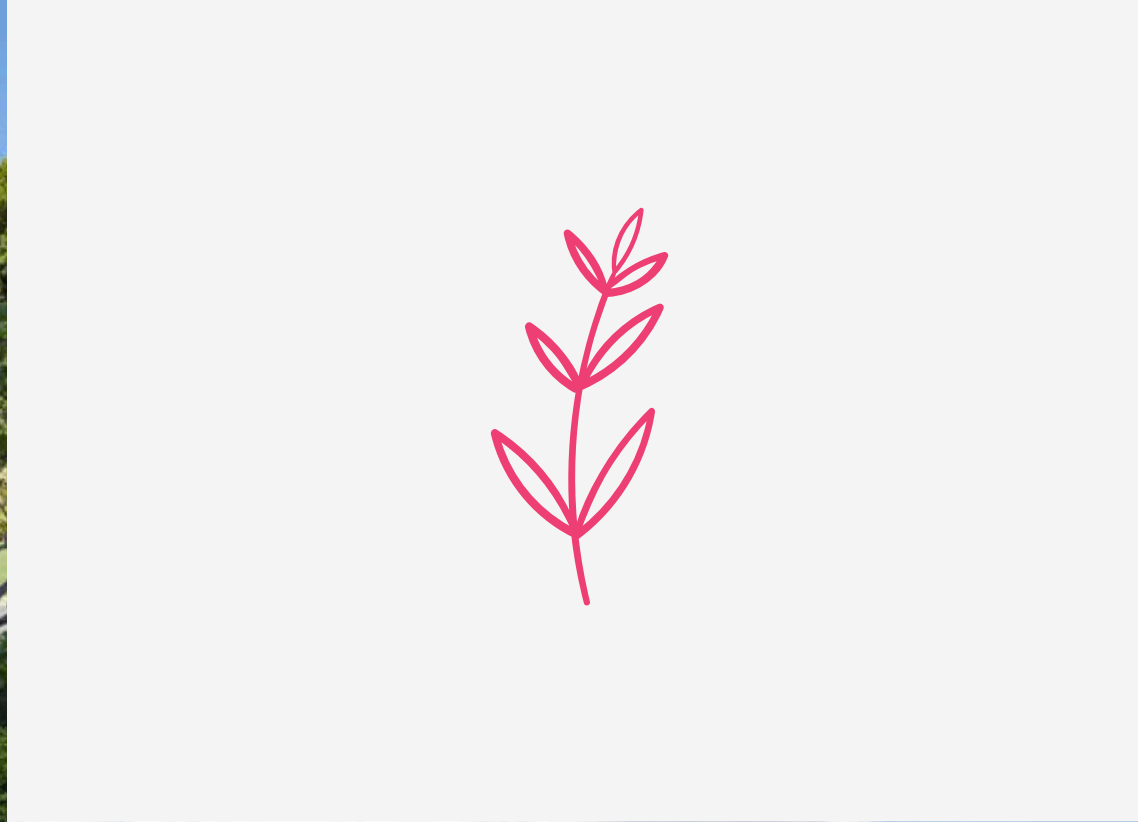


## Eucalypt Lawn

A distinctly Australian setting framed by mature eucalypts and adjacent to the Dry Garden's native plantings, with smaller pockets ideal for intimate ceremonies.

- **Best for couples drawn to Australian native settings.**
- **Ideal for small ceremonies or larger garden gatherings.**





# Pavilions





## Rose Pavilion

A heritage pavilion set within the rose garden, the Rose Pavilion offers a covered ceremony focal point for the couple, celebrant and witnesses. The pavilion suits intimate ceremonies and elopements rather than larger gatherings, and can be paired with the high end of Princes Lawn for combination bookings.

- **Best for intimate ceremonies and elopements, couples drawn to heritage architecture as a ceremony focal point.**
- **Ideal for intimate gatherings.**

## Tecoma Pavilion

Set within the Eastern Lawn and framed by surrounding garden pockets, Tecoma Pavilion is one of the Gardens' more versatile ceremony spaces. The heritage pavilion acts as a focal point for the ceremony itself, with the adjacent lawn providing room for guests, cocktail hour and a natural flow from ceremony into celebration.

