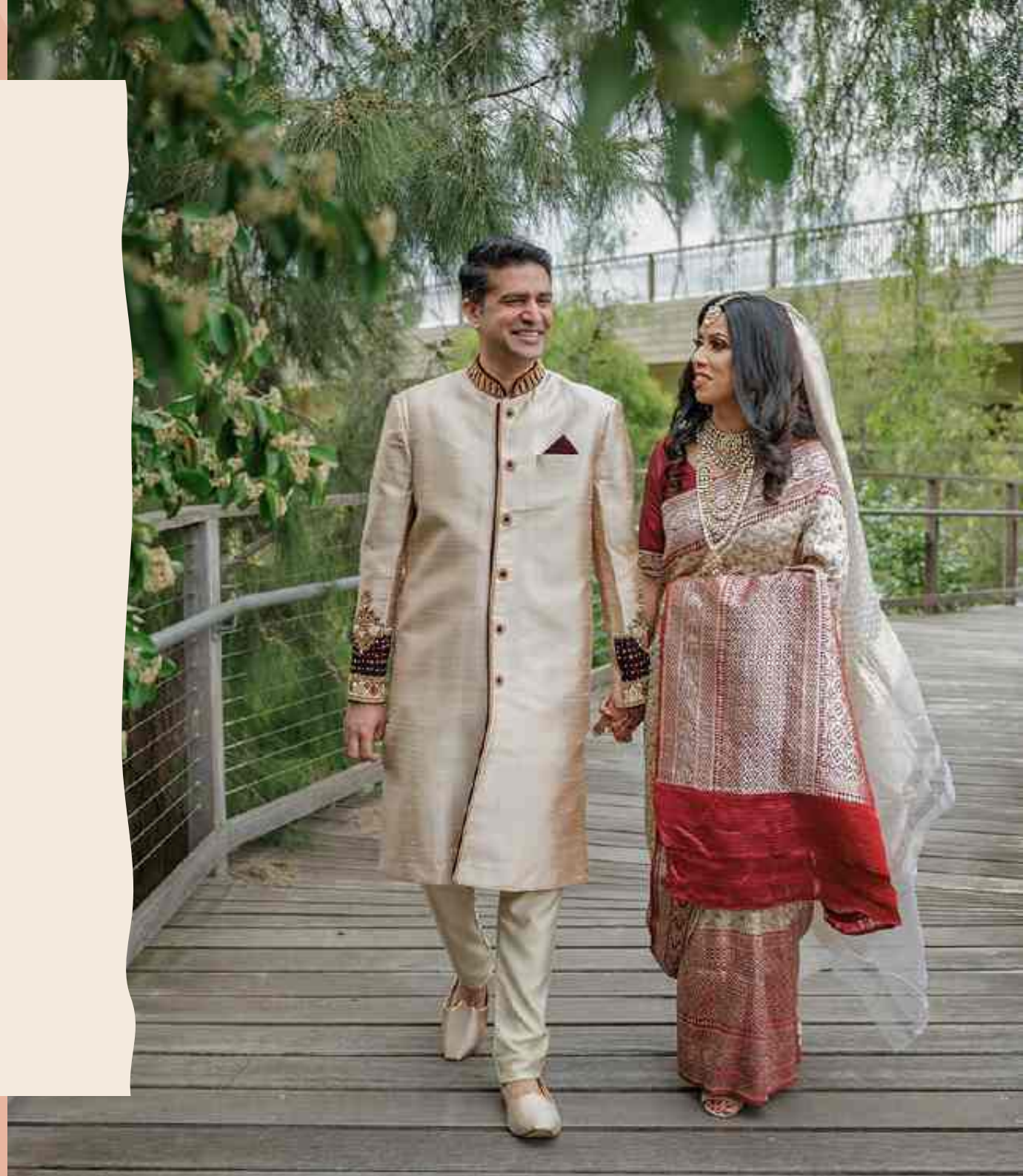
# Weddings that feel distinctly you.

