

WEDDINGS

by GINGER

Autumn - Winter 2024





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Thank you for considering the National Arboretum of Canberra for your wedding reception and congratulations on your engagement.

The National Arboretum venues were built to showcase Canberra's key iconic destinations. Both the Village Centre and Margaret Whitlam Pavilion offer an abundance of natural light and sweeping views with floor-to-ceiling glass walls. The site is a mosaic of living forests and gardens - the perfect location for your wedding photography.

Whether you are planning an intimate gathering or an elaborate reception, our wedding packages have been specifically designed to ensure ease in the planning process.

As the proud catering team at the National Arboretum Canberra, The Ginger Group is committed to providing premium paddock-to-plate event experiences in a way that is fair to farmers, families and the future. Our menus and service standards reflect our passion for catering and hospitality, delivering you an experience that is unique and executed to perfection.

Our team will assist in every step of your special day.

Margaret Whittam Pavilion

The Margaret Whittam Pavilion is a spectacular, architecturally designed venue with floor-to-ceiling glass, and a private balcony with breathtaking views. Featuring stylish design with arching walls, subtle lighting and a steeple ceiling, this venue is perfect for wedding ceremonies, cocktail receptions, intimate seated receptions and engagement parties.





Photo: Corinna and Dylan

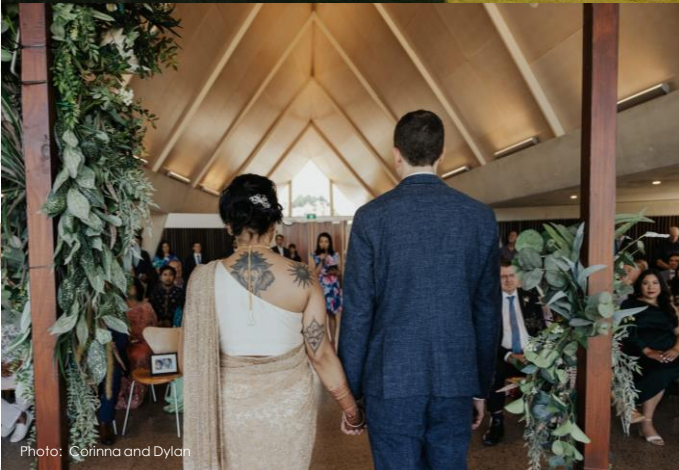


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Ceremony Package

maximum 120 guests
Flat Rate - \$1659

Venue

Two hour venue hire of the Margaret Whitlam Pavilion

I do's

Seating for up to 80 guests
Signing table with white linen and 2 chairs

AV Inclusions

One handheld microphone, inhouse speakers, lectern stand

Ceremony Times

10am to 12pm
1pm to 3pm
4pm to 6pm*

*The late afternoon sessions are available to clients of whom booked both a wedding ceremony and reception with The Ginger Group.

Pavilion Cocktail Package

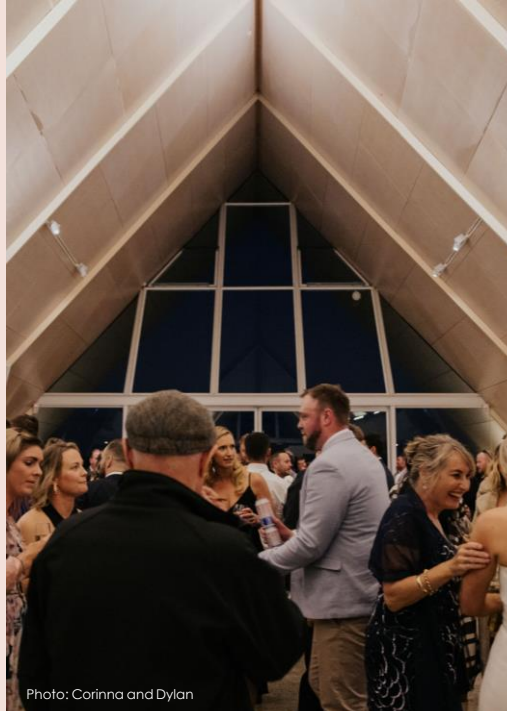
minimum 60 adults | maximum 120 guests
Monday to Friday \$190 per adult
Saturday + Sunday \$210 per adult

Venue

Five-hour venue hire of the Margaret Whitlam Pavilion, including security for the duration of the event
Bump in and out prior to the event start and post-conclusion time (please discuss timings with your event manager)
Complimentary onsite parking for your guests
White table linen
Professional wait staff
Wedding cake table and knife
Crockery, cutlery and glassware
Lectern and microphone for speeches

Reception

Five-hour Chain of Fire beverage package
Charcuterie grazing station upon arrival
Your selection of eight savoury canapés
Your selection of two substantial canapés
Your selection of two sweet canapés
Wedding cake cut and served on platters





Pavilion Styling Packages

Beautiful styling packages created by our collaborators, Show Pony Events, which have been designed especially for the Margaret Whitlam Pavilion to enhance the space and create a beautiful layout for your wedding day.

