



BOTANIC
GARDENS
OF SYDNEY

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY
GADIGAL COUNTRY

WEDDINGS

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.



A bride, seen from behind, is walking down a dirt path in a lush garden. She is wearing a long, flowing white wedding dress with a long veil and is holding a bouquet of flowers. The path is flanked by dense, vibrant greenery and colorful plants, including large red and orange leaves on the left and tall, thin grasses on the right. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the path and foliage. The overall atmosphere is serene and romantic.

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IN NATURE

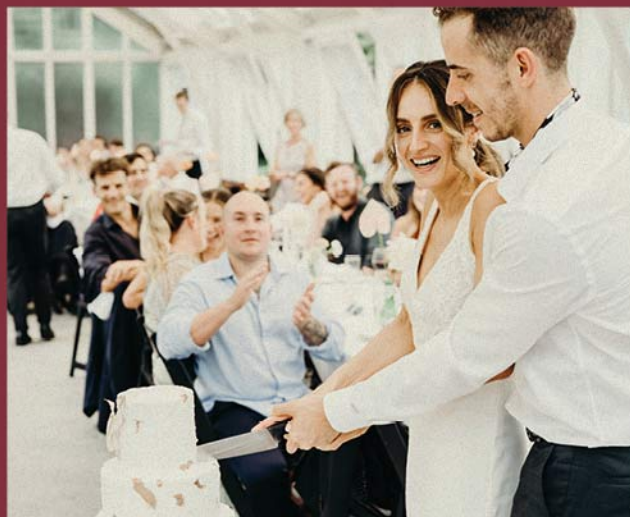
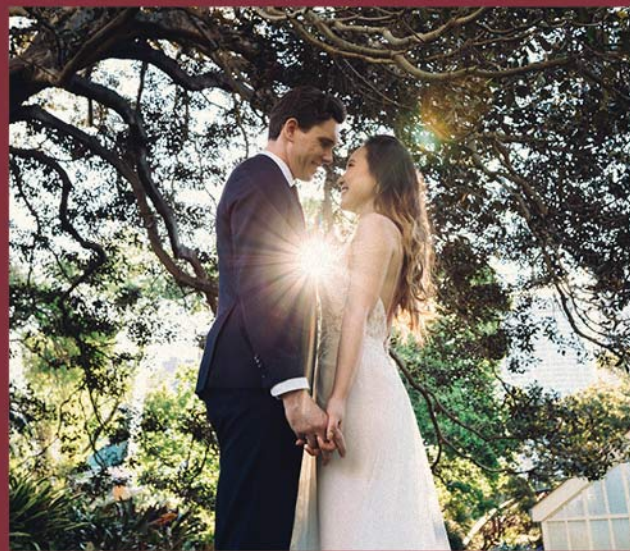


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THE
PALM HOUSE
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PALM HOUSE AND LAWN

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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)





TARPEIAN LAWN

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

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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Celebrate your special day
surrounded by natural beauty.

GADIGAL COUNTRY



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)

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





HERB GARDEN AND PAVILION

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



LION GATE LODGE

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)





PALACE ROSE GARDEN AND PAVILION

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

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.



AUSTRALIAN ROCKERY LAWN

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 Gynea 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.

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Capacity: 150 people
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Event Types: Ceremony, Photography
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Facilities: Amenities Nearby
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Access: Close to Parking and
Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)
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MARE AND FOAL LAWN

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)



FLEET STEPS

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 wedding couple is standing in front of a large, colorful floral wall. The bride is wearing a white lace strapless gown and the groom is wearing a dark blue suit with a light-colored bow tie. They are holding hands and smiling at each other. The background is a large wall of purple and yellow flowers. In the foreground, there are large planters with various flowers and foliage.

THE CALYX

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 award-winning 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	Venue Type	Facilities	Access	Accessibility
Palm House and Lawn	120 standing; 80 seated	Indoor (full cover)	Amenities Nearby, Power Access, After Hours Use	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)	Wheelchair Accessible
Tarpeian Lawn	400 standing; 300 seated	Marquee on Application		Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Limited Wheelchair Access
Bennelong Lawn	300 standing; 200 seated	Marquee on Application	Power Access, Water Access	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Wheelchair Accessible
Herb Garden and Pavilion	80 (Garden and Pavilion); 20 (Pavilion only)		Restaurant Catering Available	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Limited Wheelchair Access
Lion Gate Lodge	160 (Lodge and Lawn); 80 (Lodge only)	Indoor (full cover)	Kitchen, Amenities, Power Access, After Hours Use	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Wheelchair Accessible
Palace Rose Garden and Pavilion	200 (Garden and Pavilion); 80 (Pavilion only)	Marquee on Application	Amenities	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Wheelchair Accessible
Australian Rockery Lawn	100 standing; 60 seated			Close to Sydney Opera House, Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Limited Wheelchair Access
Harbour View Lawn	150		Amenities Nearby	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)	Limited Wheelchair Access
Mare and Foal Lawn	150		Restaurant Catering Available, Amenities Nearby	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)	Limited Wheelchair Access
Fleet Steps	North side: 500 standing; 300 seated. South side: 800 standing; 400 seated.	Marquee on Application	Amenities Nearby, Power Access, Water Access	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Mrs Macquaries Road)	Limited Wheelchair Access
The Calyx	400 standing; 200 seated	Indoor (full cover)	Laissez-Faire Catering, Amenities, Power Access, After Hours Use	Close to Parking and Public Transport (Macquarie Street)	Wheelchair Accessible

For further information and a capacity guide, email events@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au.

A full-page photograph of a wedding couple in a lush garden. The groom, in a dark suit, is kissing the bride on the cheek. The bride, in a white strapless dress, holds a bouquet of flowers. They are standing on a paved path surrounded by dense greenery and red flowers. In the background, a building with a dark roof is visible.

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture precious memories among stunning botanic beauty.

Set across 30 hectares of spectacular landscapes, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney offers the ultimate backdrop for your wedding photography.

Wander the Garden after your ceremony and you'll find inspiration around every corner to capture the perfect scene. As Australia's oldest botanic garden, the Garden's extensive botanical collection features vibrant seasonal blooms, lush rainforest ferns, spectacular succulents, oriental varieties and much more.

Romantic pavilions, picturesque ponds and manicured lawns with expansive harbour views provide a variety of backdrops to suit every style and moment.

Photography permits are available on application. With a permit, you're free to explore at your own pace — finding the perfect setting to capture the joy, connection and beauty of your day. Whether it's a quiet moment beneath the trees or a sweeping shot across the Harbour, every frame tells part of your story.



A romantic wedding scene set in the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. A bride in a white lace dress and a groom in a dark suit stand amidst lush greenery and yellow flowers. In the background, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the city skyline are visible across the water.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY

Set against the stunning backdrop of Sydney Harbour and the city skyline, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney is an oasis of vibrant specialty gardens, lush lawns, heritage buildings and romantic pavilions — the perfect location for wedding ceremonies, receptions and photography.

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WEDDING VENUE MAP

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- 3 Fleet Steps
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DISCOVER OUR OTHER BOTANIC GARDENS

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 cool-climate plants and basalt cap forests. Celebrate your special day with stunning views of the surrounding UNESCO World Heritage Area wilderness.



Wedding enquiries

For enquiries, bookings and photography permits, contact the team:

events@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au



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Credits

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Jimmy Raper: page 5 (left).

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Russell Stafford Photography: page 21.

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