

Weddings

MELBOURNE ZOO / WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

BY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATES



With its beautiful natural surrounds, manicured centuries-old gardens and different habitats each designed to reflect the native homes of animal communities, the Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo provides a magnificent setting for truly memorable weddings.

Our dedicated Wedding Coordinator can help with every aspect of the day, from menus to floral arrangements, and even music.

With our flexible venues the choice is always yours, whether you decide to celebrate your vows over breakfast or have a lavish dinner feast, and all times in between.

Attention to detail is our byword, as a member of Restaurant Associates we are renowned for providing world class cuisine and wines to make your big day extra special.

Let us show you why Melbourne Zoo or Werribee Open Range Zoo is the perfect place to celebrate your special day.





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Your Bridal Shower

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\$90 pp

Two hour event inclusive of High Tea & a
Flower Crown Workshop.

High Tea Menu

Served with orange juice, coffee & tea

Add a glass of champagne for \$6.00pp. For details on cocktails & other beverages please contact our Wedding Coordinator

Savoury Items

Parmesan & rosemary mini polenta cakes

Smoked salmon & Spanish paprika crème fraiche ribbon sandwiches

Compressed cucumber & lemon myrtle ribbon sandwiches

Roasted honey ham & grain mustard ribbon sandwiches

Gippsland blue roulade

Silverbeet, feta & cherry tomato mini quiche

Salmon tartare on rye

House baked parmesan & thyme straws

Sweet Items

Warm scones with house made preserves & cream

Viennese whirls

Peanut butter & salted caramel mini tarts

Mini lemon citron tart

White, dark & mocha ganache cup

French delice fancies

Flower Crown Workshop

By The Gathering Florist

The Gathering Florist are a team of fabulous florists who love sharing their flower magic skills with other flower lovers! We are bubbly & fun who love getting in front of a group of like-minded ladies to teach our flower crown workshops

The Flower Crown Workshop is all about having fun & learning a new skill.

We start with a short demonstration & explain how to wire the stunning flowers. We go over all the steps on how to design & construct a flower crown.

Our workshop runs for a full hour & once completed your guests can wear their pretty crowns for the remainder of the day.

We are hands on so if anyone is having difficulties we are more than happy to finish their crown!

... Bridal Shower



Ceremony

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Melbourne Zoo
Ceremony Package - \$2,000

Werribee Open Range Zoo
Ceremony Package - \$1,500

Packages include:

Exclusive use of ceremony space

Dressed registration table &
white folding chairs

Location specific styling & furniture

Zoo photography licence (required for
access & permission to take images in
Zoo grounds)

Personal escort to guide you & your
bridal party around the Zoo for your
photo tour

Bridal hamper (1 bottle of sparkling, 6
beers, 6 waters, chef's selection
of cold canapés)

Melbourne Zoo

CEREMONY SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Japanese Garden	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 white folding chairs • Sashes to line the aisle
Platypus Lawn	240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 white folding chairs • Red or ivory aisle carpet • Sashes to line the aisle
Moreton Bay Fig Tree	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 white folding chairs • Red or ivory aisle carpet • Sashes to line the aisle
Giraffe Deck	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 white folding chairs • Sashes to line the aisle • Only available after 5.30pm • Security charges apply
Butterfly House	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Cost \$1,500 • Only available after 5.30pm • 16 white folding chairs • Sashes to line the aisle • Security charges apply
Aus Bush	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Cost \$1,100 • 22 white folding chairs • Red or ivory aisle carpet

Werribee Open Range Zoo

CEREMONY SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Gorilla Viewing Platform	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 white folding chairs • Red or ivory aisle carpet • Sashes to line the aisle
Secret Garden	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 white folding chairs • Red or ivory aisle carpet • Sashes to line the aisle

