

At Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, nature's beauty and unforgettable moments unite in one of the city's most iconic settings.

Set against the backdrop of Sydney Harbour and the city skyline, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney (Garden) offers a range of unique spaces — from heritage pavilions and open lawns to seasonal flower beds and shaded groves. It's a versatile canvas for weddings of all styles and sizes, with each location offering its own character and charm.

Whether you're drawn to the glow of a sunset over the water, the calm of a rainforest walk, or the romance of a garden in full bloom, the Garden offers a backdrop that shifts beautifully with the seasons. When you host your day here, you're also supporting critical work in plant conservation, horticulture and environmental science — helping to protect and preserve this extraordinary place for generations to come.

We look forward to helping you create lasting memories, inspired by the natural beauty that surrounds you and the love that brings you here.



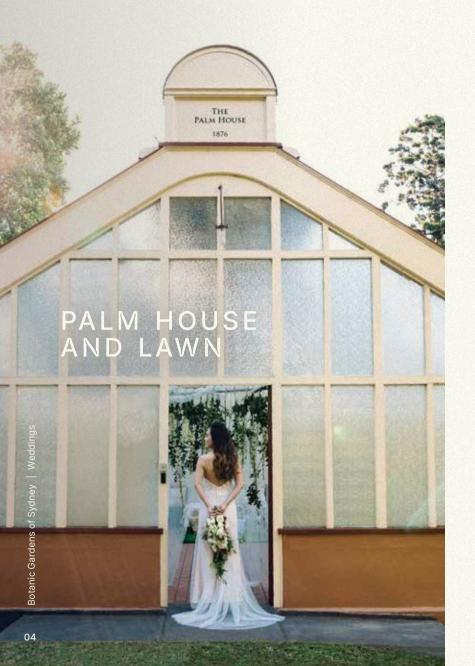




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Celebrate in one of Sydney's most historic and picturesque garden venues.

As the oldest glasshouse in New South Wales, Palm House offers a timeless setting filled with natural light and lush greenery. Its elegant interior can be styled to suit any celebration, from formal receptions to relaxed gatherings, making it a flexible and character-filled space for your day.

Pair it with the adjoining manicured lawn for an open-air ceremony, welcome drinks or garden canapés. With easy access to nearby amenities and transport, it's a beautiful and practical choice for a memorable wedding.





Capacity: 120 people standing; 80 people seated

**Event Types:** Ceremony, Indoor Reception, Photography

Facilities: Amenities Nearby,
Power Access, After Hours Use

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)



Sweeping waterfront views and a sense of occasion.

Tarpeian Lawn offers uninterrupted views of the harbour, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the city skyline. It's the perfect harbourside venue if you're seeking an outdoor location that can accommodate a large group, with privacy and additional cool shade from surrounding fig trees. The venue's convenient location is also within walking distance of Sydney Opera House and Circular Quay.



Capacity: 400 people standing; 300 people seated

Event Types: Ceremony, Photography, Marquee Reception\*

Facilities: Power Access, Water Access

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Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)

\* Marquee receptions require three-day venue hire. For further information and a capacity guide, contact the Venues team.





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The ultimate venue for premium marquee-style wedding events.

This elevated outdoor space boasts uninterrupted views of the harbour's sparkling water, the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Delivering the 'wow' factor, this elevated and perfectly positioned venue features an impressive manicured and marquee-friendly lawn — ideal for larger events that make the most of Sydney's iconic scenery.

Capacity: 300 people standing; 200 people seated

Event Types: Ceremony,
Marquee Reception\*, Photography

Facilities: Power Access, Water Access

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)

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A charming and intimate garden escape.

Surrounded by seasonal blooms, fragrant herbs and glimpses of the city skyline, Herb Garden and Pavilion offers a peaceful setting for elegant, smaller-scale ceremonies.

Guests can enjoy the quiet beauty of birds dancing in the central fountain, unwind on the lawn, or find shade beneath the sandstone pavilion. This space is ideal for those seeking a serene, sensory-rich location within one of the Garden's classic venues.

Capacity: 80 people (Garden and Pavilion); 20 people (Pavilion only)

**Event Types:** Ceremony, Photography

Facilities: Restaurant Catering Available

A grand, open-air setting beneath century-old trees.

Framed by majestic fig trees and glimpses of Sydney Harbour, Fig Tree Lawn is a beautiful canvas for larger wedding celebrations. Its generous open space and natural shade make it especially popular in the warmer months, offering flexibility for a ceremony, outdoor reception or both. With its romantic canopy and soft natural light, this is a space your guests will remember long after the last toast.

Capacity: 200 people

Event Types: Ceremony,
Outdoor Reception, Photography



## A complete venue for secluded weddings.

This heritage sandstone cottage, built in 1878, features both indoor and outdoor areas, including a paved courtyard and private lawn. The two-level Lodge offers indoor spaces which can be styled to suit any theme and allows for tailored catering with its complete kitchen facilities.

