

Zoo  
Weddings

MELBOURNE ZOO & WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

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# love laughter happily ever after

Zoo Events provides the perfect backdrop for the most memorable wedding.

With its beautiful natural surrounds, manicured centuries-old gardens, and different habitats each designed to reflect the native homes of animal communities, the Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo provide a magnificent setting for truly memorable weddings.

With our flexible venues the choice is always yours, whether you decide to celebrate your vows in one of our beautiful ceremony

locations or hold a lavish reception in our unique venues. Attention to detail is our speciality, and we are renowned for providing world class cuisine to make your big day extra special. Our dedicated Wedding Coordinator can help you plan every aspect of the day, from ceremony, menus, floral arrangements, theming and even music.

Let us show you why Melbourne Zoo or Werribee Open Range Zoo is the perfect place to celebrate your special day and create lifelong memories.





## ceremony

Exchange your vows at any one of our stunning outdoor ceremony locations, each offering a truly special and memorable setting. With a variety of options

dependant on guest numbers, our packages include the opportunity for photos within our beautiful manicured Zoo grounds or with our animals in their natural habitat.

### Ceremony inclusions:

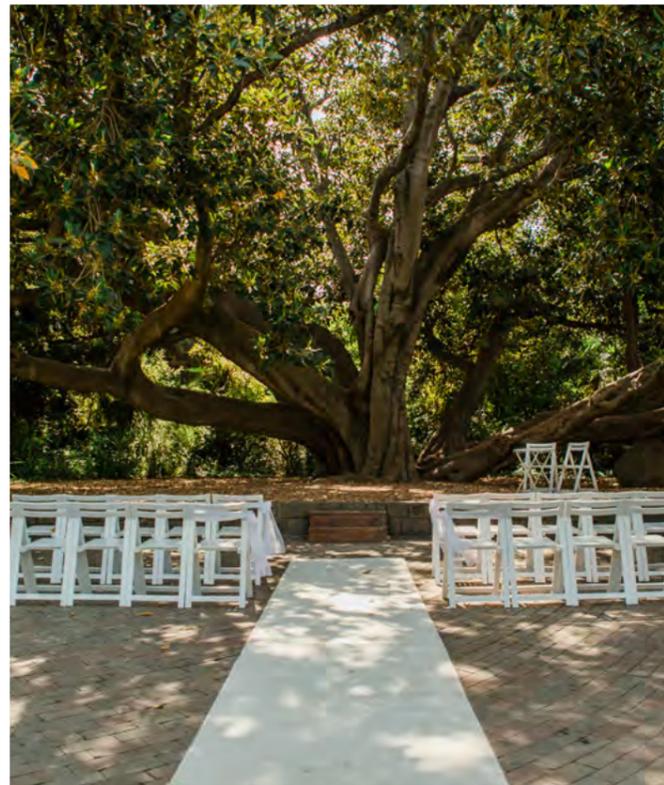
- Exclusive use of ceremony space
- Location specific styling and furniture
- Signing table and white folding chairs
- Zoo photography licence\*
- Personal escort to guide you and your bridal party around the Zoo for your photo tour
- Bridal hamper (1 bottle of sparkling, 6 beers, 6 waters, Chef's selection of cold canapés) served while on your photo tour
- Additional arbours, furniture, flowers and styling upgrades available on request

From \$3,000



EVERY LOVE STORY IS BEAUTIFUL,  
BUT YOURS SHOULD BE UNIQUE

\* (required for access and permission to take images in Zoo grounds up to 2 hours)



## ceremony inclusions

MELBOURNE ZOO	Ceremony location	Capacity	Inclusions
	Japanese Garden	70	18 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle
	Platypus Lawn	200	30 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Red or ivory aisle carpet
	Moreton Bay Fig Tree	120	30 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Red or ivory aisle carpet
	Giraffe Deck	40	14 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Only available after 5.30pm Security charges apply
	Butterfly House	40	14 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Only available after 5.30pm Security charges apply Additional cost to hire

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO	Ceremony location	Capacity	Inclusions
	Gorilla Viewing Platform	100	30 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Red or ivory aisle carpet
Secret Garden	100	30 white folding chairs Signing table and 2 white folding chairs Sashes to line the aisle Red or ivory aisle carpet	





## venue inclusions

When you have your wedding with us, we include the following in all packages.