... Ceremony Sites



Melbourne Zoo

RECEPTION SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Rainforest Room	Seated 80 Cocktail 130	With its very own private animal exhibit, bridal suite and cathedral ceilings filling the space with natural light, the Rainforest Room is the perfect location for your wedding reception. Let your guests be truly immersed in the beauty and atmosphere of the Melbourne Zoo as they appreciate the Tamarin Monkeys in their natural habitat.
Lakeside Room	Seated 80 Cocktail 200	Overlooking the award winning Japanese Garden and Lake, the Lakeside Room and Terrace offer a perfect location for a wedding. Pre-dinner drinks, cocktails and canapés can be enjoyed on the Terrace before guests move inside for dining and entertainment.
Bong Su Room	Seated 120 Cocktail 200	Your guests will embark on a wonderful journey twisting through the lush bamboo forest to reach the South East Asian inspired venue. Located in the heart of the Elephant Trail, the Mek Kapah Terrace offers an ideal space for pre-dinner drinks on a warm evening. Situated right next to the Elephant Barn, the Bong Su Room is a flexible and generous space, perfect for your wedding reception.
Leopard Lodge	Seated 240 Cocktail 500	The Leopard Lodge is an exciting custom built structure which opened at Melbourne Zoo in October 2011. With its very own bridal suite, the Leopard Lodge is conveniently located at the rear rail gate entrance of the Zoo with public transport close by. Looking out onto the beautiful gardens and lower lawns it is closest to the Big Cat habitats and guests may even hear the lions roaring on occasion.

Werribee Open Range Zoo

RECEPTION SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Meerkat Room	Seated 160 Cocktail 350	The Meerkat Room features floor to ceiling windows looking onto the playful meerkat exhibit giving you a truly unique backdrop to your special day. With a deck overlooking Lakeside Cove and the gorilla exhibit in the distance, this venue is sure to impress, seating 160 guests comfortably, or 350 guests for standing cocktails and canapés. The meerkats at play in the background lend a joyful ambience to any event, with the surrounding African animals enhancing the overall exotic atmosphere.

... Reception Venues

Wedding Celebration

AT MELBOURNE ZOO &
WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

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\$145 pp

Packages include:

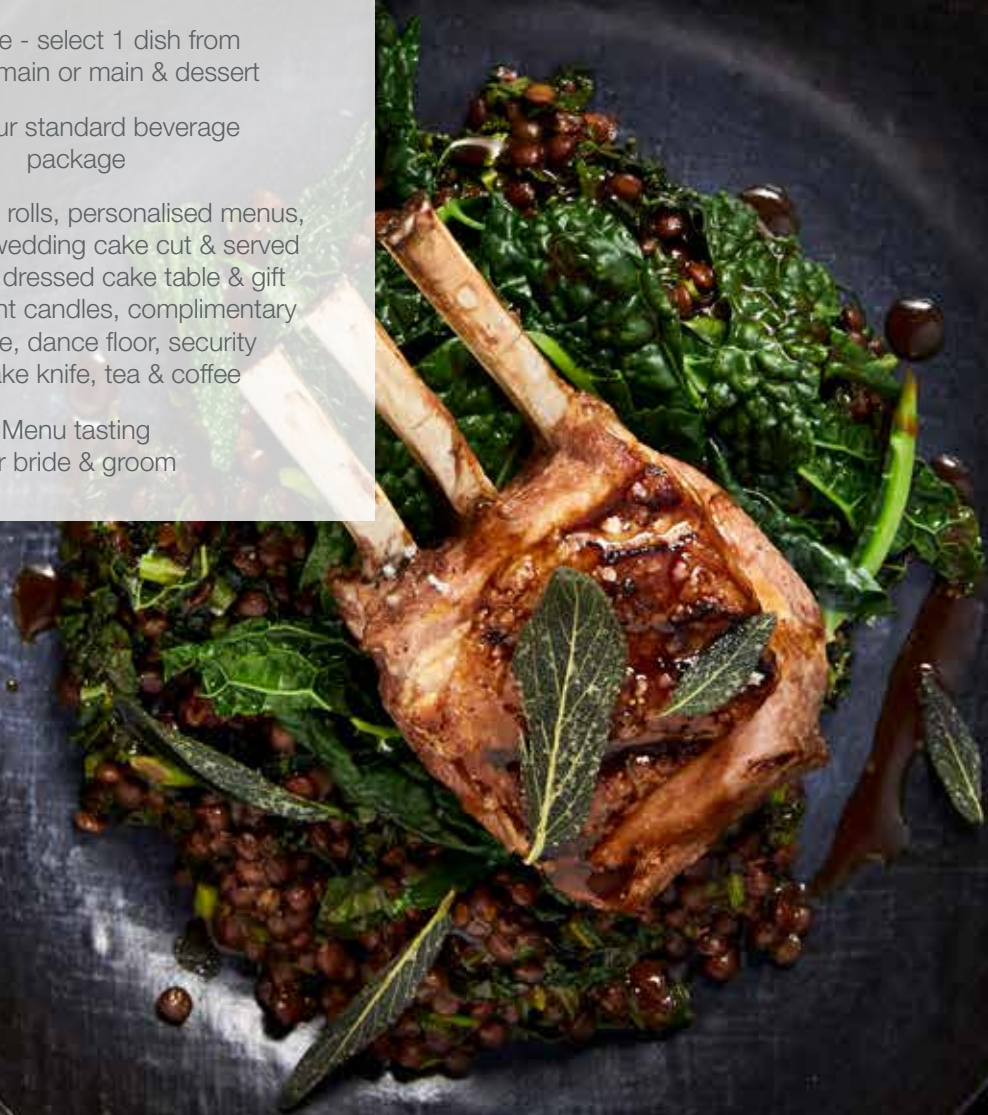
Canapes on arrival

2 course - select 1 dish from
entree & main or main & dessert

Five hour standard beverage
package

Artisan bread rolls, personalised menus,
white linen, wedding cake cut & served
on platters, dressed cake table & gift
table, tea light candles, complimentary
venue hire, dance floor, security
staff, cake knife, tea & coffee

Menu tasting
for bride & groom



Entree

Turmeric & saffron tempura Lebanese eggplant served on a kaffir lime leaf & chilli flat noddle salad V

House smoked green tea barramundi with celeriac rémoulade, yuzu dressing GF

Seared queen scallops with a crunchy pink lady & pancetta salad, lemon & thyme dressing GF

Ham hock terrine with cornichons, mustard aioli & toasted brioche

Asparagus & pea risotto with crispy kale & parmesan shavings V

Premium upgrades \$6.25pp

Chargrilled baby octopus with citrus fennel, crispy capers & orange salad GF

Wagyu bresaola, fresh horseradish, shaved pear & Cypriot black salt crème fraiche GF

Peruvian inspired kingfish tartare, with hickory smoked Victorian carrot puree & micro herb salad GF

Main

Whole roasted lemon & thyme poussin, with sherry braised red cabbage & lemon chat potatoes V GF

Braised lamb shoulder, with hickory smoked mashed potato, served on chargrilled eggplant GF

Pumpkin gnocchi, baby spinach, sun blushed tomato cream sauce, with pecorino crisps V

16 Hour braised blade of Gippsland beef with duck fat roasted potatoes & pumpkin, pinot noir jus GF

Honey & ginger roasted goldband snapper, crushed lemon kipfler potato & cavolo nero

Premium Upgrades \$8.50pp

Glacier 51 Patagonian toothfish with lemon myrtle chicory & squid ink orzo

Roasted rack of Victorian lamb, du puy lentils, cavolo nero with balsamic jus

Dessert

Our signature dessert – cardamom pavlova with pear & cinnamon compote V GF

Our famous Zoo Bakery made lemon curd tart with a blood orange tuile V

Aperol spritz cheesecake with orange scented cream

White chocolate panna cotta with cardamom shortbread

Dark chocolate torte with raspberry dust & Cointreau jelly

Premium upgrades \$10.00pp

A taste of Victoria cheese selection / 3 signature Victorian cheeses, accompanied by lavosh crackers, quince paste & semifreddo grape

Chocolate truffle petit four \$5.50pp

... Wedding Celebration

Cocktail Wedding Reception

AT MELBOURNE ZOO &
WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

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\$135 pp

Your selection of:

Four cold canapés, Four hot canapés,
Three grazing items, One sweet canapé

Four hour standard beverage package

Dressed cake table & cake knife, your
wedding cake cut & served, tea & coffee,
dressed gift table, cocktail furniture
including bar tables & stools, tea light
candles, dance floor, dedicated function
supervisor to ensure smooth running of
wedding day, security staff for
event duration



