



Royal
Botanic
Gardens
Melbourne



Weddings & Private Events

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Set within Melbourne's most established garden landscape

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is home to one of the world's most significant living plant collections. Across 38 hectares on the banks of the Yarra River, more than 7,500 different plants from 249 families are grown and cared for, representing 98% of the world's countries in a single landscape. It is what separates a botanic garden from a park. Every plant here has been selected, recorded and maintained since 1846, by horticulturists whose work supports conservation, climate resilience and urban greening across Victoria and beyond.



That is what a wedding in the Gardens is set within. The lawns, the lakeside settings and the trees framing your ceremony are part of a collection tended for nearly 180 years. Few places in Melbourne hold this combination of scale, age and living history, 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.

Melbourne Gardens



Lawns





Dog Flat Lawn

Capacity

Up to 200 Seated, 400 Standing

Event Types

Ceremony, Outdoor Reception,
Cocktail Event

Facilities

Power access, Toilets nearby

Access

Northern Gate, off Alexandra Avenue,
Street parking nearby

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.

Taxodium Lawn

Taxodium Lawn sits on a gentle curve of the Ornamental Lake, taking 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. The cypresses give the space a character that changes through the year, from soft green in spring to rust and copper in autumn.

The lake forms an uninterrupted backdrop across the width of the lawn, and the open aspect suits larger ceremonies without losing the sense of enclosure the tree line provides. Taxodium sits close to The Terrace, making it a natural choice for ceremonies flowing into a reception nearby.



Capacity
Up to 150 Seated, 300 Standing

Event Types
Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Facilities
Toilets nearby

Access
Bridge Gate off Alexandra Avenue &
Anderson Street, Street parking nearby

Picnic Point

Picnic Point sits on a peninsula reaching into the Ornamental Lake, framed by water on three sides with 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. Few settings in the Gardens place guests so completely within the landscape.

The peninsula position gives Picnic Point a natural sense of separation that open lawns cannot match, with the water holding the space on either side. Booking Taxodium Lawn alongside it as a combination reserves the lawn across the water, giving your ceremony a wider buffer of exclusive space on the day.



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- Capacity
Up to 200 Seated,
350 Standing
 - Event Types
Ceremony, Cocktail Event
 - Facilities
Pavilion nearby
 - Access
Bridge Gate off Alexandra
Avenue & Anderson Street,
Street parking nearby
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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. The planting behind gives the ceremony a natural focal point without anything needing to be built or brought in.

Nymphaea Lake is intimate rather than expansive, and the lawn sits close to the Southern Gate, keeping arrival straightforward for guests and suppliers. Booking Nymphaea Lake West alongside it as a combination reserves the lawn opposite, giving your ceremony a wider buffer of exclusive space.

Capacity

Up to 150 Seated, 300 Standing

Event Types

Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Facilities

Toilets nearby

Access

Southern Gate off Birdwood Avenue, Street parking nearby

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. The borders on three sides give the space a sense of shelter that suits smaller ceremonies, where a larger open lawn can leave a gathering feeling exposed.

Nymphaea Lake is intimate rather than expansive, and the lawn sits within easy reach of the Southern Gate, keeping arrival straightforward for guests and suppliers. Booking Nymphaea Lake East alongside it as a combination reserves the lawn opposite, giving your ceremony a wider buffer of exclusive space.



Capacity
Up to 80 Seated, 200 Standing

Event Types
Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Facilities
Power access, Toilets nearby

Access
Southern Gate off Birdwood Avenue, Street parking nearby



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.

Event Types

Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Capacity

Up to 200 Seated, 350 Standing

Access

Oak Lawn Gate off Birdwood Avenue, Street parking nearby

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.

Event Types

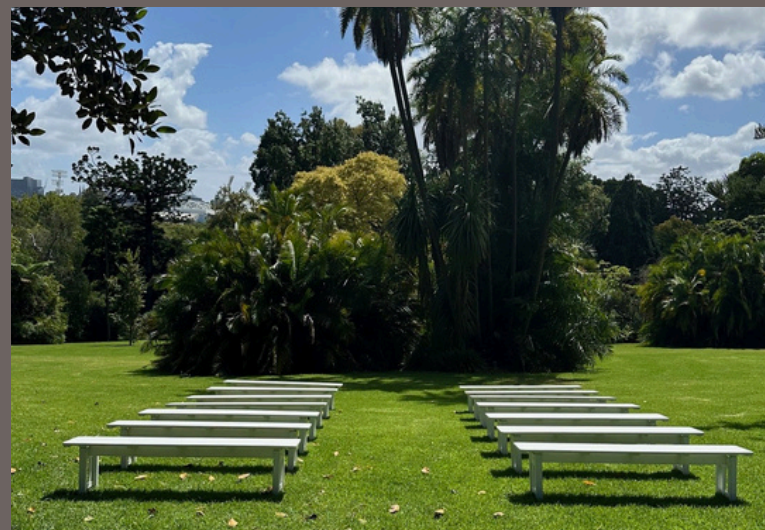
Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Capacity