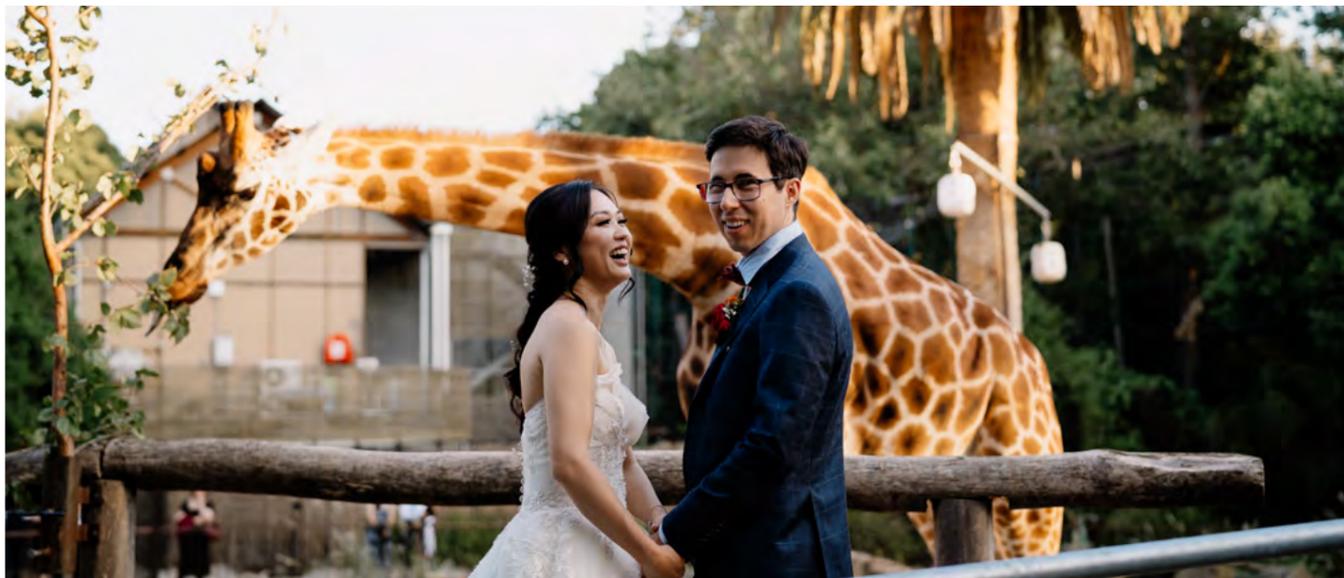
- ☞ Complimentary Zoo admission for your guests 1 hr prior to the wedding during opening hours
- ☞ Crisp white table linen and napkins
- ☞ Table menus (two per table)
- ☞ Table numbers
- ☞ Dressed cake table and cake knife
- ☞ Wedding cake cut and served on platters
- ☞ Tea light candles
- ☞ Dance floor space
- ☞ Security Staff
- ☞ Use of the Zoo grounds for photography
- ☞ Menu tasting for Bride & Groom\*
- ☞ Dedicated Wedding Coordinator
- ☞ Experienced Function Supervisor to oversee the day
- ☞ Black wrought iron easel for your wedding signage
- ☞ Bridal suite
- ☞ Location map to send with your invitations



INSPIRE | UNIQUE | MEMORABLE

\* not for cocktail weddings





# photography

Have your wedding photos in some of our stunning locations including The Butterfly House, the beautiful lush gardens,

with our giraffes, the century old Carousel or speak to our Wedding Coordinator for more suggestions.



CREATING THE BEST. DAY. EVER.



# venues @ MELBOURNE ZOO

Zoo Events offer elegant function rooms to accommodate any style and size of wedding.

All our function rooms are unique and cater for small and intimate wedding receptions to large lavish affairs.

## RAINFOREST ROOM

Seated 60

Cocktail 105

This beautiful room is a location of pure beauty and is our most popular wedding reception space.