- **Best for ceremonies built around a heritage focal point, intimate weddings, couples wanting room to flow from ceremony into reception drinks.**
- **Ideal for intimate to middle sized gatherings.**



# Pricing & Inclusions



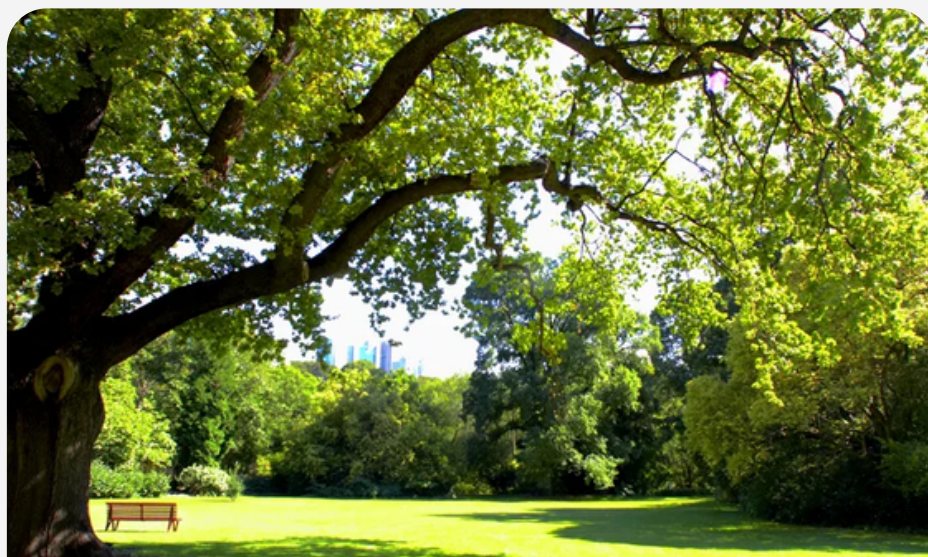
| Location                    | Peak (Oct–Mar) | Shoulder (Apr & Sep) | Off-Peak (May–Aug) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Dog Flat                    | \$2,885        | \$2,308              | \$1,890            |
| All Other Lawns & Pavilions | \$1,630        | \$1,304              | \$1,075            |

**Bookings are taken in 3-hour durations 12pm–3pm | 3pm–6pm**

\*Alternate times available on request

### Venue Concierge

- To ensure a seamless experience and protect the Gardens environment, all bookings require a dedicated RBGV venue concierge.
- Coordinates access and supports suppliers
- Cost: \$320 on a 3 Hour Ceremony



### What's Included

- Exclusive use of your selected ceremony location (3 hours)
- Photography permit
- Reserved ceremony signage
- One vehicle access permit
- Bump-in and bump-out within hire period

**\*All Prices are Exclusive of GST**



# Optional Extras

## Combination Bookings

Combined venue bookings allow for exclusive use of lawns and pavilions within the gardens that overlook one another

## Potential Lawn Combinations

- Taxodium & Picnic Point
- Nymphaea Lake East & West Lawns
- Rose Pavilion with Princes Lawn
- Tecoma Pavilion with Eastern Lawn

**Price: 25% Surcharge on Relevant Price**



## Add-ons:

- Additional hire time — from \$340/hour
- Guest transport buggy (with driver) — \$660

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# Wet Weather Back-Up



**The Ellery Suite**  
(~50 seated capacity)  
**\$450**



**Eastern Transit Room**  
(~100 seated capacity)  
**\$600**



**Mueller Hall**  
(~200 seated capacity)  
**\$750**

Outdoor ceremonies are part of the appeal of an RBGV booking, but Melbourne weather can be unpredictable, and a wet weather back-up venue gives couples certainty on the day. Three indoor spaces within the Gardens precinct are available to pre-book alongside the main ceremony location.

Back-up venues are pre-booked at the time of the main booking and the fee is payable regardless of activation. The decision to move indoors rests with the couple and is confirmed at the start of the booked permit time. However please note suppliers may require advance notice to relocate setup.

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# Cranbourne Gardens



# Set within Australia's boldest native garden

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is a different kind of garden. Set within 363 hectares of bushland on Melbourne's south-east, its heart is the award-winning Australian Garden, a contemporary native landscape ranked in 2025 among the New York Times' twenty-five must-see gardens in the world. The sweep of ochre across the Red Sand Garden and the quiet of the bushland around it are unmistakably Australian.