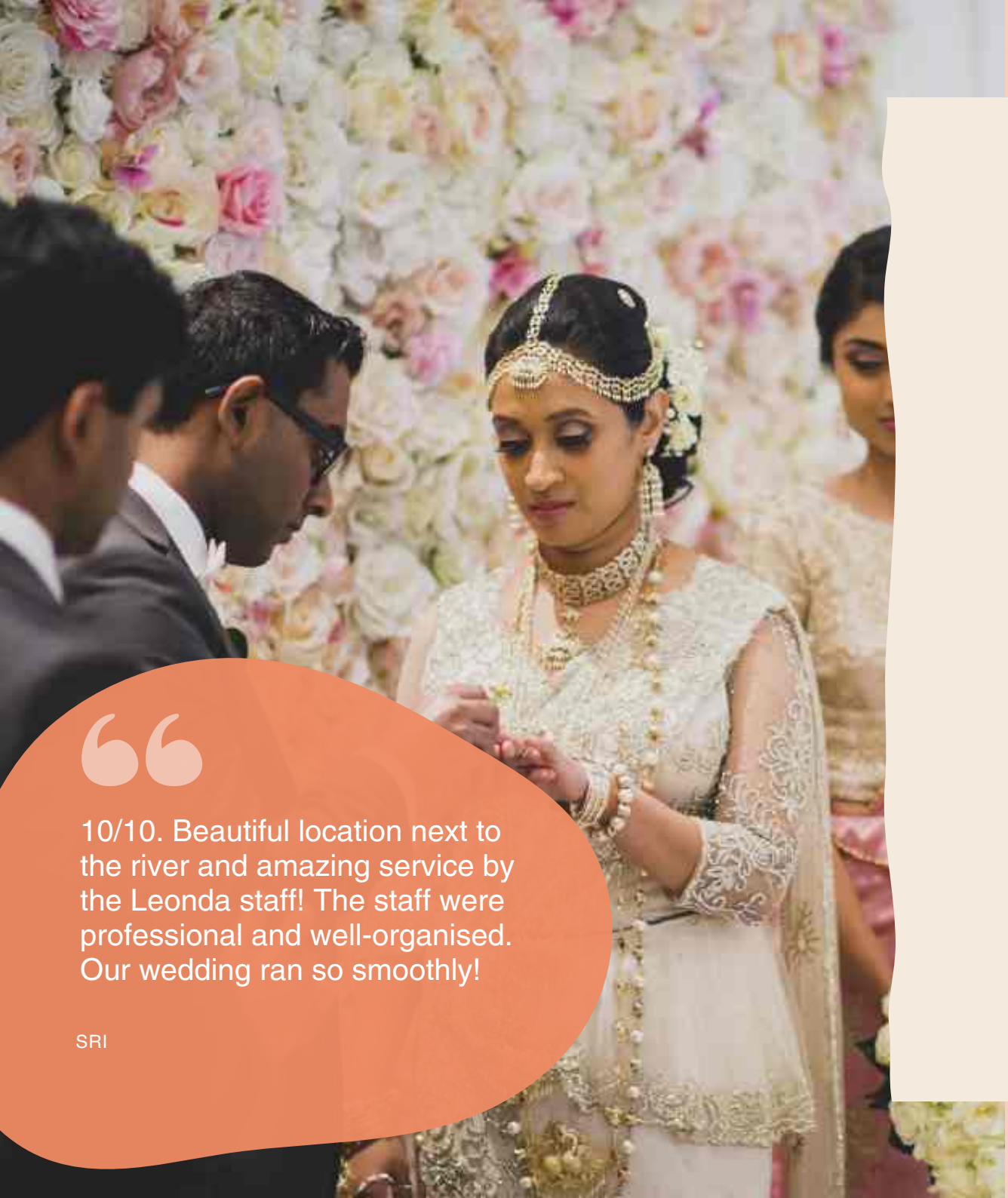
**Our Sri Lankan Wedding Package**

# Eat. Drink.
# Be Married

From the moment you first walk through our doors up until your wedding day, our focus is on turning your idea of the perfect wedding into a reality. Whether you're dreaming of a lavish reception for 480 guests, an intimate dinner for 60, or a sunset cocktail event overlooking the water, our experienced team are here to ensure every detail of your day is as you've imagined.

