

PIONEER SETTLEMENT

Wedding Guide





For a wedding like no other!

With the rustic charm of yesteryear and the magnificent Murray River as a backdrop, Pioneer Settlement offers a unique and memorable place to host your special day – there's no better place to celebrate your love and begin your new life together.

Pioneer Settlement has a variety of spaces to cater for any taste and request. From the Rose Garden to the Church and the PS Pyap paddle-steamer, we have the perfect space to suit your special day.



LOWER MURRAY INN

The Lower Murray Inn is situated on the picturesque banks of the Little Murray River. The rustic undercover seating area is surrounded by lush lawn and overlooks the river. A beautiful bluestone and redgum bar completes the picture. The Lower Murray Inn provides an ideal location for wedding ceremonies, receptions and other functions.

The venue includes a fully stocked bar serviced by our staff and a kitchen ready for your caterers to use.





GEM WHARF

The Gem Wharf is the perfect venue for wedding ceremonies, small gatherings and casual events.

A red gum wharf complete with a historic paddle-steamer moored to its deck; rustic charm surrounded by nature.



PYAP WHARF

The Pyap Wharf offers a rustic setting for your wedding ceremony. The tranquillity of this location is simply breath-taking. The array of magnificent gum trees as your backdrop, and the flow of the river at your feet, make it an enchanting ceremony venue.





HISTORIC RED BRICK CHURCH

Step back in time in our charming and quaint little church featuring beautiful stained glass windows, wooden pews and antique candle holders. The Pioneer Settlement church is the perfect venue for a traditional style wedding ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to use this non-denominational venue.



ROSE GARDEN

A picturesque Mallee garden, the Rose Garden is an intimate space featuring lush green lawns, magnificent rose beds, edged by towering gum trees. The Rose Garden is the ideal outdoor venue for your wedding ceremony.



PS PYAP

Take a relaxing private cruise along the mighty Murray River aboard the PS Pyap. The scenic natural environment and views of the historic Murray Downs Homestead, along with the charm of the paddle-steamer, guarantee a truly unique and memorable experience.

Cruises can last for one hour or longer, depending on your function, and can be during the day or evening.

WEDDING & RECEPTION VENUES

Venue	Capacity	All Weather?	Licensed	Hire Cost	Hire Inclusions
Lower Murray Inn	250 cocktail style, 100 seated.	✓	Fully licenced and staffed until 11pm.	\$750	Four hours, \$120 per additional hour.
Pyap Wharf	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	\$750	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
Gem Wharf	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	\$750	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
Historic Red Brick Chapel	80 seated.	✓	✗	\$750	
Rose Garden	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	\$750	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
PS Pyap	70-200 passengers (subject to water levels).	✗	Fully licensed and staffed.	\$900	First hour minimum fee, \$450 per additional hour, Murray Downs wharf mooring fee \$165.

WEDDING PACKAGES

Ceremony and Reception Package

\$1,350

Package includes your wedding ceremony in our charming church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement and private use of the Lower Murray Inn for your reception.

Ceremony and Cruise Package

1 hr cruise: **\$1,600**

2 hr cruise: **\$2,000**

Package includes your wedding ceremony in our charming church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement grounds, and a private PS Pyap cruise.

Ceremony Cruise and Reception Package

\$2,200

Package includes your wedding ceremony in the church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement grounds, a private one-hour PS Pyap cruise and hire of the Lower Murray Inn for your reception.

SITE HIRE FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

The Pioneer Settlement provides a unique and timeless environment for your wedding photography. The rustic charm of homesteads, paddle-steamers, the Murray River and majestic surrounds of gum trees provide the ideal backdrop and atmosphere to capture your special day. **Up to 3 hours: \$150***

** Included in wedding ceremony venue hire price.*

An additional cost will be applied for bookings outside normal business hours.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. BOOKING CHARGES, DEPOSITS AND CONFIRMATION

- 1.1. The hirer shall pay to the settlement a deposit of \$200.00. The booking will not be considered effective until the deposit is received by the Settlement.
- 1.2. The hirer shall pay the balance of charges 14 days prior to the date of the event.

2. CANCELLATION

- 2.1. Where notice of cancellation is given by the hirer to the Settlement not less than three calendar months before the time for which the premises are booked, such notice must be given in writing and any deposit paid by the hirer shall be refunded by the Settlement.
- 2.2. Where notice of cancellation is given less than three calendar months before the time for which the premises are booked, any deposit paid by the hirer shall be considered by the Settlement to be forfeited.

3. DAMAGE TO PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Excepting fair wear and tear, the hirer shall be liable to the Pioneer Settlement for any damage to premises, or any fittings, equipment, furniture, carpets or other property therein, which occurs during the period of the hiring.

4. LIQUOR AND REFRESHMENTS

- 4.1. The hirer shall not bring or sell any liquor on any part of the premises.
- 4.2. There is strictly no underage alcohol consumption at the Pioneer Settlement. Any underage drinking will be dealt with by the police.
- 4.3. No Alcohol will be served after 11pm in regulation with the Pioneer Settlements liquor licensing documentation.
- 4.4. Any persons may be refused service at the Pioneer Settlements officer's discretion at any given time.

5. SETUP AND SETDOWN

- 5.1. The hired kitchen is to be left in a clean and tidy state at the completion of the event. A cleaning fee of \$200.00 will be charged if this is not adhered to.
- 5.2. The hirer will remove all decorations upon the completion of the function. Any decorations not removed by the hirer will be disposed of by the Pioneer Settlement staff and the hirer will be charged accordingly.
- 5.3. The hirer will remove any outsourced equipment such as chairs and signing tables. Equipment can be packed up and stored onsite for pickup at the Settlements discretion.
- 5.4. To allow the Settlement staff to adequately clean and tidy the hired premises. Access for setup is permitted strictly at 9.30am onwards on the day of which the premises are hired.

6. GENERAL NOTES

- 6.1. All facilities are hired as they stand.
 - 6.2. The Heartbeat of the Murray Laser Show operates nightly at the Pioneer Settlement. If using any of the facilities for a function it is expected that hirer's must be aware that they are required to reduce noise/music/lighting levels while the show is in progress. Hirer's must follow staff requests in this matter.
 - 6.3. The Pioneer Settlement is primarily a tourist park and will have visitors on site during your function. All normal activities conducted daily will continue during your function. While tourists will not be invited to join in they may consider your function as a part of the activation and gather to watch.
 - 6.4. Church/Grounds hire also entitles:
 - Use of grounds for photography.
 - Entry of invited guest to Pioneer Settlement for duration of, and attend, the wedding only.
 - 6.5. Only bridal cars/transport will be admitted to the grounds. All vehicles should be removed from the grounds prior to 5.00pm.
 - 6.6. Confetti and rice are not permitted in any circumstances. Rose petals are accepted with prior approval.
- ### 7. PYAP CHARTER
- 7.1. Charter of the PS Pyap is governed by the "Pyap Charter Agreement".
 - 7.2. Charter is not agreed upon until the document is signed, returned and the deposit paid.
 - 7.3. The Pyap is only for charter outside of normal operating times.



Talk to our friendly team about options for your special day:

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