

OUTDOOR WEDDING CEREMONY CONDITIONS

(A Victorian Government Crown Land Reserve managed by a volunteer Committee of Management)

1. CEREMONY LOCATION AND RECEPTIONS

- **Designated Area:** 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)

- **Structures & Liability:** The Committee does not pre-approve temporary outdoor structures (e.g., wedding arbours, gazebos, or small marquees). The erection of any such structure is entirely the Hirer's responsibility. The Public Liability Insurance provided by FCRR does NOT cover any temporary structures erected by the Hirer or their contractors.
- **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.

- **Insurance Requirements:** It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that any business hired to supply and erect these structures holds their own current Public Liability Insurance.

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.