We understand that an Sri Lankan wedding is a spectacle and we would love to help you with any aspect of your wedding journey, whether it's a civil ceremony, a Poruwa ceremony or your wedding reception. Our highly trained and professional team are ready and waiting to assist you however you need.





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10/10. Beautiful location next to the river and amazing service by the Leonda staff! The staff were professional and well-organised. Our wedding ran so smoothly!

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# Sparks will fly

Superior service combined with an outstanding range of diverse, seasonal menus and with your choice of 2 beautiful reception spaces, Leonda By The Yarra is the ultimate venue for your celebrations. Both our rooms are contemporary in design and offer stunning views of the Yarra River through floor to ceiling glass windows. With large dance floors and a private jetty, you can dance the night away surrounded by the romantic glow of candlelight before boarding a private boat and setting off on a departure like no other.

At Leonda By The Yarra your wedding experience will be nothing less than exceptional.

# Introducing The Ballroom

**Have you ever had the experience of walking into a space and immediately feeling as though you're royalty?**

This is what The Ballroom will give you. Imagine a personalised welcome by our door person at the double glass doors, into the Marble Bar with its stunning feature lighting, and then turn to your right and the room expands before you, revealing floor to ceiling windows showcasing the Yarra River and a stunning sunset.

The elegance and opulence can't be overstated. Classic and beautiful, but still a space you can make into your own, this is a room for a wedding with wow-factor.

## Highlights

- Capacity of between 200 and 480 seated with a dancefloor
- 4m high windows overlooking the riverbanks
- Private balcony with views of the Leonda Landing jetty
- Large bar area suitable for canapés and pre-event drinks
- VIP Room with bathroom facilities for the wedding party
- Separate raised stages for the head table and the band/DJ

# Introducing The Garden Room

**The Garden Room is like a breath of fresh air.**

With its own, private courtyard for ceremonies or pre-event drinks, this room really maximises the potential of a venue by the river. Walk under the evergreen willow trees to an elevated courtyard overlooking the Yarra, and relax to the sound of a nearby trickling fountain. Listen to the birdsong as the sun sets, before making your way inside to a room that is stunning in its simplicity, and will leave you wanting for nothing. Continue to admire the views through huge windows, or take a moment
to pause and relax in the cosy VIP room with drawers of amenities for your convenience. Finally, it's time to get the party started.

## Highlights

- Capacity of between 60 and 120 people seated with a dancefloor
- Floor to ceiling windows across three quarters of the room
- Flexible floorplan options so the space can be completely customised to your event
- Three different exits allowing for an indoor/outdoor atmosphere for you and your guests
- VIP room with full length mirror and drawers of amenities for your every need
- Private, shaded courtyard with outdoor speakers and a stunning, marble water fountain

# You've got good taste

Family is at the core of everything we do and our food philosophy is no exception. Our aim is for you and your guests to feel like you've been welcomed into our home, experiencing the best in beautifully simple flavours and presented in a way that helps you connect with the people around you. Every important moment should always be around a table full of incredible food, with all the colours, textures and tastes you'd expect from your favourite home-cooked meal.

We're really into celebrating and elevating food while caring for the environment. With a particular focus on fresh, seasonal and local produce, we do our best to lower the km's of our foo.

## Western Wedding Menu

The Leonda By The Yarra wedding menu has been artfully created by our team of experienced chefs, designed around seasonal flavours presented in a shared style to help you connect with your neighbours through food or plated. To ensure that no guest goes home hungry, we have substantial portion sizes, and all main courses are served with side dishes to your tables. This menu comes with our chef's selection of canapés on arrival, followed by either a 3, 4 or 5 course lunch or dinner.

## Sri Lankan Menu

This more traditional option is perfect for those who want to stay true to their heritage, but still incorporate the Leonda, modern element to the day. Comprised of canapés on arrival followed by a 3 course menu designed to share with those on your table, it is filled with traditional dishes and flavours and is sure to please all your guests. This menu can also be offered as a fully vegetarian meal.

## Fusion Banquet Menu

For those who have a lot of different personalities to please, or who wish to embrace both sides of the Leonda kitchen team's expertise, we can offer an exclusive Western and Sri Lankan fusion menu for your big day.