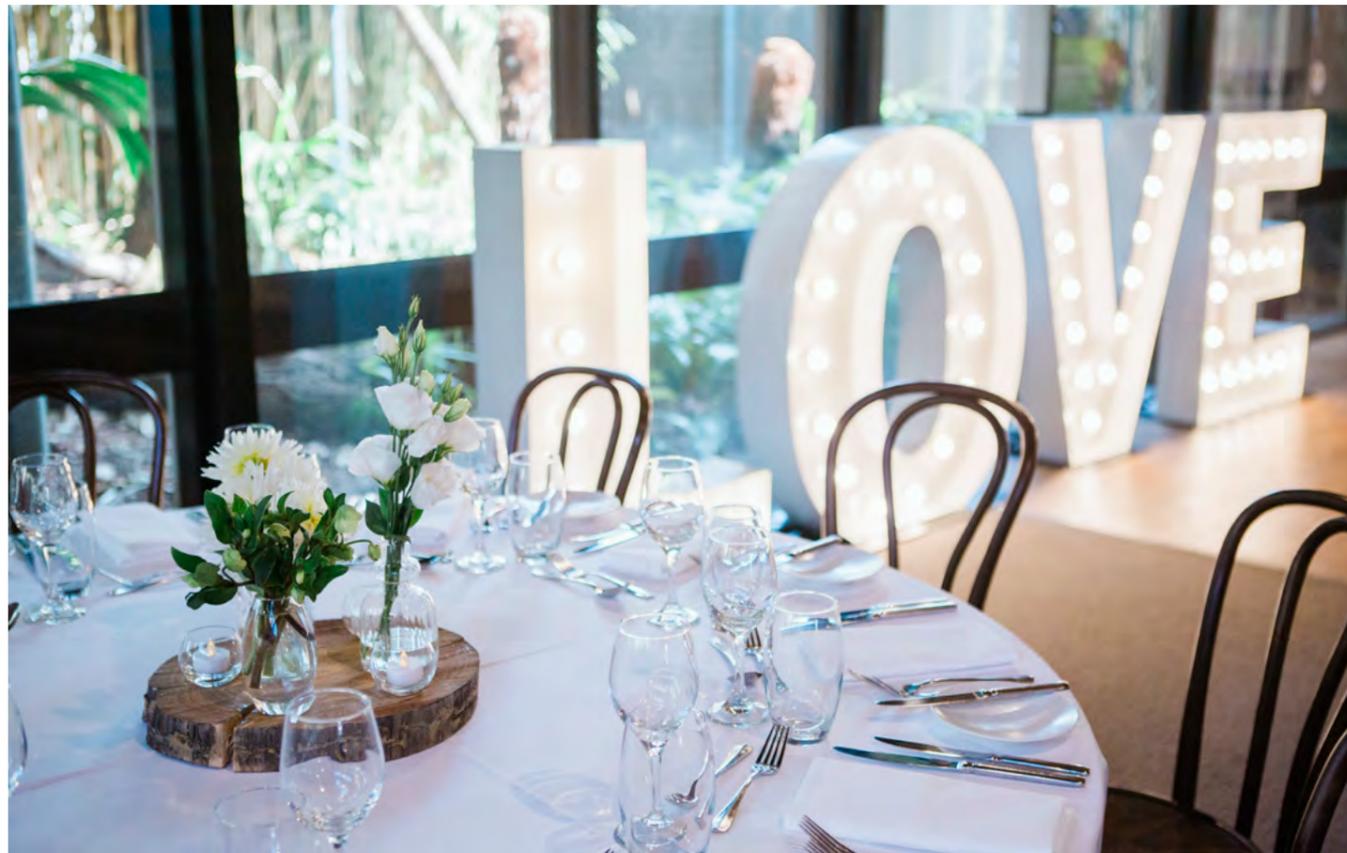
With views over the award-winning Japanese Garden and Lake, the outside terrace is an ideal place for pre-drinks and canapes. With its very own private animal exhibit, bridal suite, dance floor and

cathedral ceilings filling the space with an abundance of natural light, this room creates a soft ambience perfect for photographs.

Let your guests be truly immersed in the beauty and atmosphere of the Melbourne Zoo as they appreciate the Tamarin Monkeys in their natural habitat.







## venues @ MELBOURNE ZOO

### BONG SU ROOM

Seated 100

Cocktail 140

Your guests will embark on a wonderful journey twisting through the lush bamboo forest to reach our South East Asian inspired venue at Melbourne Zoo.

