



## ~ WEDDING CEREMONIES ~

Birdwoods is a very popular visitor destination, featuring a Gallery, Café, old fashioned Sweet Shop and extensive gardens in which a large range of sculpture is displayed. Birdwoods is open to the public seven days a week, year-round (10am to 4pm in winter, 10am to 5pm in summer).

We have put a lot of love and time into developing Birdwoods and, while we are not a function venue, we can provide a beautiful setting for an outdoor wedding ceremony.

Post-ceremony, we can offer drinks and sandwiches in the garden. Our small Café kitchen is not equipped to offer a full wedding reception or extensive catering, so this works for a simple wedding celebration, or as a time to congratulate the married couple and for guests to socialise during photographs before moving on to the reception venue.

The large Sculpture Walk Garden at Birdwoods features a 25m reflection pond with a raised grass platform framed by a pergola at one end – the perfect setting for wedding ceremonies.

**Capacity** – This space can cater for a maximum of 150 guests.

**Time Frame** – The venue hire is for a maximum 3-hour period.

**Chairs** – 30 chairs will be set out for those not able to stand for long periods. Extra chairs can be provided by arrangement.

**Power** – There is access to power for the pergola area.

**Exclusive Access** – The Sculpture Walk will be closed to the public for the duration of your ceremony. Please bear in mind Birdwoods' opening hours (till 5pm October to April), so there may be general well-wishers enjoying other areas of the garden. In everyone's best interests, weddings should take place no earlier than 4pm.

**Parking** – Guests will use the general Birdwoods parking areas. We can open up an adjacent paddock for additional capacity. Parking signage will be displayed to direct your guests. The wedding party will have access to a private parking area.

**Drinks & Sandwiches** – We are fully licenced and can provide bubbles or other drinks after the ceremony - a beverage list is available on request. These will be charged on a consumption basis and invoiced in a total sum. Our Café team make delicious finger sandwiches from \$15.00 per person. We are unable to accommodate BYO drinks.

**Weather** – this is always the one element beyond everyone's control. As with any outdoor wedding, you will need to have a 'Plan B' just in case. No doubt, you will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast in the lead-up and will need to make a decision 48 hours before your event. Birdwoods' Sun Room is a possible back-up option that can be discussed.

**Venue Hire Charge** – Our venue fee is \$1500, with a non-refundable \$150 deposit required to confirm the booking. The balance, together with any food and beverage costs, will be invoiced and is due within 7 days of the wedding date.

The venue hire covers preparation and mowing of the grounds and gardens, drapes, and dressing of the pergola for the ceremony, a signing table and the provision and set-up of 30 chairs. It also includes staff time for consultation/planning (including a wedding run-sheet) a pre-wedding rehearsal, wedding, and parking signage, set up of the bar area, serving you and your guests, and then clearing up afterwards. Flowers and other decoration are the responsibility of the hirer.

**Finalising the Details** - No two weddings will ever be the same, so if you think Birdwoods is the right venue for your ceremony we encourage you to visit for a good look around. We'll then sit down with you over a cup of tea and talk through your plans and ideas. Please contact us to make an appointment.

Thank you for considering Birdwoods for your wedding ceremony. We look forward to discussing your requirements and ensuring you have a very special and memorable experience.