## Extensive Beverage Package

Leonda By The Yarra offers three tiers of beverage packages for you to choose from when selecting your wedding beverages, as well as an extensive cocktail and spirits list. All beverage packages can be tailored to be non-alcoholic if you wish, and we also allow complimentary BYO of spirits (one bottle per table) if this is something you know your guests would enjoy.

## Morning or Afternoon Tea

If you're wanting your guests to be well fed throughout all your ceremonial moments, we are happy to customise a morning or afternoon tea menu to be added alongside your lunch or dinner menu service. This will ensure your guests are well looked after, so you can relax and enjoy the big day.

"10/10. Leonda by the Yarra was a venue that ticked all our boxes and went above and beyond to make our wedding celebrations absolutely magical! We had a 3 day wedding all held at Leonda by the Yarra! They were super accommodating with helping us organise our cultural ceremonies as well as our reception. It is such a beautiful venue, with amazing food and such lovely people. Would recommend it to anyone.

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# The Lots of Love Experience

At MEG we have thought of EVERYTHING (and we mean EVERYTHING) to ensure that your special day is everything you dreamed of and more. From the moment you first visit us, all the way through to the Big Day, nothing is too big or small for our team to handle to ensure that your wedding journey is seamless.

## The Lead Up

- Assistance in visualising your dream wedding through personal consultations with an event executive
- Unlimited meetings and discussions with your dedicated wedding coordinator to bring your vision to life
- After-hours coordination support until 9pm, as we work around your schedule
- Complimentary invitation to our group menu and wine tasting evening for you both and four guests
- Easy to use checklists and information packs to ensure planning is a breeze
- Inspiration and tips from our blog and social media sites
- Exclusive access to our curated list of preferred suppliers
- Exclusive access to our styling book for additional décor options
- Drop off and storage of items the week prior to your wedding day

## The Big Day

- Personal wedding party waiter provided to tend to your every need
- VIP parking for parents and wedding cars
- Umbrellas for parking attendants to escort your guests to cover
- Guest liaison to welcome guests and direct them to your wedding
- Door person to greet your guests and add a touch of elegance
- Fully briefed event manager to guarantee that your perfect day, as discussed with your dedicated wedding coordinator, is delivered
- Well groomed & professional waiters in a bespoke uniform
- Set up of your place cards or any wedding favours
- Canapés and beverages served in the VIP room to the wedding party
- Your wedding cake cut and served on platters
- Cake table with a cake knife and champagne flutes
- Cake bags, so your guests can take a piece home
- A dedicated area for pre-drinks allowing for a striking room reveal
- Raised stage for wedding table (Ballroom Only)
- Raised stage for band (Ballroom Only)
- Circular tables to seat up to ten guests
- Premium quality lounge furniture; ottomans, tables and stools
- Fresh white or black table cloths, underlays & napkins
- Selection of beautiful table centrepieces
- Personalised table menus, including beverage list
- Leonda branded table numbers
- Choice of guest list board between modern pin board and classic white easel
- Classic white venue flowers
- Bouquet vases on the wedding table to keep flowers fresh and add to wedding table decoration
- Access to our own private jetty, adorned with outdoor lanterns with candles
- Children’s high chairs with colouring books and pencils
- Free on-site parking available
- Cloak room facilities
- Private VIP room with drawers of amenities
- Safety deposit box available in VIP room for monetary gifts and valuables
- Lectern and microphone for speeches
- WiFi complimentary upon request
- Two hour complimentary bump in prior to the event commencing and one hour bump out post event
- No enforced security and associated costs
- No enforced cleaning fees

# Banquet Package Inclusions

**5.5 hour event duration**

The Lots of Love Experience, and:

- 5.5 hour evening event duration
- 4 hour lunch event duration
- 1 sparkling wine, 2 white wines, 2 red wines and 1 beer from the Classic Beverage Package*
- BYO spirits available
- Continuous service of 4 hot and cold canapé varieties on arrival
- Selection of 4 short eats served on platters in the centre of the table, or circulated around the room
- Selection of 2 vegetable & 2 meat main dishes served on platters to the centre of the table
- Main course to be served with a selection of sides and condiments
- Choice of 2 alternating plated desserts or 3 desserts on platters in the centre of the table
- Freshly brewed coffee and a selection of tea