Located in the heart of the Elephant Trail, this lovely room with floor to ceiling windows, old dark exposed timber beams,

natural light, dance floor and private bridal suite with views over our animal exhibit and greenery.

Situated right next to the Elephant Barn, your guests can listen to the trumpet of elephants as you enjoy pre-dinner drinks or canapes outside or on the exclusive Mek Kapah Terrace. The Bong Su Room is a flexible and generous space, perfect for your wedding reception.





## venues @ MELBOURNE ZOO

### LEOPARD LODGE

Seated 200

Cocktail 375

Situated close to both the big cat's habitat and the beloved Carnivores' Trail, the Leopard Lodge is the largest and most versatile of our wedding spaces at Melbourne Zoo.

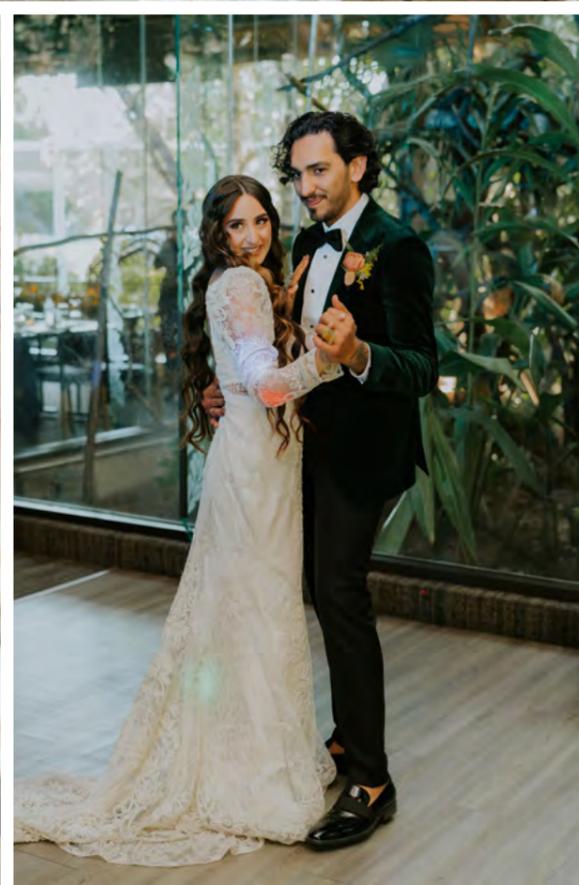
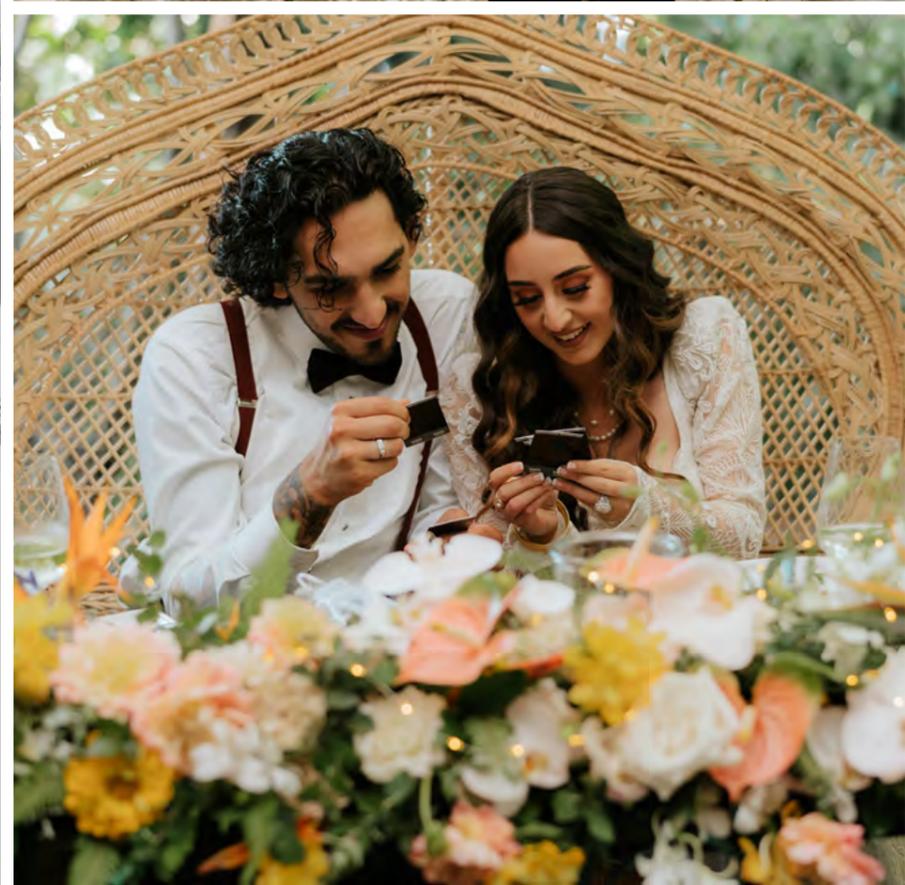
Your guests can share a toast to the sound of lions roaring against a backdrop of some of the Zoo's finest gardens and lawns.

