

OUTDOOR WEDDING CEREMONY CONDITIONS Version 24.3.26

Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve – Outdoor Ceremony Addendum FERNY CREEK RECREATION RESERVE INC.

Prerequisite of Hire: An outdoor wedding ceremony is strictly an add-on option to a standard Hall hire. The Committee does not permit standalone bookings of the Reserve grounds solely for wedding ceremonies.

If the Hirer intends to host an outdoor wedding ceremony on the Reserve grounds in conjunction with their Hall hire, the following additional conditions apply:

1. CEREMONY LOCATION AND RECEPTIONS

- **TWO Designated Areas:** Cooks Corner at the NW corner of the Reserve which abuts the Ferny Creek Horticultural Society or the upper area between the hall and Hilton Road. To ensure the safest ground conditions on the day, the specific outside area permitted for the ceremony will be marked out and directed by the Committee.
- **No Outdoor Receptions:** The use of the outdoor space is strictly for the ceremony only. Commercial food trucks may be utilized to serve guests, but all formal wedding receptions—including setting up outdoor dining tables, dancing, and reception music—must be held inside the Hall to comply with EPA noise regulations and public access rules.
- **The Main Oval:** Under no circumstances will any part of the main Oval be partitioned off for any function or ceremony.

2. OUTDOOR FURNITURE

- Only the designated plastic chairs provided by the Reserve may be taken outside for the ceremony.
- The Hirer is fully responsible for ensuring these chairs are wiped down and thoroughly cleaned before being returned inside.
- No indoor wooden or upholstered furniture may be taken outside under any circumstances.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS & SMOKING

- **Confetti & Litter:** Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve is a protected bushland environment. The use of confetti (whether plastic, paper, or biodegradable), rice, artificial flower petals, balloons, or glitter is strictly prohibited anywhere on the grounds. Only natural, fully biodegradable materials (such as dried natural leaves or real flower petals) may be used, and only with prior approval from the Booking Officer.
- **Smoking:** In accordance with Victorian law, smoking is legally banned within **4 metres** of any pedestrian entrance to or exit from the venue, and within **10 metres** of the children's playground.

4. THIRD-PARTY INFRASTRUCTURE (ARBOURS & MARQUEES)

- Any temporary outdoor structures (e.g., wedding arbours, gazebos, or small marquees) must be pre-approved by the Committee.
- **Underground Hazards:** To protect underground utilities and irrigation, no pegs, stakes, or poles may be driven into the ground without explicit on-site permission and instruction from the Committee. Weights (e.g., sandbags or water weights) must be used to secure structures.
- The Hirer must provide a Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance for any business hired to supply and erect these structures.

5. NOISE AND OUTDOOR AUDIO

- Acoustic music or amplified microphones for the celebrant are permitted for the duration of the outdoor ceremony only.

6. WEATHER CONTINGENCY

- The Hirer accepts all risks associated with hosting an outdoor event. In the event of rain, extreme heat, or severe weather, the ceremony must be relocated inside the Hall.
- All standard emergency and severe weather cancellation policies (including Catastrophic Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans) continue to apply to outdoor ceremony bookings.