



rivers
of yarrumbidgee

Weddings



WEDDINGS @ RIVERS

An Overview

For a truly unique and memorable wedding, you can't go past Rivers. This gorgeous haven is set in the most peaceful and tranquil lakeside setting within the grounds of Rivers of Yarrambat - a destination lifestyle centre. Conveniently located in the Diamond Valley, Rivers is only 45 minutes north east from Melbourne, 25 minutes from the airport and 30 minutes from the Yarra Valley.

Day time and evening weddings are equally special so come and enjoy the Rivers experience! We offer a wide range of menu options to cater for various styles and budgets. By day we offer a variety of lunch options and afternoon tea. By night we offer cocktail finger food parties, as relaxed or sophisticated as you like.

Our garden, boardwalk and terrace lakeside settings create beautiful backdrops for photo opportunities for the bride, groom and bridal party. We have ample free off street parking and can cater for the smallest intimate wedding to larger weddings of up to 120 guests.

OUR FUNCTION VENUES

The Gallery is a stunning stand alone day time and evening venue. It features 30 ft tall exposed tallowood eucalyptus posts in a rustic, architecturally designed building with a modern twist. By day it accentuates an airy natural light including lakeside views and caters for 50 to 80 guests. By night, the venue boasts a striking atmosphere with feature fairy lights under the terrace catering for 60 to 150 guests.

The Loft is purely a day time venue and as the name suggests, is located upstairs from our main day time café. It is a smaller and more intimate space that comes fully fitted out with your choice of Classic Floral or Modern Australiana styling. It caters for 25-50 guests, depending on the style of function chosen.

OUR BOUTIQUE EVENT SPACES

For the most quintessential and unique experience, our boutique events have been specifically designed for exclusive, intimate gatherings of just 10 to 20 guests.

The Parlour Room is located in the Pavilion building and is adjacent to the expansive lawn space at the back of the property. Palm trees, exotic wall tile, gold accents and stunning florals flood the room featuring its own private decking area, ideal for pre event drinks served from our bar cart.

Lawn Parties are served picnic style behind our iconic pond, just off the boardwalk and under the shade of the expansive leafy gums. Our vintage Boho theme boasts leather poufs, oversized cushions, throws and the most eclectic mix of natural florals and textures in a dreamy setting.

Should the weather not be looking favorable, our lawn parties are relocated to The Redbox room located in the front of the Pavilion building next to the lawn.

CEREMONIES

Ceremony Locations

There are three main outdoor locations where your ceremony can be performed all of which cater for 40-150 guests. Please note: The Terrace is the only location that provides shelter. This is often a back up location if the weather is not favourable on the day. Please ensure that your guests respect that only fresh rose petals can be used as confetti. We are able to assist with additional styling and upmarket arbour options for your perfect wedding backdrop. Please note that your celebrant is required to provide and operate any sound/ audio equipment and we recommend that they visit our venue and test equipment prior to the day.

Terrace: This area provides a lovely view and backdrop to the lake as well as being protected by the wide verandah from The Gallery. The Bridal party can either arrive across the bridge or through The Gallery to meet the guests.

Lakeside: Set by the lake, the wedding party and up to 20 guests are set on a private deck. The rest of your guests can spread out around the surrounding board walk and decking areas which are elevated providing a clear view of the ceremony. The bridal party can either arrive via the wellness precinct or Garden centre boardwalk.

The Gum Tree: Under the branches of our beautiful yellow gum is a gorgeous spot to be married. Guests gather on the lawn in this simple but unique and rural spot.

Packages

The Short & Sweet 'I do': \$395

Great for small intimate family weddings.

- Stand up ceremony
- Table and two chairs for signing the registry
- Free, convenient and ample off street parking
- Access throughout the grounds for photos

Getting Hitched: \$495

- Choice of location
- Up to 16 seats for immediate family
- Iron arbour
- Table and two chairs for signing the registry
- Free, convenient and ample off street parking
- Access throughout the grounds for photos
- Our wedding coordinator to liaise and assist with celebrant & guests on day.

The Rivers Red Carpet Experience: \$895

- Seated ceremony up to 60 guests
- Red carpet entrance
- Fresh rose petals
- White chiffon draped arbour & chandelier
- Topiary plants to frame the arbour
- Table and two chairs for signing registry
- A glass of bubbles or beer for the bridal party after the ceremony. (Up to 8 people)
- Free, convenient and ample off street parking
- Access throughout the grounds for photo opportunities
- Our wedding coordinator to liaise and assist with celebrant & guests on day.

