

# Weddings

MELBOURNE ZOO / WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

BY ZOO EVENTS





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.







 Vegetarian

 Low Gluten

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A full-page background image showing a bride and groom in a wedding ceremony. The groom, on the left, is wearing a dark blue suit and is seen from the back, looking towards the bride. The bride, on the right, is wearing a white strapless wedding dress and a floral crown. She is smiling and looking down at her hands, which are clasped together. They are standing in a natural setting with tall grasses and a wooden fence in the background.

# 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

Registration table & white folding chairs

Zoo photography licence

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"> <li>• 16 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> </ul>
Platypus Lawn	240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Red or ivory aisle carpet</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> </ul>
Moreton Bay Fig Tree	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Red or ivory aisle carpet</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> </ul>
Giraffe Deck	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> <li>• Only available after 5.30pm</li> <li>• Security charges apply</li> </ul>
Butterfly House	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Cost \$1,500</li> <li>• Only available after 5.30pm</li> <li>• 16 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> <li>• Security charges apply</li> </ul>
Aus Bush	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Cost \$1,100</li> <li>• 22 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Red or ivory aisle carpet</li> </ul>

## Werribee Open Range Zoo

CEREMONY SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Gorilla Viewing Platform	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Red or ivory aisle carpet</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> </ul>
Secret Garden	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 white folding chairs</li> <li>• Red or ivory aisle carpet</li> <li>• Sashes to line the aisle</li> </ul>

... 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 120	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 area also allows for pre-dinner drinks on the Mek Kapah Terrace on warm nights. The Bong Su Room is generously sized, elegant and ideal for animal lovers with guests being able to enjoy their own private animal exhibit of tree kangaroos during your reception.
Leopard Lodge	Seated 240 Cocktail 500	The Leopard Lodge is an exciting custom built structure. With it's 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 brand new Carnivore's Trail and guests may even hear the lions roaring on occasion.

## Werribee Open Range Zoo

RECEPTION SITE	CAPACITY	INCLUSIONS & CONDITIONS
Meerkat Room	Seated 160 Cocktail 300	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. 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



# 2 Course Reception

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\$145pp

Includes:

Canapés on arrival

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

Five hour standard beverage  
package

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

Menu tasting  
for couple

Additional course \$20pp





## 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 (LG)

Seared queen scallops with a crunchy pink lady & pancetta salad, lemon & thyme dressing (LG)

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 (LG)

Wagyu bresaola, fresh horseradish, shaved pear & Cypriot black salt crème fraiche (LG)

Peruvian inspired kingfish tartare, with hickory smoked Victorian carrot puree & micro herb salad (LG)

## Main

Whole roasted lemon & thyme poussin, with sherry braised red cabbage & lemon chat potatoes (LG)

Braised lamb shoulder, with hickory smoked mashed potato, served on chargrilled eggplant (LG)

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 (LG)

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

### 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 (LG)

## Dessert

Our signature dessert – cardamom pavlova with pear & cinnamon compote (V) (LG)

Zoo Bakery lemon curd tart with a blood orange tuile (V)

Aperol spritz cheesecake with a blood orange tuile (V)

White chocolate panna cotta with cardamom shortbread (V)

Dark chocolate torte with raspberry dust & Cointreau jelly (V)

... 2 Course Reception



# Grazing Reception

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\$145pp

Includes:

Canapés on arrival

Main dishes - select 2

Side dishes - select 2

Roving dessert - select 3

Five hour standard  
beverage package

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

Additional sides - \$5pp

Additional main - \$5pp





## Main

Western Plains crispy pork belly served with pan juices (LG)

16 hour braised blade of Gippsland beef with a pinot noir jus (LG)

Honey & ginger roasted goldband snapper with a yuzu dressing (LG)

Whole roasted lemon & thyme poussin (LG)

Slow braised Victorian lamb shoulder with a red wine jus (LG)

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

## Sides

Duck fat roasted potatoes & pumpkin (LG)

Celeriac pomme puree (V (LG)

Balsamic braised cavalo nero (V (LG)

Sherry braised red cabbage (V (LG)