Lion Gate Lodge is also conveniently located on Mrs Macquaries Road with its own driveway access for convenient loading into the venue — perfect for bespoke wedding events that blend comfort, charm and convenience.



Capacity: 160 people (Lodge and Lawn); 80 people (Lodge only)

**Event Types:** Ceremony, Reception, Photography

Facilities: Kitchen, Amenities,
Power Access, After Hours Use

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)









A colourful and spacious waterside setting.

Perfect for picnics and parties.

Positioned near the Main Pond with sweeping harbour glimpses, Flower Bed Lawn is an open, vibrant location for larger weddings. Surrounded by manicured flower beds in full bloom, it's especially stunning in spring and summer. This versatile lawn space features natural colour and water views, providing a picture-perfect setting for a ceremony or alfresco reception.

Capacity: 200 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Outdoor Reception, Photography

Facilities: Amenities Nearby, Restaurant Catering Available Positioned under the shade of beautiful established trees, Pioneer Garden offers a secluded venue to host a wedding ceremony and outdoor reception.

This venue is located in a quiet part of the upper Garden with easy access to public transport. It is ideal for more relaxed wedding events with convenient catering options close to the venue and amenities nearby.

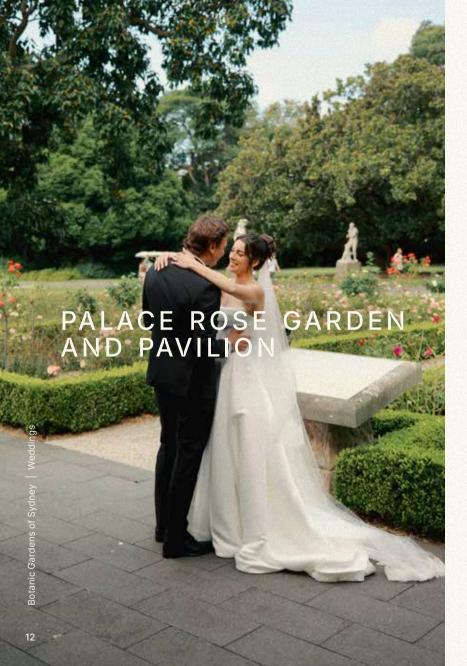
Capacity: 150 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Outdoor Reception

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Facilities: Amenities Nearby, Restaurant Catering Available

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)



A timeless setting for classic garden celebrations.

Surrounded by seasonal blooms and heritage charm, the Palace Rose Garden and Pavilion is ideal for elegant outdoor ceremonies and receptions. The magnificent sandstone Pavilion adds architectural grandeur, while roses bloom from September to May, offering romance and a rich and fragrant sensory backdrop. With room for a marquee, this versatile open space is a beautiful canvas for a celebration designed your way.

Capacity: 200 people (Garden and Pavilion); 80 people (Pavilion only)

**Event Types:** Ceremony, Reception (Marquee on Application\*), Photography

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Facilities: Amenities

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)

\* Marquee receptions require three-day venue hire. For further information and a capacity guide, contact the Venues team.







# Native flora with an Opera House backdrop.

A peaceful, elevated space with views to the Opera House, this lawn features native blooms and sandstone tiered edges. Towering Gymea lilies and flowering grevilleas frame an intimate spot ideal for ceremony or reception.





Capacity: 100 people standing; 60 people seated

Event Types: Ceremony, Outdoor Reception, Photography

Access: Close to Sydney Opera House, Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)



Tranquil harbour views with a personal touch.

With sweeping views over Farm Cove featuring Sydney's Opera House and Harbour Bridge, Harbour View Lawn is a romantic harbourside space for breathtaking ceremonies. Framed by majestic fig trees with lush greenery surrounds, it offers an intimate and picturesque location just moments from the heart of the city.

Capacity: 150 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Photography

Facilities: Amenities Nearby

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)







Secluded, scenic and spacious.

Historic charm with harbour views.

Eucalypt Lawn offers privacy and expansive views from its natural high point above the harbour. Surrounded by shady trees and open lawns, it's ideal for large ceremonies or picnic-style receptions.

Capacity: 150 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Outdoor Reception

Facilities: Amenities Nearby

Access: Close to Parking and
Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)

Built in 1865, Victoria Lodge is a sandstone cottage offering intimate indoor reception space and a private deck with surrounding water views overlooking Farm Cove. Ideal for smaller ceremonies, the Lodge can be paired with one of the surrounding harbourside lawns for an accompanying outdoor area to combine character with a spectacular setting.