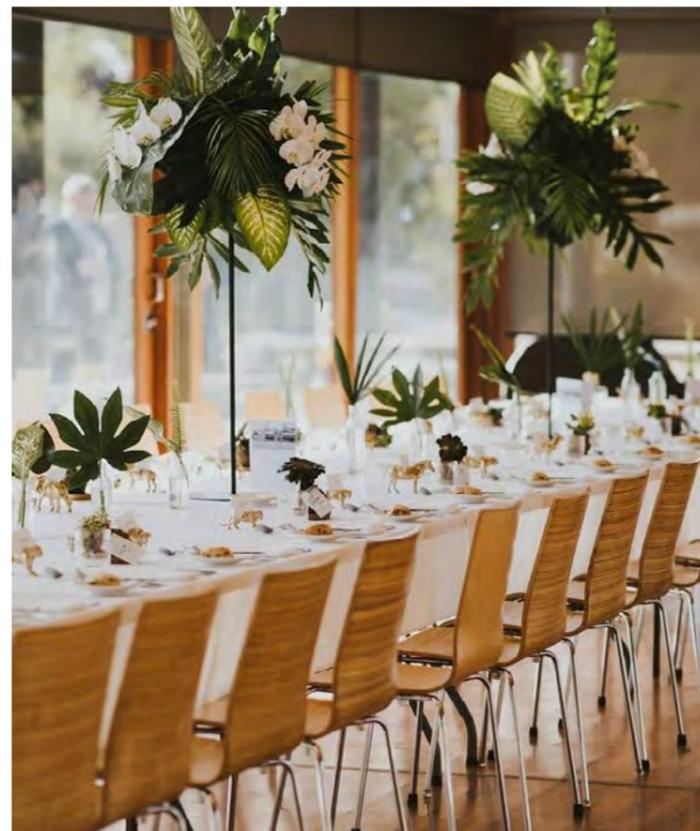
The Leopard Lodge is conveniently located close to the trams and trains at the Railgate entrance.

Here, greenery on all sides creates the sense of celebrating in the heart of a jungle, with sliding glass doors onto a paved outdoor terrace allows your guests to spill into the landscape. A bridal suite and dance floor makes this a beautiful large space for wedding receptions.



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# venues @ WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

## MEERKAT ROOM

Seated 120

Cocktail 300

The Meerkat Room at Werribee Open Range Zoo features floor to ceiling windows looking onto the playful meerkat exhibit giving you a truly unique backdrop to your special day.

With high ceilings and a deck overlooking Lakeside Cove and the gorilla exhibit in the distance, this venue is sure to impress.

With the meerkats at play in the background they lend a joyful ambience to your wedding reception, with the surrounding African animals enhancing the overall exotic atmosphere.