Cold Canapes

Polenta corn cakes, sun blushed tomato, goat's curd & black olives V GF

Selection of sushi served with soy, wasabi & pickled ginger

Soy & chilli marinated tofu & pickled ginger in betel leaves V

Compressed lemon myrtle cucumber with black pepper goat's curd V

Scotch quail eggs with dijon & thyme mayo

Cod brandade & olive tapenade on rye shards

Goat's curd mini tart with red onion jam V

Harissa spiced chicken lollipops

Pickled beetroot & gorgonzola salad flatbread V

Hot Canapes

Our award winning mini meat pies with homemade tomato ketchup

Our signature JFC fried chicken served with a Sriracha dip

Moroccan sweet potato pastries with a harissa kick V

Crispy smoked eel with beetroot crème fraiche GF

Spinach, feta & olive quiche V

Salt cod fritters with lime salt & aioli

Grazing

Tempura whiting served in a black bun with wasabi mayo

Korean braised beef short rib steamed bun with pickled carrot & burnt chilli mayo

Western Plains soy & garlic pork belly with a flat noodle & coriander salad

Miniature gourmet bangers & mash with red onion chutney

The Melbourne Zoo falafel slider V

Sweet Canapes

Mini pavlovas, passionfruit curd & cream GF

Profiteroles filled with amaretto custard

Lemon tartlet

Chocolate tartlet

Chocolate walnut brownie

Macarons

Mini waffle with cheesecake cream

Mini chocolate mousse GF

Mini coconut tapioca with mango GF

... Cocktail Wedding Reception

Winter Wedding

AT WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO



(Valid June- August)

2 course - select 1 dish from entree & main or main & dessert - \$108 pp

3 course - select 1 dish from entree, main & dessert - \$128 pp

Four hour standard beverage package included

Artisan bread rolls, personalised menus, white linen, wedding cake cut & served, dressed cake table & gift table, tea light candles, complimentary venue hire, dance floor, security staff, cake knife, tea & coffee

Menu tasting for bride & groom



Entree

Turmeric & saffron tempura Lebanese eggplant served on a kaffir lime leaf & chilli flat noodle salad V

Ham hock terrine with cornichons, mustard aioli & toasted brioche

Asparagus & pea risotto with crispy kale & parmesan shavings V

Main

Braised lamb shoulder with hickory smoked mashed potato served on chargrilled eggplant GF

Pumpkin gnocchi, baby spinach, sun blushed tomato cream sauce with pecorino crisps V

16 Hour braised blade of Gippsland beef with duck fat roasted potatoes & pumpkin, pinot noir jus GF

Dessert

Our signature dessert – cardamom pavlova with pear & cinnamon compote V GF

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Wedding Beverage Selection

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Standard Beverage Package -
Included with all packages

Premium Beverage Package -
Extra \$5 pp



Standard Beverage Package

Morgan's Bay Sparkling Cuvee

Morgan's Bay Chardonnay or Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Morgan's Bay Shiraz Cabernet or Cabernet Merlot

Carlton Draught

Cascade Premium Light

Selection of Schweppes soft drinks

Orange juice

Premium Beverage Package

Seppelt Fleur de Lys Chardonnay Pinot Noir

Blossom Hill Sauvignon Blanc

Truvee Pinot Gris

T'Gallant Juliet Pinot Noir

Seppelt The Drives Shiraz

Crown Lager

Cascade Premium Light

Selection of Schweppes soft drinks

Orange juice

Beer Upgrades - \$5 pp

Lazy Yak

Corona

Crown Lager

Little Green Apple Cider

... Wedding Beverage Selection



Additions to Consider

- Alternate drop \$5 pp per course
- 1/2 hour beverage package \$13 pp
- Children's meal \$40 pp (3 – 15 yrs)
- Supplier meals \$50 pp
- Pre entrée platter to the table on arrival
 - Italian & Spanish salumi board \$10 pp
 - Middle Eastern dips & Turkish bread \$7 pp
- Side dishes \$8.00 each (recommendation of 2 per table)
 - Baby cos leaves dressed with Caesar dressing
 - Glazed green beans, shallots & verjuice
 - Roasted kiplers with rosemary & garlic salt
- Cheese Platters - \$10.00 pp
Victorian cheese board, the best of our locally made cheeses served with quince paste & lavosh
- Petit Fours \$5.50 pp
 - Zoo made macarons \$3.50 pp
 - Assorted petit fours (2 pp) \$5.50 pp
- Please speak with your Wedding Coordinator regarding:
 - Upgraded furniture packages
 - Giraffe photography
 - Animal experiences
 - Cake option

Get in Touch

If you are considering hosting an event with us at Melbourne Zoo or wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities, feel free to get in touch & book a spaces tour.

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