



HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS



One Perfect Day, **One Perfect Place**





Experience a first  
dance like no other.





# Create Your Perfect Wedding Day

Hunter Valley  
Gardens combines  
elegance with nature.

Hunter Valley Gardens is your ultimate wedding venue, offering couples a world of options to create your perfect wedding day. Imagine holding your wedding ceremony in the Lake's Walk Rotunda or at the top of a stunning ten metre waterfall. Our beautiful on-site Wedding Chapel offers views of the Gardens and Brokenback Mountain Range, along with our ten internationally themed Gardens to provide the perfect backdrop for your wedding photography. The Garden Terrace reception venue offers a stunning Garden setting overlooking the Oriental Garden.

The following information has been collated to help you plan your wedding, one of our dedicated Wedding Coordinators is available to create a day that you and your guests will remember forever.



Photographer credit: White Lane Studio

# A Ceremony to Remember

A picturesque location  
or a truly memorable  
wedding day.

At Hunter Valley Gardens we understand the importance of ensuring your wedding day is perfect. With a beautiful air conditioned Chapel and a selection of garden locations for your wedding ceremony, we offer a unique setting unlike any other in Australia.

## GARDEN CEREMONY

Hunter Valley Gardens offers couples a wonderful selection of garden ceremony options. From the picturesque Lake's Walk Rotunda or the top of a stunning ten metre waterfall and more. If a small intimate family wedding or a larger celebration is more your style the gardens have a number of magical locations for your perfect ceremony.

## CHAPEL CEREMONY

Hunter Valley Gardens Chapel offers a stunning setting for any wedding. With a large stained-glass window and two picturesque lakes on either side as the backdrop, this venue will create a truly memorable wedding day. Capable of seating 150 guests in air conditioned comfort, the Chapel exterior is lined with white Ornamental Pear trees and features a beautiful courtyard with magnificent views of the spectacular gardens and Brokenback Mountain Ranges.



Photographer credit:  
Matts Photography



Photographer credit:  
Thierry Boudan Photography





Photographer credit: Cassie Bedford Photography

## Versatile Receptions

Wedding packages  
to suit all needs and  
budgets.



Photographer credit:  
Jack Gilchrist Photography



Within Hunter Valley Gardens lies the Garden Terrace, an idyllic location for your post-ceremony celebrations. This versatile reception space lends itself beautifully to theming, seats up to 120 people and has amazing views of the Oriental Garden, where your guests can also enjoy pre-dinner drinks and canapes.

For a first dance like no other, experience the enchanting open-air amphitheatre. Illuminated with fairy lights, this is a memorable moment for the newlyweds.

Marquee weddings in the Gardens are a beautiful option for your reception and allows you the freedom to create your dream wedding.

Enthral your guests with a personalised fireworks display (optional extra), the perfect end to your perfect wedding day.







# Stunning Photography Locations

There are a variety of locations available where you can capture the magic of your day.



Capture your special day with endless photography opportunities.



Photography credits (left to right):  
Row 1, Lauren Anne Photography, April Werz Photography, Jessica Ross Photography. Row 2, April Werz Photography, Jack Gilchrist Photography, Ben Howland Photography  
Row 3, April Werz Photography, Wild Flower Photography. Row 4, Philippa Enid, Lauren Anne Photography, April Werz Photography.





Photographer credit: Jessica Ross Photography

## Accommodation



### MERCURE RESORT HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS

Located within easy walking distance to the Gardens and Chapel, Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens offers you and your guests excellent accommodation options.

**For details call (02) 4998 2000  
or visit [mercurehunternvalley.com.au](http://mercurehunternvalley.com.au)**



### HARRIGAN'S HUNTER VALLEY

Boasting a distinctive bar, VIP area, alfresco and dining areas, Harrigan's Hunter Valley have accommodation options perfect for you and your guests.

**For details call (02) 4998 4300  
or visit [harriganshunternvalley.com.au](http://harriganshunternvalley.com.au)**



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## CONFIRMATION & DEPOSIT

A signed copy of your wedding contract and deposit is required within 14 working days to secure your booking. The deposit amount is \$1,000 for all reception packages or 50% for all ceremony and/or photo packages. We reserve the right to cancel any bookings not held with a signed contract and receipt of deposit by the due date. Completing and signing your wedding contract and submitting it with your deposit to us indicates the client's acceptance of these terms and conditions.

## PAYMENT

At the time of confirmation, the above-mentioned non-refundable deposit is required. Four (4) months prior to your function we require 50% of the estimated total cost to be paid. Payment terms are subject to change according to your wedding time frame.

## FINAL BALANCE

At 14 working days prior to your function, final payment is required for all food and property event related costs. Bar tabs must be settled on the evening of the function via cash or credit card. Personal cheques will only be accepted by prior arrangement.

## CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be in writing and the initial deposit payment is non-refundable. For cancellations within four (4) months of the wedding date, the venue reserves the right to withhold the 50% of the payments which has already been paid. In the case of non-arrival or cancellation received after confirmation of numbers and final payment, the venue reserves the right to retain all money paid.

