A little country. Right in the city.



Your kind of wedding.

You don't need to leave Melbourne to have a wedding that feels a world away.

Hidden beside the Yarra River in Abbotsford, Collingwood Children's Farm is seven hectares of paddocks, bushland, heritage buildings and open space, just kilometres from the city.

At the heart of it sits The Barn.

Full of timber, history and character, it's made for long tables, full plates, good drinks and a room filled with the people you care about most.

Your wedding can begin beneath the Oak Tree or out in the Paddock before everyone makes their way to The Barn to eat, drink and settle in for the night.

Beautiful without feeling overly polished.

Relaxed without leaving the details to chance.

Very Melbourne, just not the Melbourne you expect.

Come as you are. We'll take care of the rest.



The Barn, Your Way.

Step inside The Barn and you immediately understand why it works so well for a wedding.

Warm timber, exposed beams, an open fireplace and plenty of character give the space a natural sense of atmosphere without needing much added to it.

Outside, the Farm opens up around you. Paddocks, established trees, the Yarra River and some of Collingwood Children's Farm's most recognisable corners are only a few steps away.

The Barn feels just as right for a long-table dinner as it does for a cocktail-style celebration, with plenty of room for guests to settle in, move around and make the space their own.

And because it sits right in the heart of Abbotsford, you get the feeling of a country wedding without the long drive home.

Highlights

- Up to 110 guests seated or 150 cocktail-style
- Large outdoor area overlooking the Farm
- Dedicated space for dancing
- Easy access to the Oak Tree and Paddock ceremony locations
- Beautiful Farm surrounds for wedding photos
- Private VIP room in the original house overlooking the Oak Tree
- Just kilometres from Melbourne's CBD



You've got good taste.

At The Barn, food is a big part of the celebration.

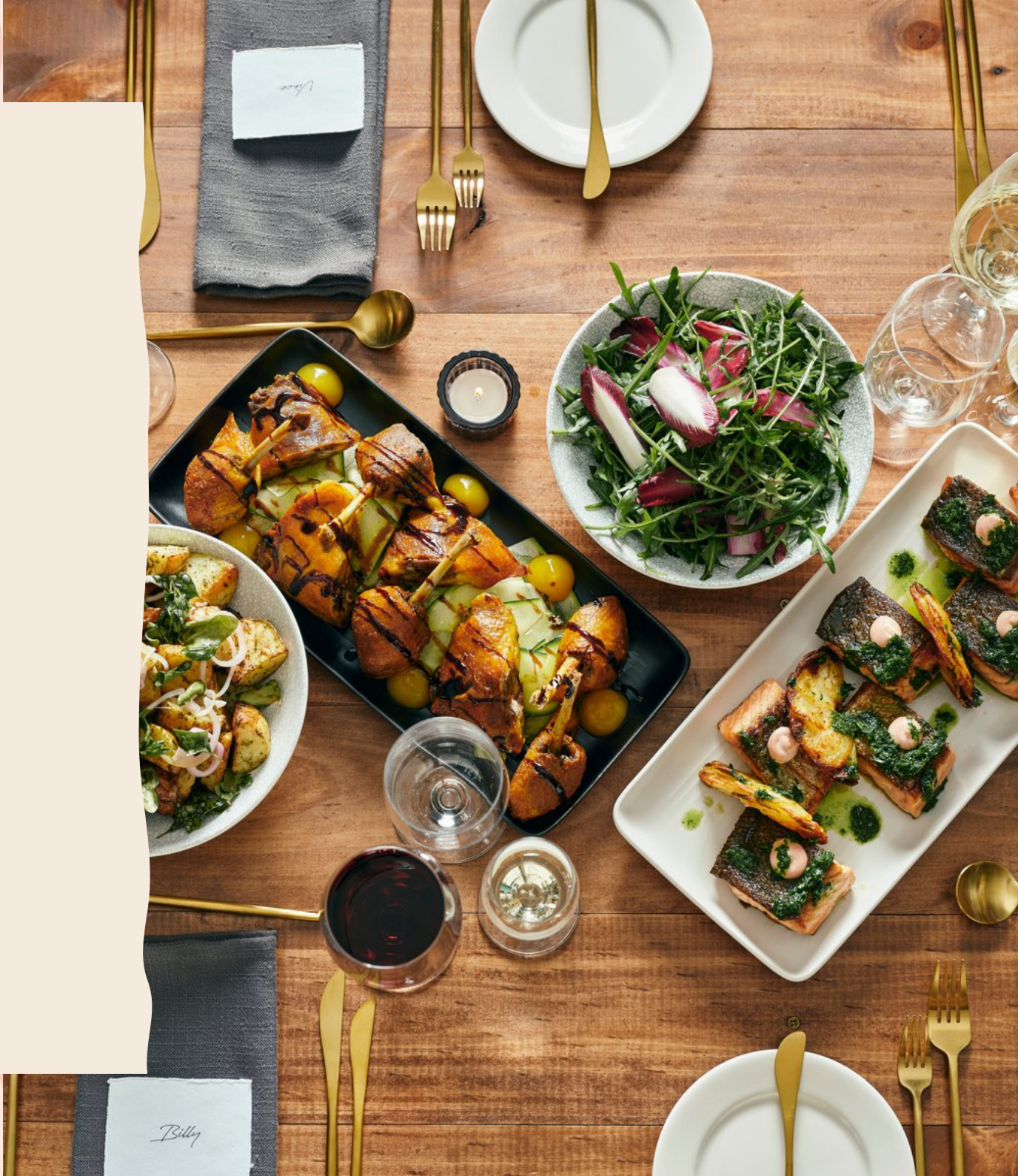
Our menus are generous, uncomplicated and full of flavour, with each style designed to suit a different kind of wedding.