Speak with your event manager for the full lookbook of options.

Spring Summer Ceremony Styling - \$1,750

White barred altar backdrop with silk florals
Signing table with linen tub chairs
28 white Tiffany chairs
2 cocktail tables

Spring Summer Reception Styling - \$2,750

4 marble + gold cocktail tables with stools
2 lounge pod areas made up of velvet sofas, armchairs and tub chairs with coffee tables and soft furnishings
Balcony seating of cane armchairs and side tables


Autumn Winter Ceremony Styling - \$1,750

Timber arbour with draping and fresh native greenery
Rattan aisle runner
High table signing table with fresh gum arrangement
28 wooden chairs and two rows of bench seating
Fresh gum aisle arrangements

Autumn Winter Reception Styling - \$2,650

4 wooden cocktail tables with stools
2 lounge pod areas made up of leather sofas, armchairs and ottomans with coffee tables and soft furnishings and fresh natives
Balcony furnishing of wine barrels and wooden cocktail tables

Above are indicative costs. Please get in touch with Show Pony Events for formal quotes on 1800 096 634 or events@showponyevents.com.

The image shows the interior of the Village Centre, a modern restaurant with a high ceiling and large glass windows. Several round tables are set with white tablecloths, glassware, and floral centerpieces. Orange chairs are arranged around the tables. The large windows provide a panoramic view of a green landscape with hills in the distance. The lighting is warm and inviting.

Village Centre

At the heart of the Arboretum is the Village Centre, an award-winning architecturally designed building featuring soaring ceilings inspired by the fronds of the nearby Chilean wine palm forest.

Designed to work in harmony with the surrounding forests, the Village Centre is filled with natural light, with spans of glass windows giving uninterrupted panoramic views across Lake Burley Griffin and Canberra.

The diversity of the space provides for a variety of flexible settings that can be tailored to the needs of each event, large or small.

The Village Centre is available for after-hour events from 6pm, Monday to Sunday.



Village Centre Wedding Reception Packages

Minimum 100 adults

All Village Centre wedding reception packages include the following:

Five-hour venue hire of the Village Centre, including security for the duration of the event

Bump in and out prior to the event start and post-conclusion time
(please discuss timings with your event manager)

Onsite parking for your guests – complimentary after 4pm

Canapés and refreshments will be served for you and your bridal party upon arrival at the reception

Private bridal party room in the Bugang Room

In-house lighting package

Professional wait staff

Furniture and set up according to your preference

White table linen and white napkins

Personalised menus for the table

Wedding cake table and knife

Freshly brewed coffee, assorted teas and herbal infusions

Wedding cake cut and served on platters

Crockery, cutlery and glassware

An exclusive seasonal group menu tasting for the couple prior to your wedding day*

Add on

Discounted Margaret Whitlam Pavilion Ceremony - \$1400 flat rate

Current menu prices are valid until 31 August 2024. For all events post this date, please allow a price increase of approximately 3%.

All quoted prices are inclusive of GST.

Please note, package prices increase 15% on Public Holidays.

*should you not be able to attend the group menu tasting, you are able to reschedule at your expense

Bonsai Package

Monday to Friday \$195 per adult
Saturday + Sunday \$215 per adult

Reception

Five-hour local beverage package
Cocktail served upon arrival
Chefs selection of three canapés
Three course dinner including the below;
Your choice of two entrée selections served alternating
Your choice of two main course selections served alternating
Your choice of two side dish selections
Your choice of one plated dessert or three dessert canapés served to a station
Wedding cake served on platters

Accommodation

One night stay in a one-bedroom suite at the Burberry Hotel for your wedding night

Cork Oaks Package

Monday to Friday \$175 per adult
Saturday + Sunday \$195 per adult

Reception

Five-hour Chain of Fire beverage package
Chefs selection of three canapés on arrival
Three-course dinner including the below:
Your choice of two entrée selections served alternating
Your choice of two main course selections served alternating
Your choice of one plated dessert or three dessert canapés served to a station
Wedding cake cut and served on platters



Photo: Corinna and Dylan



Photo: Across the Forest



Photo: Jenny Wu

Forest Spaces

The National Arboretum Canberra is home to 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from Australia and around the world. Based on a "100 Forests, 100 Gardens" theme, the unique landscape includes species from over 100 different countries and is designed to provide an immersive experience for visitors walking through the forests.