* Beverage service will end half an hour prior to event conclusion

# Fusion
# Package Inclusions

**5.5 hour event duration**

The Lots of Love Experience, and:

- 5.5 hour evening event duration
- 4 hour lunch event duration
- 1 sparkling wine, 2 white wines, 2 red wines and 1 beer from the Classic Beverage Package*
- BYO spirits available
- Continuous service of 4 hot and cold canapé varieties on arrival
- Selection of 2 entrees served on platters in the centre of the table, or circulated around the room
- Selection of 3 main course served on platters in the centre of the table
- 4 sides served with main course
- Choice of 2 alternating plated desserts or 3 desserts on platters in the centre of the table
- Freshly brewed coffee and a selection of tea

* Beverage service will end half an hour prior to event conclusion

# Ceremonies

At Leonda By The Yarra, we have a variety of spaces available for your civil wedding ceremony or for your Poruwa ceremony. We cater for any cultural traditions which you or your family would like included in your big day, and we love being able to share every moment of the celebration with you.

We offer one hour access for your set up period so that you can feel totally confident that everything will be perfect for the big event.

## Marble Bar

Ceremony followed by Ballroom reception - $1,800

- 1 hour ceremony hire of the Marble Bar
- White carpet
- Gold arbour with faux foliage
- 32 charcoal chairs, with the option of elegant white chair covers
- Signing table
- Personal ceremony coordinator & an event manager on the day
- 1 hour ceremony rehearsal the week before your wedding

## Ballroom Ceremony

Ballroom ceremony - $2,000

Available for 2 hours for their traditional Hindu or Poruwa ceremony (ceremony hire only).

Includes all guests seated at their banquet tables (cabaret style/open ended) with theatre style seating in the front and side of Poruwa for the family members participating in ceremony rituals

## Courtyard Ceremony

Ceremony followed by Garden Room reception - $1,500

- 1 hour ceremony hire of the Courtyard
- 8 white picnic benches
- White carpet
- Signing table
- 1 hour ceremony rehearsal the week before your wedding
- White gazebo for inclement weather
- Personal ceremony coordinator & an event manager on the day

# Introducing
# Malvern Town Hall

**We also love to host events at Malvern Town Hall. Its the perfect venue to pair with Leonda.**

Built in 1886, the historic Malvern Town Hall is conveniently located on the corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street, and only 6kms from Melbourne's CBD. To enhance the style and character of this beautiful building, is a grand port cochère leading into immaculately kept terrazzo floors, a grand marble staircase, a high roof with coffered ceiling painted eggshell blue, that is brilliantly lit by hanging chandeliers, a large stage, dress circle, parquet floors, and a balcony overlooking the main hall.

The space maintains architectural features and timeless character, whilst also having the potential to be a blank slate. Malvern Town Hall can effortlessly be modified into a magical setting for your reception or ceremony.

## Highlights

- Two private event spaces and entrance
- Stunning heritage interiors
- Excellent location
- A large stage & dress circle
- Hanging chandeliers
- Built in screens, projection and sound system
- On-site parking
- Easy access to public transport

# FAQs

**What is your venue hire and per head cost?**
We offer a straightforward venue hire and per person package model designed for your convenience. This structure allows us to provide a comprehensive service that covers everything from our iconic riverside setting to our award-winning hospitality. Because we believe every wedding should be as unique as the couple itself, we move away from 'one size fits all' pricing. Instead, our Event Executives will work with you to create a tailored quote that perfectly aligns with your preferred package, season, date, and guest list.

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

**What is a minimum commitment? What is it made up of?**
A minimum commitment is the overall investment agreed upon by both the venue and the client at the time of booking, which can be represented as a total dollar figure or a minimum guest count. We understand that plans can shift, so if your guest numbers happen to decrease, we ensure you still get full value for your money. Instead of simply charging a fee for the difference, any variance in the minimum commitment can be thoughtfully reallocated to enhance your celebration. You can choose to put that value toward a bar tab, gorgeous styling options, a time extension, or a curated food and beverage enhancement from our selection, allowing you to upgrade your guest experience rather than simply being charged a fee

**When is my next payment due after paying the deposit?**
The 1st progress payment is due 6 months prior to your event date. The 2nd progress payment is due 3 month prior. Your final payment of the remaining balance is due no later than 7 days prior to the event date. A $2,000 event bond is also required six weeks prior, held as a pre-authorisation on your nominated credit card and only charged if additional costs arise.