Choose a beautifully plated dinner, a relaxed feasting menu made for sharing, bold BBQ flavours served around the table, or a cocktail-style celebration that keeps everyone moving.

Whichever way you go, the focus stays the same. Great food, thoughtful service and plenty for everyone to enjoy.

Because the best celebrations are the ones where the table feels full, the glasses keep moving and nobody leaves hungry.

Have something particular in mind? Speak with our team about the menu style that best suits your day.







Collingwood Children's Farm Venue Hire

Your venue hire gives you access to one of Melbourne's most unique inner-city settings, including The Barn and your chosen ceremony location across Collingwood Children's Farm.

As part of Wallara Australia, Collingwood Children's Farm is a social enterprise that creates meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability while continuing to provide a much-loved place for the wider community. Your venue hire helps support the ongoing operation and impact of the Farm.

	Monday to Thursday	*Friday & Sunday*	*Saturday*
October to April	$2,500	$3,500	$4,000
September & May	$1,500	$2,500	$3,000
June to August	$1,200	$1,700	$2,000
A $1,990 Melbourne Event Group Experience fee applies to all weddings at Collingwood Children's Farm, covering the planning, staffing, furniture and event support outlined across the following two pages.			



The Melbourne Event Group Experience

From "Yes" to "I do"

Planning your wedding should feel exciting, not like another job on your list.

From your first visit to The Barn through to the final details, our team is here to guide you through it all. Your dedicated Wedding Coordinator will help shape the day, keep track of what's next and make sure the plan you've created is clearly handed over to the team delivering it.

We take care of the details, timing and moving parts behind the scenes, so you can enjoy the lead-up and feel confident everything is in hand.

The Lead Up

- Personal consultations with an Event Architect to help shape the wedding you have in mind
- Meetings with your dedicated Wedding Coordinator to work through the details and bring your plans together
- After-hours coordination support until 9pm, so planning can work around your schedule
- Easy-to-use checklists and information packs to keep everything on track
- Inspiration and practical tips from our blog and social media
- Access to our trusted Friends of The Barn supplier list
- Access to our Styling Book for furniture, table styling and finishing touches