All our forests provide the perfect backdrop for your bridal portraits and the Cork Oaks forest and Dairy Farmers Hill are ideal for wedding ceremonies



Forest Wedding Ceremonies

Flat Rate - \$377

Two hour hire, including your setup and pack down
\$151 per hour thereafter

Dairy Farmers Hill

The lookout at Dairy Farmers Hill offers spectacular 360 degree views over Canberra and beyond. The Arboretum's iconic eagle sculpture, Nest III, and the Armillary Sphere Sundial sits at the top of Dairy Farmers Hill.

The lookout stunning views, circular platform with engraved handrails and wooden bench seats also make Dairy Farmers Hill a wonderful casual picnic setting.

Wheelchair-accessible via a short gravel path, limited wheelchair car parking available.

Cork Oaks Forest

A special forest in the Arboretum.

The first cork oak seedlings planted at the Arboretum site in 1917 were propagated from acorns sent to Charles Weston at the Yarralumla Nursery by Walter Burley Griffin. These were sourced from the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. More acorns were collected from the Public Gardens in Kyneton, Victoria and seedlings were also raised from acorns collected on Campbell's property at Duntroon.

In 1979, ACT Forests did a stripping which yielded 10 tonne of cork and this was used by potters and model railway enthusiasts. Manuel Silva and Manuel Graca, two cousins from Ponte Des Sor in Portugal's cork-growing region, were brought to Canberra in 2001 by the Portuguese cork company, Amarin. They demonstrated cork stripping at Glenloch Cork Oak Plantation and received much media attention. In November 2005, three Portuguese – Australian men were commissioned by ACT Forests to strip cork over a two-week period and the harvest was sold to plant nurseries for growing orchids.



Photo: Bel Cambridge



What you need to know about outdoor venues

Exclusive use of forest spaces cannot be guaranteed as the venue is open to the public. Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity to signpost forest hire events.

Hire does not include an Event Coordinator to be onsite on the day of your wedding ceremony.

No offsite beverages or catering are permitted without prior approval.

We strongly recommend that you also book a wet-weather backup venue. Subject to availability, The Margaret Whitlam Pavilion is available subject to its availability. Additional venue fees apply to use this space.

Event infrastructure or external suppliers are not permitted without prior approval. There are some venue restrictions, such as no items are permitted to be fixed to any walls, trees or fixtures. Due to the irrigation systems in place to protect our plantation, no structures are allowed on site as the earth cannot be penetrated.

No glitter, rice, confetti, or rose petals. No fires.

All rubbish must be taken with you.

There are up to 10 - 20 (there are only 13 at DFH, up to 10 at Cork Oak, and 20 at Himalayan Cedar carparks) spaces however, as this is a public venue, we cannot guarantee spaces will already be taken up by the public. We highly recommend hiring a bus for guest transportation.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Menu Items

Side dishes - \$4.00 per person, per side dish selection

Children's meals (4-12 years old) - \$50.00 per child – main and dessert, plus beverages

Teenager meals (13-17 years old) - \$130.00 each – includes adult meals with non-alcoholic beverage package

Band and crew meals - \$50.00 per member (including soft beverages)

Pricing

Minimum adult numbers apply to all packages, please refer to each package for details. Current menu prices are valid until 31 August 2024. For all events post this date, please allow a price increase of approximately 3%.

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Special Meal Requirements

Our menus have been designed to provide alternative options for vegetarians, vegans, gluten free/coeliac, dairy/lactose free and nut free guests at no additional charge. All other dietary requirements which require a special meal prepared will incur a \$30.00 per person charge. The Ginger Group takes all precautionary steps to ensure dietary, religious and allergen requirements are met, however The Ginger Group cannot guarantee that allergens will not be present in selected and/or provided food. Any additional dietary requirements requested at the event itself will be charged accordingly as per your final menu selections being served.

Tentative Bookings

Tentative bookings will be held for a period of seven (7) days. After seven days The Ginger Group reserves the right to remove the booking. If we receive another enquiry, we will make every effort to contact you for the opportunity to confirm or release your hold.

Bookings

Booking will only be accepted in writing, accompanied by a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions and a signed quote.

Bump in/out and Storage:

There are strict bump in and out times for all functions. There are no storage facilities available onsite for any function equipment. Further information can be provided by your Event Manager.



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