Hickory smoked mashed potato (V (LG)

Seasonal greens (V (LG)

Crushed lemon kifer potato (V (LG)

Red cabbage & sultana slaw with toasted pumpkin seeds with yoghurt & dill (V (LG)

Mixed leafy green salad (V (LG)

Four bean & roasted beetroot salad with dressed mixed leaves (V (LG)

Grain salad with sun blushed tomato & fresh spinach leaves (V)

## Roving Dessert

Viennese whirls (V)

Peanut butter & salted caramel mini tarts (V)

Mini lemon citron tarts (V)

White, dark & mocha ganache cup (V)

French delice fancies (V)

Macarons (V)

Mini waffle with cheesecake & raspberry cream (V)

... Grazing Reception



# Cocktail Reception

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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

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





## Cold Canapes

Polenta corn cakes, sun blushed tomato, goat's curd & black olives (V) (LG)

Selection of sushi served with soy, wasabi & pickled ginger (LG)

Soy & chilli marinated tofu & pickled ginger in betel leaves (V) (LG)

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

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

Zoo Bakery meat pies with homemade tomato sauce

Japanese fried chicken served with a Sriracha dip

Moroccan sweet potato pastries with a harissa kick (V)

Crispy smoked eel with beetroot crème fraiche (LG)

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 in a 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 (LG) (V)

Profiteroles filled with amaretto custard (V)

Lemon tartlet (V)

Chocolate tartlet (V)

Chocolate walnut brownie (V)

Macarons (V)

Mini waffle with cheesecake cream (V)

Mini chocolate mousse (LG) (V)

Mini coconut tapioca with mango (LG) (V)

# ... Cocktail Reception

# Winter Wedding

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(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

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





## 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) (LG)

## Main

Braised lamb shoulder with hickory smoked mashed potato served on chargrilled eggplant (LG)

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 (LG)

## Dessert

Our signature dessert – cardamom pavlova with pear & cinnamon compote (V) (LG)

Zoo Bakery lemon curd tart with a blood orange tuile (V)

Aperol spritz cheesecake with orange scented cream (V)



# Wedding Beverage Selection

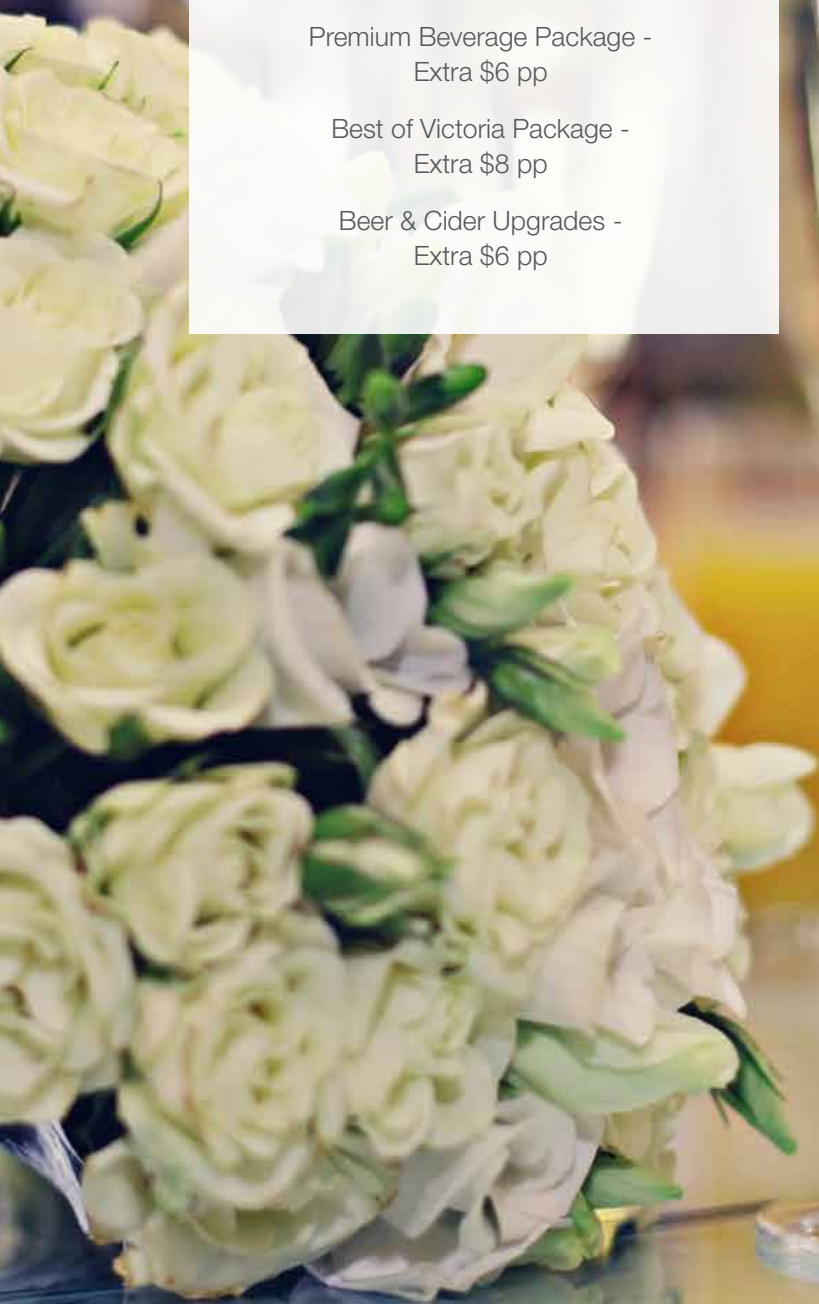
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Standard Beverage Package -  
Included with all packages