The Garden offers a range of settings for ceremonies and private celebrations, framed by sculptural native landscapes with the Lilypad Bridge and Red Sand Garden close at hand for photographs. During daylight saving there is also the rare chance to extend into exclusive after-hours access once the Garden closes to the public for a wholly private experience.

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To learn more about events at Cranbourne, get in touch with our team.



# Preferred Suppliers

**FLOWERjar**

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[hello@flowerjar.com.au](mailto:hello@flowerjar.com.au)

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(03) 9429 8688  
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Suppliers not listed above are permitted; however, they require prior approval from RBGV and must meet our conditions. For more information please view our Terms & conditions.



# FAQs

## **Can we have extra time for our ceremony or event?**

Yes, subject to availability. Additional time is charged at our standard hourly rate. Let us know your requirements at the time of booking.

## **How do we get in?**

We'll be in touch before your event with gate directions. Your Venue Concierge will meet you at your allocated gate and be on site for the duration of your permit.

## **Do you have vehicle restrictions?**

One vehicle is included in your permit. All vehicle access is through your allocated gate with your Venue Concierge present.

## **Can we hire a buggy to move guests within the Gardens?**

Yes. A guest transport buggy with driver is available as an add-on. Speak to our team at the time of booking.

## **Where is parking?**

Parking is outside the Gardens. We'll provide directions to the nearest gate and parking options once your venue is confirmed.

## **Does the booking come with furniture?**

We only provide the space and a Venue Concierge. Our Preferred Supplier List includes companies who can provide any furniture you need on the day.

## **Can we bring our own suppliers?**

Yes. However, non-preferred suppliers require prior written approval and must hold current public liability insurance of no less than \$10 million.

## **What happens if it rains?**

We recommend pre-booking a wet weather back-up space at the time of your booking. A number of indoor spaces are available at additional cost. The decision to move indoors is yours and must be made before the start of your permit time.

## **Will our ceremony space be private?**

The Gardens remain open to the public during your event. Your Venue Concierge will ensure your booked space is cleared and maintained for your exclusive use during your permit time.

## **Can we have live music?**

Battery-operated and acoustic music are welcome. Amplified music connected to mains power requires prior approval and is dependent on power access at your chosen lawn.

## **Is the venue accessible?**

Some ceremony lawns and pavilions are accessible via paved or compacted pathways. Let us know your requirements when booking and we'll provide detailed access information for your chosen space.

## **Can we stay for drinks and photos after the ceremony?**

Your permit time is yours to use as you choose, this includes set-up, the ceremony, photos, and any post-ceremony time with guests. Keep in mind your suppliers will also need to pack up within your permit time.

## **Can we have dogs at our wedding?**

Yes — dogs, cats and other domestic pets on a leash are welcome in Melbourne Gardens. Dog owners are responsible for their animals at all times and must ensure all waste is removed.



# Terms & Conditions

## Bookings

Your booking is confirmed once your Event Permit Agreement is signed and your booking deposit is received. Permit fees are paid in instalments: a 20% booking deposit, a further 40% due six months before your event, and the remaining 40% due 45 days before your event.

## On the Day

Your permit time includes all bump-in and bump-out. Your Venue Concierge will be your on-site point of contact throughout and will ensure your booked space is ready on arrival. A photography permit is included with your booking, allowing your nominated photography and videography team to shoot throughout the Gardens on your event day. Please note that drone and aerial photography is not permitted within the Gardens.

## A Few Things to Note

To protect the Gardens and its collections, the following are not permitted: confetti, glitter, synthetic or fresh flower petals, all balloons, sky lanterns, fireworks, and pegs or stakes of any kind. All structures must be weighted. One vehicle is permitted on site with prior approval, accompanied by your Venue Concierge at all times.

## Changes and Cancellations

We understand that circumstances can change. Date changes made within 120 days of your event incur a fee of 15% of your original permit fees. Date changes cannot be made within 21 days of your event. If you need to cancel, the following applies:

- 180 days or more — Booking Deposit only is retained
- 45 to 179 days — 30% of total permit fees is retained
- Less than 45 days — 100% of total permit fees is retained

All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

## Compliance & Responsibility

By signing your Event Permit Agreement you are agreeing to all terms and conditions, site rules, and guidelines set out by RBGV.

These are subject to change with notice. RBGV does not accept liability for any loss or damage to personal items or equipment, and we encourage all clients to arrange appropriate event insurance.

## Booking Terms & Conditions

A full copy of our Terms and Conditions is available on request





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