PRE-RECEPTION OPTIONS

Post ceremony food & beverage

Regardless of whether your reception is going to follow at Rivers or not, you may wish to provide some beverages and light food for your guests. It's a great way of adding that little something special to your day and to entertain your family and friends as you and your bridal party take the opportunity to have photos taken on the grounds.

Food + Beverage Packages

Package 1: \$25 per person

- 'The Newly Weds' Grazing Station
- Unlimited Bubbles, Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks
- 1 hour of service

Package 2: \$20 per person

- Roving spring rolls, sweet potato chips and country wedges
- Unlimited Bubbles, Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks
- 1 hour of service

Package 3: \$15 per person

- Pretzels, Nuts and Fancy Popcorn
- Unlimited Bubbles, Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks
- 1 hour of service

Food Only Packages

This option allows you to have drinks on consumption, welcome sparkling or cocktails with one or a combination of the options below;

Canapes

\$10 per person

- Lemon & sesame chicken goujons with aioli
- Mini margarita pizza bites
- Classic beef pies with relish

Platters

Antipasto Sharing Board \$120

Assorted meats and cheeses served with olives, grilled vegetables, lavoche + fresh bread.

Dips & Flatbread \$50

Fresh dips, warm flat bread + corn chips.

Wedges Bowls/Chips \$40 each

- Country wedges with sour cream
- Sweet potato wedges with garlic

THE GALLERY

Evening Menu Guide

60-120 GUESTS

FOOD MENU	STYLE	MIN	MAX	DURATION	COST
Cocktail Finger Food This package comprises of a selection of hot and cold fingerfoods along with options to customise your menu with additions including more substantial 'Talk + Fork' dishes, platters and towers.	Stand up	60	120	4 hours (7pm-11pm)	\$50
FRI-YAY FINGER FOOD Enjoy a special function with smaller guest numbers and budget friendly cocktail menu.	Stand up	50	120	4 hours (7pm-11pm)	\$40

THE GALLERY

Daytime Menu Guide

45-80 GUESTS

FOOD MENU	STYLE	MIN	MAX	DURATION	COST
<p>Boozy Breakfast/Brunch Enjoy a breakfast or brunch with a difference! Your fabulous package includes bottomless breakfast-style cocktails + mocktails in stunning glass dispensers. Your food is served on a central styled grazing table with plenty of space for your guests to roam and mingle or relax in our lounge areas.</p>	Stand up	45	60	2 hours (10am-12pm or 11am-1pm)	\$65* *Includes drinks
<p>Cocktail Finger Food This package comprises of a selection of hot and cold fingerfoods along with options to customise your menu with additions including more substantial 'Talk + Fork' dishes, platters and towers.</p>	Stand up	45	60	3 hours (12pm-3pm)	\$45
<p>The Rivers Roast Our delicious roast is served feasting style in the centre of each table. It includes delicious roast meats, condiments, side dishes, bread and butter. Freshly brewed tea and coffee is also included. You can choose to add something sweet with either a shared mini cake board or an individually plated dessert.</p>	Seated	45	60	3 hours (12pm-3pm)	\$65
<p>Afternoon Tea Graze We serve a delectable range of sweet and savoury finger foods & petit fours on a lovely central grazing table, allowing guests to mingle casually and help themselves. There are couches and pods available for guests who may wish to sit down. Freshly brewed tea and coffee is included.</p>	Stand up	45	60	2.5 hours (2pm-4.30pm)	\$50
<p>Rivers High Tea Table Our Signature High Tea can be served either at the table or grazing style and includes a delicious selection of sweet and savoury foods. There are optional menu additions that you can choose as a roaming starter when welcoming your guests. Freshly brewed tea and coffee is also served to the table.</p>	Seated	45	60	2.5 hours (2pm-4.30pm)	\$60