Up to 100 Seated, 250 Standing

Access

Eastern Gate off Anderson Street, Street parking nearby



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 and cocktail events.

Event Types

Ceremony, Cocktail Event

Access

Domain Gate

Capacity

Up to 50 Seated, 250 Standing

Pavilions



Tecoma Pavilion

Set within the Eastern Lawn and framed by surrounding garden pockets, Tecoma Pavilion is one of the more versatile ceremony spaces in Melbourne Gardens.

The heritage pavilion gives the ceremony a covered, architectural focal point, a fixed point of interest that most of the open lawns do not have, while the lawn around it opens the space up for guests. The result is a setting that works as well for an intimate ceremony under the pavilion as it does for a larger gathering spread across the lawn.

What sets the space apart is the outlook. The lawn opens toward the Melbourne skyline, framed by mature trees, giving ceremonies a backdrop that ties the Gardens to the city beyond in a way few other spaces on site can. The enclosing garden pockets keep the setting private and self-contained while that view does the work behind the aisle.



Capacity

Inside: up to 50 in the pavilion / Outside: up to 120 Seated, 250 Standing

Event Types

Ceremony, Cocktail Event, Covered Picnic

Facilities

Power access, Toilets nearby

Access

Tecoma Gate off Anderson Street, Street parking nearby



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, framed by established formal rose beds on every side. It is one of the more unique settings in Melbourne Gardens, suited to smaller ceremonies and elopements where a defined, sheltered space matters more than open lawn. The pavilion does the work of a backdrop on its own, and the surrounding rose beds shift in character through the seasons to make it a distinctive setting year round. It pairs with the high end of Princes Lawn or Hopetoun Lawn as a combination booking.

Capacity

Inside up to 30 Seated, 50 Standing

Event Types

Ceremony, Cocktail Event, Covered Picnic

Access

Oak Lawn Gate off Birdwood Avenue

William Tell Rest House

A heritage open-air shelter set on the edge of the Ornamental Lake, the William Tell Rest House frames the water through its timber structure. One of the Gardens' more distinctive small settings, it suits intimate ceremonies and elopements where character and a lakeside outlook matter more than space.

Capacity

Inside up to 10 Seated, 20 Standing

Event Types

Intimate Ceremony

Access

Eastern Gate off Anderson Street



Pricing & Inclusions

Location	Peak (Oct–Mar)	Shoulder (Apr & Sep)	Off–Peak (May–Aug)
Dog Flat	\$ 2,885	\$ 2,308	\$ 1,890
All Other Listed Lawns & Tecoma Pavilion	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,075
Rose Pavilion & William Tell Rest House	\$ 815	\$ 652	\$ 538

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 wedding bookings require a Venue Concierge.
- Coordinates access and supports suppliers
- Cost: \$320 additional to the hire fee

What's Included

- Exclusive use of your selected ceremony location (3 hours)
- Photography permit
- Reserved signage
- One vehicle access permit (Venue Concierge Required)
- Set-up and pack-down within hire period

***All Prices are Exclusive of GST**



Helpful Additions

Combination Bookings

Book a second adjoining space for a 25% surcharge on your booked lawn. This gives you a buffer of reserved space around your ceremony, which is the most effective way to increase privacy on the day.

Additional hire time

Your permit time includes set-up and pack-down, so if you are planning drinks or photos after the ceremony, extra time is usually the simplest way to make room for it.

\$340/hour

5-Seat Buggy

A five-seat buggy with an RBGV driver, on hand before and after your ceremony to move guests who would find the walk difficult, or to help you cover ground for photographs.

\$130/hour (3-Hour Minimum)

Wedding Explorer

A twelve-seat bus with an RBGV driver, suited to moving larger groups between the gate and your ceremony space. It runs before and after the ceremony, so guests who would struggle with the walk arrive comfortably and leave the same way.