The Big Day

Your team

- Fully briefed Event Manager to make sure everything planned with your Event Coordinator is delivered on the day
- Guest liaison to welcome your guests and help direct them around the Farm
- Professional service team to look after your guests throughout the celebration
- Personal wedding party waiter to make sure you and your wedding party are looked after from arrival through to the reception
- Private VIP room for the wedding party, located in the original house, with a verandah overlooking the Oak Tree and a beautiful setting for photos or a quiet moment
- Coordination of your suppliers on the day, including bump-in and key timing requirements
- 60-minute complimentary bump-in before the event and 30-minute bump-out afterwards
- No enforced security or associated costs
- No enforced cleaning fees

Your tables & details

- Long walnut timber tables with wooden bentwood chairs
- Ten napkin colours to choose from, including charcoal tweed, toffee tweed, black tweed, snow weave, charcoal weave, mint weave, sand weave, wisteria weave, midnight weave and white cotton, styled in your choice of book, knot or drop fold
- Crockery, cutlery and glassware for your chosen menu and beverage package
- Matching wooden table risers for shared food service
- Personalised table cards, with your table number on one side and your selected food and beverage menu on the other
- Set-up of your place cards and wedding favours at each guest setting
- Timber display easel for your welcome sign, seating chart or other signage
- Welcome and directional signage positioned throughout the venue
- Styled bar set-up ready for beverage service
- Wishing well for cards and gifts
- Timber cake barrel with cake knife and champagne flutes ready for your cake-cutting moment
- Your wedding cake cut and served to guests
- Bouquet vases to keep flowers fresh and add to your table styling

Around The Barn

- Indoor and outdoor festoon lighting to bring warmth and atmosphere to the space
- Open fireplace for cooler celebrations
- Outdoor fire pit during the cooler months
- Gas heaters available when required
- Outdoor furniture and styling pieces to create relaxed spaces for guests to gather
- Children's high chairs with colouring books and pencils for younger guests
- Access to Collingwood Children's Farm for wedding party photos
- Set-up and pack-down of MEG included furniture, styling and equipment







Say 'I do' on the Farm

Your ceremony can feel just as relaxed and personal as the celebration that follows.

Choose between two beautiful outdoor settings at Collingwood Children's Farm, each with its own character and outlook.

The Oak Tree

Set beside the Yarra River, the Oak Tree is one of the Farm's most recognisable landmarks. Its broad canopy creates a naturally beautiful ceremony setting, surrounded by greenery and tucked away from the city beyond.

Ideal for ceremonies of 40 to 110 guests.

The Paddock

Open, relaxed and unmistakably the Farm. The Paddock sits against a backdrop of bushland and the Yarra River, with plenty of room for a larger ceremony and post-ceremony drinks.

Ideal for ceremonies of 40 to 150 guests.

Ceremony inclusions

- Ceremonies from 5.30pm, or from 4.30pm when Post-Ceremony Drinks are added
- Event coordination on the day
- 30 ceremony chairs
- Signing table and chairs
- Water station for guests
- Four market umbrellas for Paddock ceremonies
- Seasonal lighting and heating where required

Stay a little longer

Once the ceremony is done, there's no need to rush inside.

Enjoy an hour of post-ceremony drinks beneath the Oak Tree or out by the Paddock while your guests settle in, catch up and take in the Farm around them.

It's also the perfect time to head off for photos, knowing everyone is being looked after with drinks in hand and canapés making their way through the crowd.

Then, when you're ready, we'll bring everyone together at The Barn for the reception.

Post Ceremony Drinks - $25pp

- One hour of beverage service
- Sparkling wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks
- Styled bar set-up
- Service team throughout
- Canapés from your selected menu can be served during this time.





Choose your way to feast

*Feasting Package - $105pp**
4.5 hour event duration

Made for long tables, passing plates and settling in together.

Begin with canapés and a generous grazing station, followed by shared main platters and seasonal sides served to the centre of the table. Finish with dessert and let the evening roll on from there.

Relaxed, generous and designed for sharing.