THE LOFT

Menu Guide

25-32 GUESTS

FOOD MENU	STYLE	MIN	MAX	DURATION	COST
Boozy Breakfast/Brunch Enjoy a breakfast or brunch with a difference! Your fabulous package includes bottomless breakfast style cocktails + mocktails in stunning glass dispensers. Your food is served to the table or on a central styled grazing table with plenty of space for your guests to roam and mingle or relax.	Stand up or seated	25	32	2 hours (10am-12pm or 11am-1pm)	\$65* *Includes drinks
Cafe Style Two Course Lunch Choose two main meals and two dessert dishes prior to the day from our cafe style menu. Your pre-selected meals are then served on an alternating basis to your guests. There are also additional share platters to add for a starter or as a side to your main meals.	Seated	25	32	3 hours (12pm-3pm)	\$50
Afternoon Tea Graze We serve a delectable range of sweet & savoury finger foods & petit fours on a lovely central grazing table, allowing guests to mingle casually & help themselves. There are seating spaces available for guests who may wish to sit down. Freshly brewed tea & coffee is included.	Stand up	25	32	2 hours (2pm-4pm)	\$50
Rivers High Tea Table Our Signature High Tea can be served either at the table or buffet style and includes a delicious selection of sweet and savoury foods. There are optional menu additions that you can choose as a roaming starter when welcoming your guests. Freshly brewed tea and coffee is also served to the table.	Seated	25	32	2.5 hours (2pm-4.30pm)	\$60

BOUTIQUE EVENTS

Menu Guide

10-20 GUESTS

TYPE OF FUNCTION	FOOD MENU	STYLE	MIN	MAX	DURATION	COST
BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH	The Continental Table From divine French pastries to traditional German baguettes and New York inspired granola pots, this worldly menu can be enjoyed at any time of the day, however a breakfast or brunch is our recommendation.	Seated	10*	20	2 hours (10am-12pm or 11am-1pm)	\$50
BRUNCH, LUNCH OR AFTERNOON	The Melburnian For brunch, lunch or afternoon tea, this menu includes some classic favourites that appear in Melbourne cafes and eateries that will be sure to please!	Seated	10*	20	2.5 hours (10-12.30pm, 12-2.30pm, 2-4.30pm)	\$70
AFTERNOON	The Classic Afternoon Think housemade scones with jam and cream, quiches, savoury fingerfoods and sweet treats all served to the table, sharing style.	Seated	10*	20	2.5 hours (2pm-4.30 pm)	\$65
	The European Graze This is the ultimate grazing table of assorted meats, cheeses, olives, dips, breads and sweet treats. It's the ideal menu to stop and start as you intergrate with lawn games, fun banter and general party fun!	Seated	10*	20	2.5 hours (2pm- 4.30pm)	\$75

* Free venue hire is included for groups of 15+ adult guests

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRICING + GUEST NUMBERS

All functions include:

• Exclusive use of your own private space • In-house sound system • Gift table • Cake table • Cake cutting knife • Cutting and serving of your cake • Dedicated Function Manager • Exclusive Bar + Waitstaff •

Unlike many venues, we do not charge a venue hire fee. Our price per person is inclusive of the above as well as your chosen food menu. Please refer to our Beverage Package for options + separate pricing. Please refer to the Menu Guide as minimum numbers apply. The numbers are based on adult guests, which is classified from 12 years and over. Should your anticipated guest numbers not meet this requirement, please talk to us as there are options that you can consider.

FUNCTION TIMING + EXTENSIONS

Each package has its own duration and suggested timing. These times can be changed, however is dependant on other functions booked and peak operating times within Rivers of Yarrambat. We allow for the hosts and up to 10 close family members or friends to arrive up to 20 minutes prior to your function start time.

Function extensions are available in consultation with the Functions Manager prior to your function date and are \$500 per hour of an evening and \$250 during the day. In the event that your function exceeds the designated finish time, extension charges automatically apply and are charged as per your signed security guarantee.

CHILDREN'S MEALS

Rivers is family friendly so we cater for children's meals. Depending on which menu or package that you choose, we offer a choice of either an exclusive children's menu or a 50% discount of the adult price if you would prefer for the children to have the same menu. Children are considered below 12 years of age, otherwise the full adult price is charged.

SPECIAL DIETS & ALLERGIES

We proudly accommodate for Gluten Free, Pescatarian, Vegetarians & Vegans in all of our menus. There are times where your selected menu will differ for these guests. If a combination of these diets/allergies/preferences are required for a guest eg. Vegetarian + Gluten Free, it is likely that your chosen menu will not be suitable, however we may be able to accommodate with an individually plated meal/s.

If you have other diets/allergies/preferences that are not listed above, please discuss this with our functions manager as early as possible. Whilst we endeavor to assist in helping cater for a range of needs, not all requests can be met. Where we are able to assist, additional costs may apply. You are required to complete and return our dietary form no later than 14 days prior to your function. As the understanding of diets vary, please ensure that you read the "Dietary Definitions" to ensure that we have a mutual understanding. It is important to us that we have everything perfect for you. Please prompt your guests to advise you of their dietary/allergy needs when sending invitations so that you can discuss with us. Last minute requests are not guaranteed and may incur an additional charge. In the event that we are not advised and additional catering is required and can be prepared, additional costs will apply.