Premium Beverage Package -  
Extra \$6 pp

Best of Victoria Package -  
Extra \$8 pp

Beer & Cider Upgrades -  
Extra \$6 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

Carlton Light

Selection of Schweppes soft drinks

Orange juice

## Premium Beverage Package

Seppelt Fleur de Lys Chardonnay Pinot Noir

821 South Sauvignon Blanc

Truvee Pinot Gris

T'Gallant Juliet Pinot Noir

Seppelt The Drives Shiraz

Crown Lager

Carlton Light

Selection of Schweppes soft drinks

Orange juice

## Best of Victoria Package

Shadowfax 2013 Shiraz

Shadowfax 2016 Geelong Chardonnay

Shadowfax 2016 Geelong Pinot Gris

Shadowfax 2017 Minnow Rose

King Valley Prosecco

Crown Lager

Carlton Light

Selection of Schweppes soft drinks

Orange juice

## Beer & Cider Upgrades

Corona

Crown Lager

Little Green Apple Cider

# ... Wedding Beverage Selection



# Recommendations

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Please see the following pages for a selection of quality suppliers that have been hand picked to make your vision a reality.



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<b>CAKES</b>	
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<b>EVENT STYLIST</b>	
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Feel Good Events (fairy lights)	ph: 1300 134 493 e: dance@feelgoodevents.com.au w: www.feelgoodevents.com.au
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# Considerations



## GUEST ADMISSION

Admission for your guests is complimentary one hour prior to your wedding start time at both Melbourne and Werribee Open Range Zoo.

## BRIDAL CARS

There is a maximum of two cars permitted inside the Melbourne Zoo grounds and all cars will be escorted from the Zoo grounds post the conclusion of your ceremony. Some vehicles, especially stretch limousines, Chryslers, Hummers and other stretch and lowered vehicles may have difficulty driving and turning through certain sections of the Zoo, please check with your Coordinator or car hire company before booking a certain vehicle.

Vehicles are not permitted on site at Werribee Open Range Zoo, bridal party can be dropped at the main entrance.

## CEREMONY SITES

There is no access to power at outdoor ceremony sites so make sure your celebrant has a portable battery operated PA system.

## PARKING FOR GUESTS

There is ample parking for guests outside of Melbourne Zoo. Parking during the day incurs a fee of \$2 for five hours and is free after 5 pm.

Werribee Open Range Zoo has complimentary parking all day.

