



# YOUR DAY

At Dingleigh you can be assured of a memorable, yet completly relaxed day, done your way.

Micro weddings, elopements, vow renewals, or just an excuse to plan a special day, Dingleigh is a hidden gem in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges.

Tucked away in the national forest on the edge of the famous Alfred Nicholas gardens and the Sassafras Creek Trail, Dingleigh is warm and inviting. The 5 acres of gardens include the newly built wedding gazebo, surround by ferns and towering exotic trees. The expansive gardens and two character filled cottages mean you will be spoilt for choice for photographic locations.

We have put together a short guide to help you plan your day. If you still have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call or send an email. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit.

# DINGLEIGH

Ancient Meaning: 'Woodland Clearing'

Dingleigh is one of the original hills properties in the Dandeong Ranges. First settled in the 1870's, Dingleigh was once a gathering place for local writers and poets.

With the Edna Walling inspired gardens, and almost 10 years of restorations, Dingleigh is now open to host small garden weddings and special events.

At Dingleigh you have a range of mid-week, or weekend packages available, for small 2 person ceremonies to micro-weddings of up to 20 people.

Dingleigh offers luxury accommodation for up to five people in our character filled cottages. All wedding package options are daytime only.



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# PRICING GUIDE

SILVER

#### ELOPEMENT

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 2 guests.

Day use of the Reader's Cottage for photographs and amenities.

(Mon-Thurs: 10am to 4pm)

\$1.250

GOLD

#### GARDEN CEREMONY

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 20 guests
Day use of the Reader's Cottage
White wedding chairs plus ceremonial table and gazebo drapes
Wedding flowers (full bridal package)
Photographer 2 hours
Celebrant and two witnesses

(Mon-Thurs: 10am to 4pm)

\$4.400

PLATINUM

#### DELUX GARDEN WEDDING

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 20 guests White wedding chairs plus ceremonial table, aisle runner and gazebo drapes Two nights accommodation (2-3 pp) Wedding flowers (full bridal package)

Bride hair and make up

Grazing table for 20 guests

Photographer 3 hours

Celebrant and two witnesses

Site visits and preparations

\$6.900

All of our packages can be adjusted to suit your needs including additional accommodation or hair/makeup requirements.

For same sex marriages we can add on an extra bouquet or extra hair and makeup or remove these items.

We offer a number of different catering options, including canapes, banquet tables for sit down meals or a high tea option.

Prices may vary depending on supplier costs and time of year. A 15% surcharge will be applied for public holiday bookings.

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## Hair and makeup

Our talented hair and makeup artist will arrive at the cottage in the morning to create a bespoke bridal look for your special day. Our trusted artist will ensure a tailored and unique experience, adapting to the preferences and needs of each and every client. We recommend setting aside at least 2 hours.

# Grazing Table

Your guests will love our grazing table, A 1 metre long sweet and savoury platter packed with local and seasonal produce. Includes a selection of cold meats, cheeses, crackers, homemade dips and hors-d'oeuvers, antipasti, seasonal and dried fruit, vegetables, handmade chocolate truffles and fresh locally made bread. The platter will be displayed on our characterful recycled wooden trestle table. We will always try to cater for dietary requirements where we can.

#### Flowers

Our experienced florist will curate a timeless design for your flowers, sourcing only the freshest locally grown and seasonal flowers. Our full bridal package includes a bridal bouquet and buttonhole corsage, a centre arrangement for the signing table, six flower posies for the aisle chairs and two flower arrangements for either side of the gazebo front arch. You have the option of a green/white, white/blush or seasonal natives in burnt orange and browns.

## Photography

Our photographer specialises in smaller, more intimate wedding ceremonies. With more than 15 years of experience you can be assured that the special moments of your day will be captured beautifully. An unlimited number of images can be taken on the day which will be supplied in both colour and B&W, fully edited in High Resolution via a DropBox download within 30 days of your wedding.





# ACCOMMODATION

The exquisite furnishings of Dingleigh provide the perfect backdrop for preparations for your special occasion. Each of the character-filled cottages looks out onto beautiful garden surrounds, and includes luxury bed linen and towels, with warm cozy fires.

## THE READER'S COTTAGE

The 'Reader's Cottage', filled with treasures and antiquities from around the world, is centred around a huge bookcase in the lounge. The cottage includes one queen size bedroom and one single. The outdoor areas include a private stone-walled courtyard that backs onto the open horse paddock. Sleeps 3ppl.

## THE WRITER'S STUDIO

The 'Writer's Studio' is a one-room retreat in the centre of the Dingleigh gardens with a queen-sized bed and original open fireplace. The outdoor area includes beautiful stone paved areas with garden water features and a seating area. Sleeps 2ppl.

# QUESTIONS:

Q: Can you help with additional suppliers?

A: Yes! We have a trusted team of suppliers who can help with your special day, including cake makers, transport options or equipment/decor hire.

Q: Can you help with catering?

A: We can offer a grazing table for you and your guests which will serve 16-20 people for \$750.

Q: Do you serve alcohol?

A: All guests are offered the option of BYO. We can provide you some suggestions of great local suppliers. A charge of \$10 pp will added for corkage if included as part of our grazing table option.

Q: Can we play music?

A: Any acoustic music during your ceremony is great, although please no speakers as noise can travel pretty easily through the forest.

Q: Can we meet the celebrant before the wedding?

A: Absolutely! Our very friendly celebrant is available to meet with you to discuss your plans and to create the ceremony that is perfect for you.

Q: Can you provide witnesses?

A: Yes. As your hosts we can act as witnesses on the day.







"I could not have chosen a better place to celebrate my wedding – the day before to prepare with my bridesmaid and the wedding night. The cottage was perfect for both. You went above and beyond in meeting our needs as a team. We will be back as it is in our hearts. The cottage does not describe it – it is perfect in its design and function. And your grounds equal any botanical gardens. ."



-Fiona, April 2024.

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# WHAT NEXT?

### Do you offer Site Visits?

A: Yes! We are happy to show you around, so you can get a feel for the place before booking. Please allow at least 48 hours notice before visits. Cottage viewings are available if we do not have guests already staying with us.

### How do I secure my booking?

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required in order to secure your date. The remaining 50% of your balance is due two weeks prior. Payments can be made via direct bank transfer, or over the phone using your credit card.

### Can children join?

Please be mindful that we have several open water features on the property. Children under the age of 5 years must be supervised at all times.

#### Do I need to book accommodation?

For mid-week ceremonies you do not need to book accommodation (Mon-Thurs). For ceremonies Fri-Sun, guests must book the main cottage (both rooms) for a minimum of two nights. The studio is also available to book if you need the extra space. Bookings can be made directly via our website.

NOW RELAX AND JUST HAVE A GREAT DAY!

DONT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH!

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