CAKES/CANDY BUFFETS/DESSERT BARS

If you choose to bring a cake we ask that it be sourced from a reputable supplier as the quality is reflective on our chefs and venue. We offer to cut it up into coffee size portions provided the cake is firm and easy to cut so it can be served on platters to your guests - this is done with our compliments. Please note that cakes can not be served as a dessert substitute. We allow candy buffets to be brought into our venue. Please ensure that you bring the necessary glassware and serving spoons and bags for your guests to use. You are responsible for packing away all items from your candy buffet on conclusion of your function.

Dessert Bars must be supplied by a reputable commercial supplier, no homemade desserts are permitted and we do not allow them to be served as a dessert substitute, they are there to compliment your function.

STYLING

Rivers Styling - Our function spaces all vary in their styling, ranging from simplistic to dramatic. Please refer to your relevant venue package for full details.

Your Styling - Should you wish to style your own function, earlier access to the venue requires approval and is subject to availability due to prior functions held. A maximum time of two hours is offered should the venue be free. Styling must be removed at the conclusion of the function with up to 30 minutes allowed after the booked conclusion time.

AUDIO, MUSIC + ENTERTAINMENT

For an easy solution, we are able to play your own public Spotify playlist through our sound system. You are able to have live music, bands, DJ'S or bring in entertainment such as comedians, gaming tables and photo booths. Prior approval is required as outside suppliers are subject to conditions. A microphone is available in The Gallery should you also require it. Alternatively, we are able to play casual background music for your convenience.

PHOTO SLIDESHOWS

The Gallery has provision for you to display a photo slideshow on a large LCD screen throughout your function. We recommend that you save your slideshow on a USB and make a time to come and test it at least a week prior to your function.

MAKING A BOOKING

TENTATIVE BOOKING

We are able to place a tentative hold on your preferred function date. We can hold your date for up to 7 days, after which your hold will automatically expire and the date will reopen for other guests to book. Should we have another person who wishes to book within that time, we will contact you and allow you preference to secure.

BOOKING DEPOSIT

In order to make a booking and to secure your function date, a booking deposit of \$500 is required along with your completed function contract. All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable in the case of cancellation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a venue hire charge?

No. As long as you meet the minimum number of adult guests as indicated in the function menu guide then we do not charge venue hire.

What happens if I do not meet the minimum number of adult guests required?

There are a couple of options to consider, which include either paying a venue hire fee, paying for the shortfall where the food is still supplied or alternatively you may be interested in considering one of our smaller venues.

Do you offer a children's menu?

Yes absolutely. Depending on which menu or package you choose, we offer the choice of either a specific menu exclusively for children or a 50% discount on the adult price if you would prefer the children eat the same menu as the adults.

Do you cater for special dietary requirements?

Yes, we are well known for our provision for dietary requirements including Vegan, Vegetarian, Pescatarian and Gluten free. Depending on the menu this is catered as either a variation of the function menu chosen or in some cases an entirely different dish/es. Full details are outlined in the information pack as well as in our Terms and Conditions.

I'm having a cocktail function—will there be enough food?

Our Cocktail Menu is designed to fill your guests, however we also have larger 'talk and fork' dishes or additional platters if you wish to make it more substantial.

Can I have early access to the venue for styling prior to my function?

In most cases you have access up to two hours prior subject to other functions that may be held prior to yours. Access must be arranged with the Functions Manager prior to your function and is limited to no more than ten helpers or hired professionals. This is a time when deliveries of balloons and cakes etc can also be made. Normal access time for hosts if you are not doing your own styling is 20 minutes prior to the booked function start time.

Can I bring my own cake and if so is there a cost to cut it up?

Yes, we ask that your celebration cake be sourced from a reputable supplier as the quality reflects on our venue. We offer to cut it up into coffee size portions and serve it on platters with our compliments. Note that we do not allow cakes to be substituted as an entire course. Food is one of the major parts of your function and that's what we are here for.

Can I have a longer function than what you offer as a standard?

Yes, this must be arranged prior to the function and is not available on the day of your function. Additional charges and conditions apply.

Can I have external caterers or bring my own catering and drinks in?

No, we have a team of chefs at Rivers who do all of this for you.

If I have a question not answered here, how do I contact you?

You can call us Monday—Friday on 9436 3215, or email functions@riversofyarrambat.com