\$660 (2.5 Hours)

Additional time: \$80/per 30 mins

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All-Weather Back-Up



The Ellery Suite
~60 capacity
\$450



Eastern Transit Room
~120 Capacity
\$600

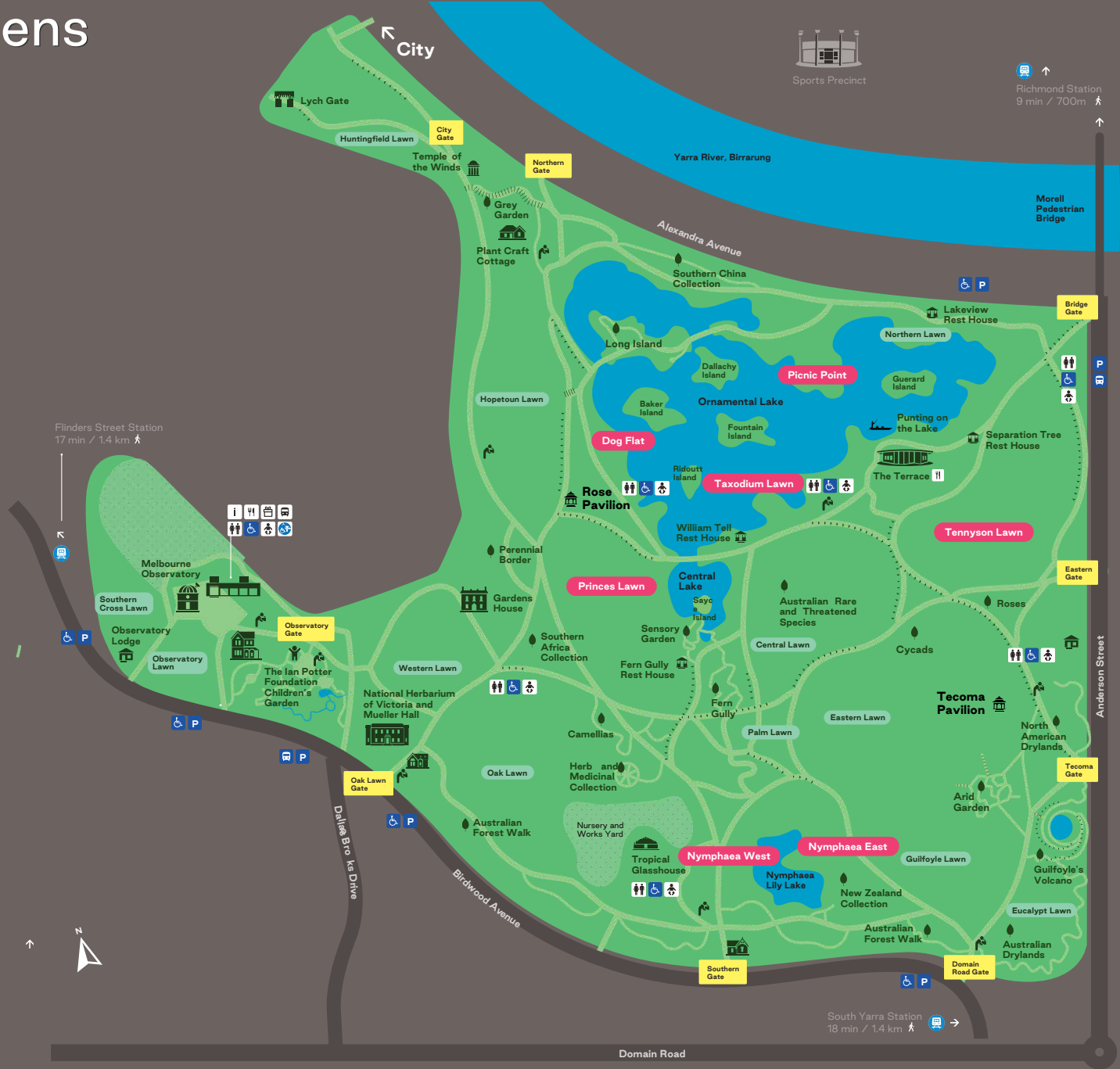


Mueller Hall
~250 capacity
\$750

Outdoor ceremonies are part of the appeal of a booking in the Gardens, but Melbourne weather can be unpredictable, and an all-weather back-up space 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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Melbourne Gardens Map



Preferred Suppliers



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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 an all-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 at 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 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 set-up and pack-down. 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

You can read our full [Terms and Conditions](#) here.



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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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