- Continuous service of 4 hot and cold canapé varieties on arrival
- Grazing station
- Choice of 3 main platters served to the centre of the table
- Choice of 1 hot and 1 cold seasonal side dish served per table with the main course
- Choice of dessert

* For events held in 2027, the selected reception menu will incur an additional $10 per person. For events held in 2028, the selected reception menu will incur an additional $20 per person.





*Cocktail Package - $90pp**

4.5 hour event duration

For couples who want to keep the celebration moving.

A generous selection of canapés, bowls and substantial bites is served throughout the reception, giving guests plenty to eat while they mingle, drink and make their way to the dance floor.

Easy, social and full of flavour.

- Choice of 6 savoury canapés
- Choice of 3 savoury bowls
- Choice of 1 substantial canapé
- Choice of dessert

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The food was one of the absolute highlights of the day. Everything was generous, beautifully presented and full of flavour, and our guests kept commenting on how much they enjoyed it. The MEG team made the whole dining experience feel relaxed and seamless, and nobody went home hungry.

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*Texan BBQ Package - $115pp**

4.5 hour event duration

Big flavours, generous serves and plenty to pass around.

Start with BBQ-inspired canapés before shared mains and hearty sides arrive at the table. It's warm, relaxed and made for couples who want dinner to feel like a really good gathering.

No fuss, just great food and plenty of it.

- Continuous service of 4 BBQ inspired hot and cold canapé varieties on arrival
- 3 shared BBQ inspired main platters served to the middle of the table
- 4 substantial BBQ inspired side dishes served per table with main course
- Choice of dessert

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*Plated Package - $125pp**
4.5 hour event duration

For couples who like a little more structure around the table.

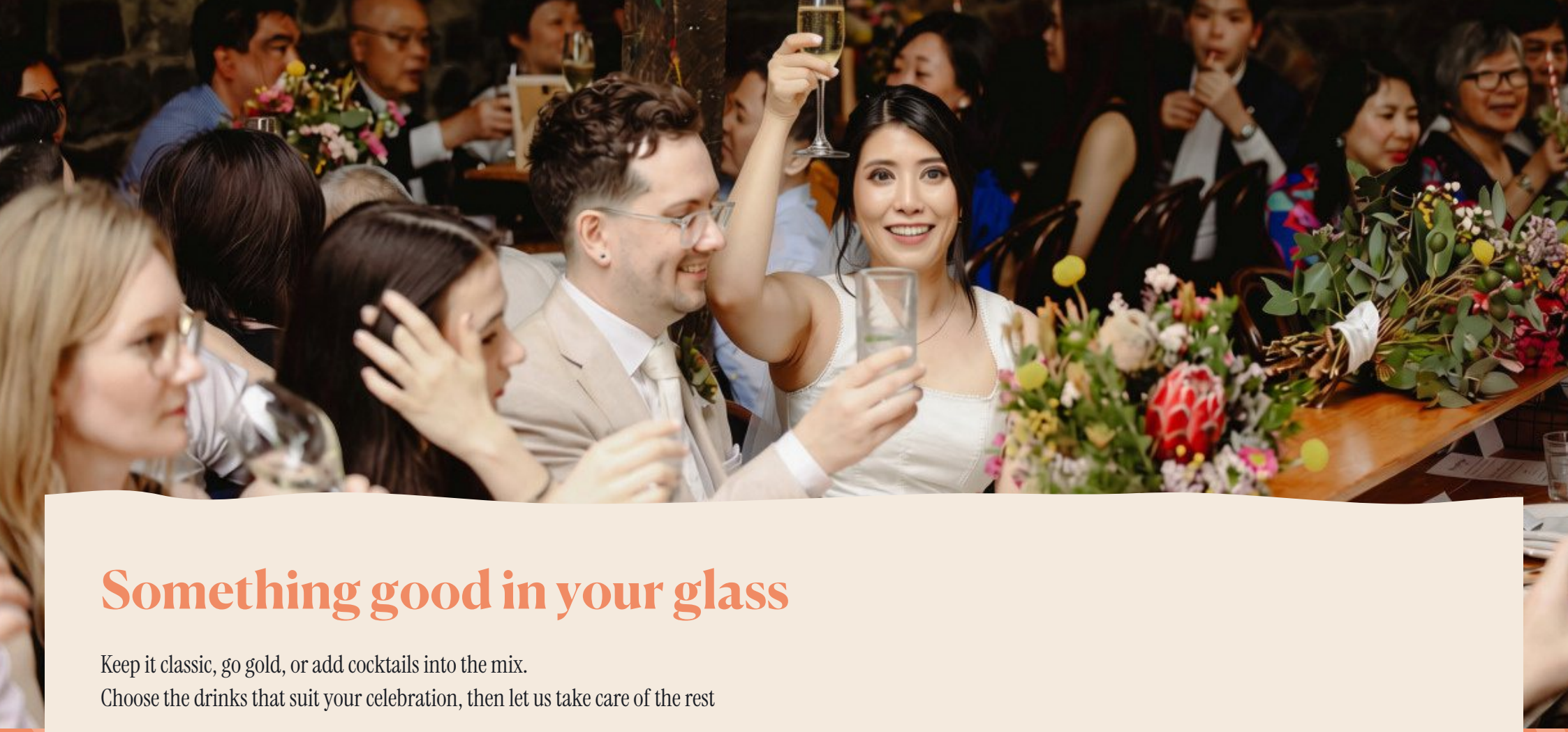
Begin with canapés, followed by a plated entrée and alternating main course, with seasonal sides shared across the table and dessert to finish.