# reception options

## SEATED

- ☞ Chef's selection of three canapés on arrival, a two course plated menu with a choice of two entree, main and/or dessert menu items served alternatively to the table
- ☞ Includes artisan bread rolls and local olive oil
- ☞ Freshly brewed tea and coffee served to the table
- ☞ Your own wedding cake served on platters to the table
- ☞ Five and half hour standard beverage package

from \$185pp, April – August

from \$195pp, September – March

## GRAZING

- ☞ Chef's selection of five hot and cold canapés on arrival
- ☞ Selection of two main dishes and two side dishes
- ☞ Includes artisan bread rolls and local olive oil
- ☞ Freshly brewed tea and coffee served to the table
- ☞ Your own wedding cake served on platters to the table
- ☞ Five and half hour standard beverage package

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## COCKTAIL

Create your own menu with a selection of four cold, four warm, three substantial and one dessert canapé

- ☞ Includes a selection of teas and freshly brewed coffee station
- ☞ Your own wedding cake served on platters
- ☞ Five hour standard beverage package

from \$175pp, April – August

from \$185pp, September – March

## UPGRADE OPTIONS

### SEATED

Add a third course \$15pp

Add a food station from \$25pp

### GRAZING

Additional side \$10pp

Additional main \$15pp

Add a roving dessert \$15pp

Add a food station from \$25pp

### COCKTAIL

Cold or warm canapés \$8pp

Something substantial \$12pp

Add a food station from \$25pp

### BEVERAGES

Additional upgrade packages, spirits and cocktails are available on request



AN EVENT LASTS A DAY, MEMORIES LAST FOREVER

# considerations

## GUEST ADMISSION

Admission for your guests is complimentary one hour prior to your wedding start time at both Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo.

## MENU TASTING

A complimentary menu tasting for seated and grazing packages is included for the wedding couple only. These tastings take place on Tuesday-Friday at 3pm. The menu tasting will give you the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes to give you an indication of the quality, portion sizes and presentation of our dishes and the opportunity to sample our beverages. Should you wish to add additional guests to your menu tasting, a cost of \$95pp will apply.

## DECOR

Confetti, rice, rose petals and balloons are not permitted within the Zoo grounds due to the possibility of damage and harm to the animals. Bubbles are a great alternative.

We also have a list of suppliers we work with who can help theme your wedding from festoon lighting, furniture, flowers, photo booths, celebrants and centrepieces.

## BRIDAL CARS

There is a maximum of two cars permitted inside the Melbourne Zoo grounds and all cars will be escorted from the Zoo grounds post the conclusion of your ceremony.

Some vehicles, especially stretch limousines, Chryslers, Hummers and other stretch and lowered vehicles may have difficulty driving and turning through certain sections of the Zoo, please check with your Wedding Coordinator or car hire company before booking a certain vehicle. Vehicles are not permitted on site at Werribee Open Range Zoo, bridal party can be dropped at the main entrance.

## PARKING FOR GUESTS

There is ample parking for guests outside of Melbourne Zoo. Parking during the day incurs a fee of \$2 for five hours and is free after 5 pm. Werribee Open Range Zoo has complimentary parking all day.

## CEREMONY SITES

There is no access to power at outdoor ceremony sites so make sure your celebrant has a portable battery operated PA system.

## SECURITY

Security is required for all weddings after 5pm when the Zoo closes. Security guards are required thirty minutes prior to the start of your wedding and thirty minutes past your guest's departure.

## MUSIC AT OUTDOOR SITES

Due to noise restrictions during Zoo opening hours (9am – 5pm), only acoustic and string musicians are permitted to perform at outdoor ceremony sites along with CD or iPods connected to battery operated PA systems. No amplified systems are permitted.

## ANIMAL EXPERIENCES

The Zoo offers an array of animal experiences for you and your guests to meet the animals on your special day.

## AUDIO VISUAL AND LIGHTING

MAV are the preferred venue audio visual supplier. Should you wish to arrange any additional lighting or audio visual for your event such as dancefloor lighting, band lighting, PA for bands or DJ, floral rigging additional quotes can be arranged.

## PRICING

Pricing is valid until 30 June 2024. For all events after 30 June 2024, please allow an approximate price increase of 10%. All quoted prices are inclusive of GST. A surcharge could apply on Sundays and 40% on Public Holidays.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

Thank you to the wonderful photographers below whose work has been featured throughout our brochure, we hope to see you back at our Zoo's soon!

Aria Photography	<a href="http://www.ariaphotography.com.au">www.ariaphotography.com.au</a> Hero photographer- front and back cover and numerous images throughout.
Monika Berry	<a href="http://www.monikaberry.com.au">www.monikaberry.com.au</a>
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