Capacity: 50 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Indoor Reception

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Facilities: Kitchen Access, Amenities

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)



# An elegant lawn with stunning harbour views.

Set along the harbour with clear views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, this expansive lawn features one of the Garden's treasured sculptures. Mare and Foal Lawn offers a peaceful, open-air setting for ceremonies or receptions and is perfect for elegant celebrations.





Capacity: 150 people

Event Types: Ceremony,

Outdoor Reception, Photography

Facilities: Amenities Nearby, Restaurant Catering Available

Access: Close to Parking and

Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)







A relaxed garden setting with charm.

A central, sunlit stage for intimate ceremonies.

Savour the beauty of the Garden and its natural surrounds at Vista Pavilion. With its sandstone Pavilion, this venue offers a large, sheltered space perfect for intimate ceremonies.

After exchanging vows, guests can enjoy the adjacent lawn area with shade from nearby trees in warmer weather. This venue is perfect for more casual, picnicstyle wedding events.

Capacity: 50 people (Pavilion and Lawn); 20 people (Pavilion only)

Event Types: Ceremony, Reception

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)

The Garden's Amphitheatre offers a distinctive venue in the heart of the city. With built-in seating surrounded by nature, this open-air stage invites couples to say their vows in a calm, sun-drenched setting.

Capacity: 80 people

Event Types: Ceremony, Photography

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)



### Harbour grandeur that never fails to impress.

Fleet Steps offers unmatched views of the Garden, Sydney Harbour, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the city skyline, complimented by the significance of the historic Fleet Steps. As you descend the steps, guests experience a stunning and truly memorable entry to your wedding event.

The two expansive lawn areas can be used to design marquee-style wedding events to suit any vision. With power and water access on this location your event can be entirely self-sufficient — ideal for larger, exclusive wedding celebrations.

Capacity: North side: 500 people standing; 300 people seated. South side: 800 people standing; 400 people seated.

Event Types: Ceremony,
Marquee Reception\*, Photography

Facilities: Amenities Nearby, Power Access, Water Access

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)

\* All bookings require three-day hire. For further information and a capacity guide, contact the Venues team.









A charming Pavilion with lush lawn surrounds.

Perfect in spring and summer seasons, Maiden Pavilion and Band Lawn provide stunning views of the Garden under the cool shade of the Pavilion and surrounding trees.

The sandstone Pavilion offers a sheltered and picturesque setting for an intimate ceremony. Guests can then enjoy a reception on the manicured Band Lawn with glimpses of the sparkling harbour. This venue is ideal for large outdoor wedding celebrations including picnic-style receptions with fun lawn games.

Capacity: 300 people (Pavilion and Lawn); 30 people (Pavilion only)

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**Event Types:** Ceremony, Outdoor Reception

Facilities: Amenities Nearby, Restaurant Catering Available

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road) Grand scale for a premium marquee wedding event.

With the castle-style Government House as a backdrop, Parade Ground is the perfect location for premium wedding events. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, the large lawn is the ultimate location for large weddings and can feature multiple marquee structures.

With power and water access on this location your event can be entirely self-sufficient ensuring privacy and exclusivity — at Parade Ground any wedding event you imagine can become reality.

Capacity: 3000 people standing; 1800 people seated

Event Types: Ceremony, Marquee Reception\*

Facilities: Power Access, Water Access

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Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)

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Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

Celebrate in one of Sydney's most unique and contemporary wedding venues in the heart of the Garden.

Set against the spectacular backdrop the city skyline and nestled inside the heart of the Garden, The Calyx is one of Sydney's most unique and enchanting wedding venues.

An impressive pathway entrance leads to The Calyx's stunning architectural design. Inside, guests experience stylish indoor spaces and a beautiful indoor glasshouse featuring an exquisite living botanic feature wall – one of the largest in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy an exceptional dining experience from awardwinning Laissez-Faire Catering.

Capacity: 400 people standing; 200 people seated

Event Types: Ceremony, Indoor Reception, Photography

Access: Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)