A more traditional dining style, still with the relaxed feel of The Barn.

- Continuous service of 4 hot and cold canapé varieties on arrival
- Choice of entrée
- Choice of alternating plated main course
- Choice of 1 hot and 1 cold seasonal side dish served per table with main course
- Choice of dessert

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Something good in your glass

Keep it classic, go gold, or add cocktails into the mix.
Choose the drinks that suit your celebration, then let us take care of the rest

Classic - $55pp

A well-rounded selection with something for everyone.
Includes 1 sparkling wine, 1 white wine, 1 red wine, 1 alcohol-removed beer, your choice of 2 beers or ciders, and 1 pre-mixed spirit

Gold - $70pp

A more premium selection, with upgraded wines and a little more choice behind the bar.
Includes 1 premium sparkling wine, your choice of 1 white wine, 1 red wine, 2 beers, 1 alcohol-removed beer and 2 pre-mixed spirits.

Cocktail Dispenser - $240 per dispenser

Add a little something extra to the bar with a pre-mixed cocktail served from an 8L glass dispenser. Served in garnished glassware from the bar, each dispenser provides approximately 35 serves.

Cocktail Hour – $40pp

Turn cocktails into a moment of their own.
Choose three cocktails to be served during a dedicated Cocktail Hour, perfect as a lively welcome, a post-dinner pick-me-up or a fun way to kick off the dance floor.


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FAQ's

What is your venue hire and per head cost?
Your venue hire gives you access to The Barn and your chosen ceremony location, with the venue hire going directly to Collingwood Children's Farm to support the ongoing operation and impact of the Farm. OurMelbourne Event Group Experience fee covers the MEG team behind your day, from your dedicated Wedding Coordinator through to bringing everything together seamlessly on the day. Your final investment will depend on your date, guest numbers, menu, beverages and the way you choose to celebrate. Our Event Architects will put together a clear proposal based on the wedding you have in mind.

What is a minimum commitment ? What is it made up of?
Your minimum commitment is the minimum amount agreed at booking to be spent with MEG on your wedding. Food, beverages and additional venue time can all contribute towards it.

Will the minimum commitment increase?
No, once the minimum commitment has been confirmed in writing on your booking agreement it will not vary.

How do I confirm my booking?
Once you're ready to make The Barn yours, let us know. We'll prepare your Booking Agreement and deposit invoice, and your date is confirmed once both are completed.

Can I make a tentative booking?
Yes. We can place a complimentary three-day tentative hold on your preferred date while you make your decision. After three days, we'll check in before releasing the date.

How much is the deposit?
A $3,000 deposit is required to secure your special day at The Barn.