## MUSIC AT OUTDOOR SITES

Due to noise restrictions during Zoo opening hours (9am – 5pm), only acoustic and string musicians are permitted to perform at outdoor ceremony sites along with CD or iPods connected to battery operated PA systems.

No amplified systems are permitted.

## WET WEATHER OPTIONS

If you're worried about the weather (it is Melbourne after all!) why not buy some large golf umbrellas for your guests to use just in case.

## Wedding Photos

Have a think about where you would like to have your wedding photos taken, it's always a good idea to have your favourite spots in mind and we will do our best to make sure you get there in time. Even though you're at the zoo, photos with the animals inside their enclosures are not permitted – except with the giraffes (by booking only).

## Animal Experiences

The Zoo offers an array of animal experiences for you and your guests to meet the animals on your special day. Enquire with your Wedding Coordinator.

## Spare Shoes

Consider bringing a flat pair of shoes with you to change into while having your photos taken. It's about an hour and a half and not all of the paths around the Zoo are paved so your feet will thank you for it.

## Wedding Day Emergency Kit

Make sure your bridesmaids have an emergency wedding kit for you on the day – bobby pins, bandaids, hair spray, sewing kit and safety pins etc – you just never know what you might need!

## Decor

Confetti, rice, rose petals and balloons are not permitted within the Zoo grounds due to the possibility of damage and harm to the animals. Bubbles are a great alternative.

## Bridal Suite

Each of our stunning reception venues includes a bridal suite for you to enjoy a private moment together throughout the day.

... Considerations



# Ceremony Checklist

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Zoo Events are committed to ensuring your wedding day is everything you dreamed of. Therefore, it is important that you submit the following information by the indicated due dates so that we can keep our commitment to you.



## 3 Months

- ☐ Confirm all of your suppliers including wedding vehicles, photographer and stylists
- ☐ Think about the timings you would like for the walk down the aisle and signing the registry
- ☐ Choose your wedding songs

## 1 Month

- ☐ Return completed documents to your Wedding Coordinator

## 3 Weeks

- ☐ Finalise guest numbers with your Wedding Coordinator
- ☐ Organise a rehearsal with your Coordinator in the weeks leading up to your wedding.  
Bookings are available from 4 pm on weekdays

## 2 Weeks

- ☐ Return signed wedding planner to your Wedding Coordinator
- ☐ Make final wedding payment

## Wedding Day

- ☐ Relax and enjoy your special day touring the Zoo with canapes, sparkling wine and beer
- ☐ Take a moment after the ceremony, just the two of you, to take it all in!

... Ceremony Checklist





# Reception Checklist

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Zoo Events are committed to ensuring your wedding day is everything you dreamed of. Therefore, it is important that you submit the following information by their indicated due dates so that we can keep our commitment to you.

## 3 Months

- ☐ Receive wedding planner from Wedding Coordinator
- ☐ Send out wedding invitations
- ☐ Think about the timings you would like for speeches, cutting the cake and first dance
- ☐ Book your suppliers and choose decor
- ☐ Book the hotel for your wedding night

## 2 Months

- ☐ Arrange menu tasting for seated receptions. They are available on weekdays by appointment
- ☐ Select menu choices

## 1 Month

- ☐ Return these 3 completed documents to your Wedding Coordinator:
  - ☐ a. Updated wedding planner
  - ☐ b. Floor plan
  - ☐ c. Table arrangement
- ☐ Arrange a meeting with your Wedding Coordinator to go over the final details of your wedding day
- ☐ Pick up your place cards and organise them in table number and seat order
- ☐ Practice your first dance

## 3 Weeks

- ☐ Call guests who haven't RSVP'd for the wedding and finalise guest numbers with your Wedding Coordinator

## 2 Weeks

- ☐ Make final wedding payment
- ☐ Return signed wedding planner to your Wedding Coordinator
- ☐ Prepare your speeches

## 1 Week

- ☐ Pack for your wedding night and honeymoon

## Wedding Day

- ☐ Relax and enjoy your special day. Don't forget to make use of the bridal suite for a minute alone!

... Reception Checklist



# 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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