## FOOD & BEVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

All food and beverage selections must be confirmed with your Wedding Coordinator four (4) weeks prior to the booked wedding day. This allows adequate time for ordering and preparation. While we endeavor to cater to all dietary requirements, at least four (4) weeks notice is required for all dietary menu alterations and is subject to approval of our Executive Chef.

## FINAL NUMBERS

We require confirmation of guest numbers 14 working days prior to the function. This forms the basis for which catering is to be charged. Changes to lower numbers after this time will not be reflected in billing.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holidays incur a 15% surcharge for all bookings. Please enquire for more details.

## FLOOR PLANS

Once floor plans are approved, a minimum of 48 hours is required for any changes.

## MINIMUM NUMBERS

The minimum number of guests required is 60 for all reception packages. This will be the minimum number of guests charged.

## DURATION OF THE FUNCTION

Venue hire is a five (5) hour period and this is 6:00pm – 11:00pm. Weddings requesting additional room hire hours will be required to pay an extra \$300 per hour (this must be pre-arranged).

## CHAPEL CEREMONIES

The Chapel can seat up to 150 guests. The Chapel is a non-denominational Chapel. Priests and Marriage Celebrants are to be arranged by the Bride & Groom. The Chapel is available for one (1) hour from the booked time. The hire includes use of the Chapel, the outside courtyard areas and the car parking area surrounding the Chapel.

## GARDEN CEREMONIES

The booked ceremony area is available for one (1) hour from the booked time. The hire also includes the use of the Hunter Valley Gardens for a maximum of two (2) hours for bridal party photography. These areas must be vacated after this time has expired. If booking time is exceeded a \$100 per hour fee may apply.

## GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

The Gardens are available unrestricted for photography for two (2) hours from the booked time. This includes access for bridal party and photographer/videographer only. One buggy host will be allocated to assist the group on the day. Your wedding guests are also welcomed to enter the Gardens in between your ceremony and reception.

Event decorations are present within the Gardens throughout the year.

## WET WEATHER GUARANTEE

In the event of rain your garden ceremony can be moved to the Chapel located on the property at no additional charge.

## PRE-FUNCTION AREA

No client has the sole right to the total pre-function area. Clients are limited to the pre-function area immediately adjacent to their function room (unless prior arrangement has been made). At all times, flow space must be left clear for ease of movement of all clients.

## OTHER FUNCTIONS

The venue reserves the right to book other functions in the same function room up to one (1) hour before the scheduled function commencement time and one (1) hour after the scheduled function finishing time. Additionally, the venue reserves the right to book another function in adjoining rooms at any time.

## DECORATIONS

We are happy to offer any advice regarding decorations and theming. We encourage the use of rose petals and candles on your tables but do not allow glitter, fairy dust, rice or confetti. Rose petals used for ceremonies and receptions are suggested to be pastel colours only. Red rose petals are not to be used on hard surfaces.

## INSURANCE

Although all reasonable care will be taken, the Hunter Valley Gardens cannot accept any responsibility for property lost or damaged prior to, during, or after the function. The client will be financially responsible for any theft or damages sustained to Hunter Valley Gardens pertaining to their wedding.

## ACCOMMODATION

Guests of your wedding will receive a 10% discount on bed and breakfast packages at Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens and Harrigan's Hunter Valley, based on the best

available rate when they quote the surnames of your wedding. To receive this discount guests must book directly. A minimum night stay may apply.

## PRICES

We make every effort to maintain prices and package inclusions, however they may be subject to alteration prior to your function due to food and beverage prices increases. Any alteration to prices and package inclusions will be advised in a timely manner by the Wedding Coordinator. All quoted prices are inclusive of GST.

## GOVERNMENT CHARGES

Rates include GST and may alter at any time due to changes to, or imposition of, government charges, taxes and levies.

## UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of inability to comply with any of the provisions of this contract, by virtue of any cessation or interruption of electricity or gas supplies, industrial disputes, plant or equipment failure, unavailable food items, other unforeseen contingency or accident, the venue reserves the right to cancel any booking and refund in full at any time. Although utmost care is taken to ensure the condition of the outdoor areas for all ceremonies and receptions, weather and events can affect the conditions of these areas and cannot be guaranteed.

## LIABILITY

The person and organisation stated in the wedding contract as the client shall be liable in full for all costs and charges incurred as a result of the agreed booking. The client will be liable for any damages incurred to any of the booked venues including the gardens.

## SAFETY

For the safety of your guests, there are limitations on the use of the Gardens during the reception period. Your guests will have access to the Gardens from the amphitheatre, to the Oriental Pagoda only. Hunter Valley Gardens retains the right to modify your requirements to ensure fire, life and safety codes are not breached.

## SUPPLIERS

All suppliers coming onsite must be approved by the venue. All suppliers must abide by all restrictions set forward by the venue.

## RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

In accordance with Liquor License Laws and the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), the venue reserves the right to cease the supply of all alcoholic beverage to any guest who shows signs of intoxication. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult by law. A responsible adult, in relation to a minor, means an adult who is a parent, step parent or legal guardian of the minor. Persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted to consume alcohol on Hunter Valley Gardens premises. As a licensed venue no BYO alcohol can be brought into or consumed in the venue. The venue has the right to remove any patrons if they do not adhere to these laws.







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