### The Garden at a Glance — Find the perfect place for your special day.

| Venue                              | Capacity  | Ceremony | Reception                           | Photography | Facilities  | Access   |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Palm House<br>and Lawn             | 120 standing; 80 seated   |          | Indoor                              | •           | Amenities Nearby, Power Access,<br>After Hours Use                  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Tarpeian Lawn                      | 400 standing; 300 seated  |          | Outdoor, Marquee on Application*    |             |   |  |
| Bennelong Lawn                     | 300 standing; 200 seated  |          | Outdoor, Marquee<br>on Application* |             | Power Access,<br>Water Access                                       | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| Herb Garden<br>and Pavilion        | 80 (Garden and Pavilion);<br>20 (Pavilion only)                                   |          |                                     |             | Restaurant Catering<br>Available                                    |  |
| Fig Tree Lawn                      | 200   |          | Outdoor                             |             |   |  |
| Lion Gate Lodge                    | 160 (Lodge and Lawn);<br>80 (Lodge only)  |          | Indoor                              |             | Kitchen, Amenities, Power Access,<br>After Hours Use                | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Flower Bed Lawn                    | 200   |          | Outdoor                             |             | Restaurant Catering Available,<br>Amenities Nearby,                 |  |
| Pioneer Garden                     | 150   |          | Outdoor                             |             | Restaurant Catering Available,<br>Amenities Nearby                  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| Palace Rose Garden<br>and Pavilion | 200 (Garden and Pavilion);<br>80 (Pavilion only)                                  |          | Outdoor, Marquee<br>on Application* |             | Amenities   | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| Australian<br>Rockery Lawn         | 100 standing; 60 seated   |          | Outdoor                             |             |   | Close to Sydney Opera House, Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street) |
| Harbour View<br>Lawn               | 150   |          |                                     |             | Amenities Nearby  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Eucalypt Lawn                      | 150   |          | Outdoor                             |             | Amenities Nearby  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Victoria Lodge                     | 50  |          | Indoor                              |             | Kitchen Access, Amenities   | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Mare and Foal<br>Lawn              | 150   |          | Outdoor                             |             | Restaurant Catering Available,<br>Amenities Nearby                  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Vista Pavilion                     | 50 (Pavilion and Lawn);<br>20 (Pavilion only)                                     |          | Outdoor                             |             |   | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| Amphitheatre                       | 80  |          |                                     |             |   | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| Fleet Steps                        | North side: 500 standing;<br>300 seated. South side:<br>800 standing; 400 seated. |          | Outdoor, Marquee<br>on Application* |             | Amenities Nearby,<br>Power Access, Water Access                     | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Maiden Pavilion<br>and Band Lawn   | 300 (Pavilion and Lawn);<br>30 (Pavilion only)                                    |          | Outdoor                             |             | Restaurant Catering Available,<br>Amenities Nearby                  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road)               |
| Parade Ground                      | 3000 standing;<br>1800 seated   |          | Outdoor, Marquee<br>on Application* |             | Power Access, Water Access  | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |
| The Calyx                          | 400 standing;<br>200 seated   |          | Indoor                              |             | Laissez-Faire Catering, Amenities,<br>Power Access, After Hours Use | Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)                  |

<sup>\*</sup>Bennelong Lawn, Fleet Steps and Parade Ground bookings require three-day minimum venue hire. For further information and a capacity guide, contact the Venues team.

#### The Garden at a Glance — Find the perfect place for your special day.

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| Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Macquarie Street)    |  | Outdoor, Marquee<br>on Application* |  |                            |
|  |  |                                     |  | Australian<br>Rockery Lawn |
|  |  |                                     |  | Harbour View<br>Lawn       |
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|  |  |                                     |  | Victoria Lodge             |
| Close to Parking and Public Transport<br>(Mrs Macquaries Road) |  |                                     |  | Mare and Foal<br>Lawn      |
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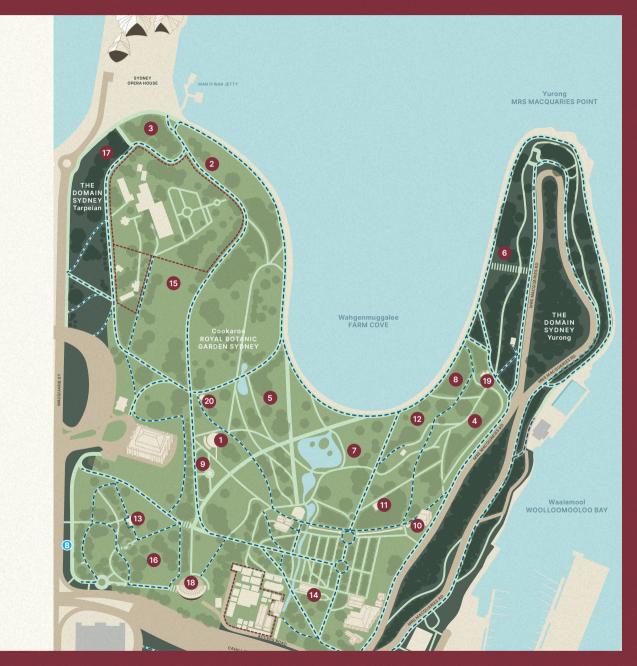






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For more inspiration, consider visiting our other two world-renowned botanic gardens:
Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah and Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan.
Each offers a unique collection of plants and beautiful landscapes.

Discover the beauty of Australia's native plant species and the science behind their conservation at Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan. It features a stunning mix of picturesque lakeside locations, tranquil woodland backdrops, lush greenery and perfectly manicured lawns.



At Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah, immerse yourself in the beauty of coolclimate plants and basalt cap forests. Celebrate your special day with stunning views of the surrounding UNESCO World Heritage Area wilderness.



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