When is my next payment due after paying the deposit?
The lst progress payment is due 6 months prior to your event date. The 2nd progress payment is due 3 months prior. Your final payment of the remaining balance is due no later than 7 days prior to the event date. Which means you get to relax in that final week and focus on more important things.

What is the next stage after paying our deposit?
First, take a deep breath and pour something celebratory. You're officially getting married at The Barn. Soon after booking, you'll receive an introduction email from our Coordination Team, so you know who will be looking after you and who to contact along the way. From there, you can enjoy a little break from planning. Around 10 months before your wedding, we'll send you a planning checklist and timeline covering what we need from you and what to expect next.

Do you offer a children's menu?
Yes, we sure do! Our children's menu is available for little guests aged 12 and under and includes a three-course meal, a mocktail, and a fun activity pack. Please speak with your coordinator for current pricing.

What is the price of a meal for our working guests (DJ, photographer etc.)?
Please note we only offer the full menu, and working guests receive this at 20% less than your adult price per head.

When do I have to give final numbers?
In order to make sure we order the correct amount of food, beverage and staff for your wedding, we do require that you inform us of your final guest (and supplier) numbers, including any allergies, no later than 14 days prior to the event date.

FAQ's (cont.)

What happens if I need to cancel my event?
We understand that at times unexpected things happen and events may need to be cancelled. Please read through our terms and conditions for all relevant information.

Where is The Barn?
Our address is: 18 St Heliers St, Abbotsford VIC 3067

Are you an accessible venue?
Yes. The Barn has accessible toilets, ramp access, wide doorways and accessible parking available. If you or one of your guests has specific access requirements, let our team know before the day so we can help make your arrival and time at The Barn as easy as possible.

What are the parking options available?
Paid parking is available in the Abbotsford Convent car park on St Heliers Street, a short walk from The Barn. Limited time free parking is also available on Yarra Boulevard. As spaces can fill quickly, we recommend allowing a little extra time or using public transport where possible.

Can The Barn be accessed by public transport?
Yes. The Barn is in Abbotsford, close to Melbourne's CBD and easy to reach by public transport. Victoria Park Station is around a ten minute walk away, while bus routes 200 and 207 stop near the corner of Johnston Street and Clarke Street.

Are dogs allowed at The Barn?
Yes. Dogs are welcome at The Barn, provided they remain on a leash at all times to help keep them and the Farm's resident animals safe.

Audio visual
It is recommended that you make use of your DJ or band's sound equipment for speeches. Any additional AV can be organised through our preferred supplier.

When do I have access to the venue on the day of my booking?
You (and/or your suppliers) will have access to the venue 60 minutes prior to the commencement of your event and half an hour post event.
Please note that The Barn operates as a café in the day which means we may not be able to offer earlier access than the complimentary 60 minutes. If earlier access is required, please speak to your Event Coordinator. Additional charges may apply.

Preferred suppliers
We're proud to work with some of the best vendors Victoria has to offer. Our 'Friends of The Barn' list brings together trusted suppliers who have been carefully selected, reference checked and understand how weddings work at The Barn. You'll receive the full list after booking, giving you a reliable place to start when choosing the people who will help bring your day together.

What is your responsible service of alcohol policy?
All Melbourne Event Group bar staff are trained in the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Under Victorian law, our team may refuse alcohol service to anyone who appears intoxicated. Alcohol cannot be served or supplied to anyone under 18, regardless of who they are attending with. This policy helps keep the celebration safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Can you cater for dietary requirements?
Yes. Vegetarian and vegan meals are included, and we can also prepare meals without ingredients containing gluten, dairy or nuts. Other allergies, medical dietary requirements or more specific needs will be reviewed by our kitchen. Where a separate meal or significant additional preparation is required, an additional charge may apply. Please speak with your coordinator for up-to-date pricing.

To ensure our culinary team has adequate time to accommodate your guests' requirements, all final dietary requests must be confirmed alongside your final guest numbers 14 days prior to your event. We recommend adding a line to your invitations such as: "Please RSVP with any dietary requirements or allergies by [Date]."



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