**What is the next stage after paying my deposit?**
A deep breath and a glass of bubbles... because you're officially getting married! But after that, you can expect an introduction email from our Coordination Team to introduce themselves, and also so you know who to contact moving forward. Then we give you a rest until around 10 months before your wedding where you will receive a planning checklist to help you get started. Within that checklist is a timeline so you'll know what to expect from then on.

**Can I make a tentative booking?**
We understand that making a decision on your preferred venue can take a little time and you may often need to consult your friends and family. So, we offer our potential clients a tentative booking for 3 days. This essentially places your name on the date, but is not a booking. Once the 3 days has expired, we will contact you to confirm your decision, or to have your name removed from the date. Our venue is very popular, so, unfortunately, we can't hold a date any longer than 3 days, as we often have a waiting list.

**How do I confirm my booking?**
Just ring or email us and say "yes!" Then we will create a booking agreement and a deposit invoice for you. Once the signed booking agreement has been returned to us and the deposit invoice has been paid, your booking is confirmed.

**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.

# FAQs (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 Leonda By The Yarra?**
It's all in the name... we are literally by the Yarra! Our street address is 2 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn VIC.

**Are you an accessible venue?**
Yes. In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, we offer accessible rest rooms, ramps, accessible parking and wide doors.

**What are the parking options available?**
Leonda By The Yarra offers up to 150 onsite car spaces, shared between our Ballroom and Garden Room events. These spaces are available within the council run public car park onsite at Leonda and are free of charge. There is no time limit for parking after 6pm or on weekends. Guests will be provided with a complimentary parking permit on arrival, which must be clearly displayed on their dashboard throughout the event.

**Can Leonda be accessed by public transport?**
Yes, absolutely.

Leonda is located just steps from stop 29 Power St/Riversdale Rd on route 70 and 75. Once exiting the tram, walk approximately 200m down Wallen Rd towards the City. We will appear on your left!

If you are travelling by train, we suggest getting off at Hawthorn Station. After exiting at Hawthorn Station, walk for approximately 630m down Evansdale Road towards Wallen Rd. The path will veer left slightly at Glan Avon Rd and go under the bridge. Before you know it we will appear in front of you.

**What are the venue dimensions?**
Ballroom
Area: 554 sq metres
Dimensions: Approx. 26m (mirror end) x 21m (river end)
Height from floor to under lights: 4.1 metres (13 ft, 6 inches)
Dance floor: 14.8 x 6.3 metres

**Audio visual**
If you have a photo slideshow or lots of speeches, we can absolutely help you in delivering these elements of your big day. See below the available AV in each room at Leonda By The Yarra. (Depending on what you need, there may be an additional fee associated with these items so please let us know what you're after.)

Ballroom 2 x Screens: 13ft x 7ft, 16:9 aspect ratio
Projector: Panasonic
HDMI (PC) or Mini Display Port/Thunderbolt (MAC)
Microphones: handheld (x2), lectern/mic
Lectern sign dimensions: 53cmWx83cmH

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 2 hours prior to the commencement of your event. An additional charge may apply if earlier (or later) access is required, so just make sure you keep in touch with us about your plans.

**Extended bump in and out**
Leonda By The Yarra packages include a two hour bump in and a one hour bump out. Should you require an extended bump in or bump out to allow for additional supplier set up or pack down requirements please speak to your event coordinator to obtain information on additional charges.

# FAQs (cont.)

Leonda By The Yarra may sell another event on the same day as your wedding, but of course we want you to have the day you've always dreamed of. So, just stay in touch with us about your plans and ask your suppliers how long they need for set up when you're booking them in.

**Can we use our own suppliers or do we need to choose from your preferred list?**
Our Friends of MEG list is our version of a preferred supplier list; a collection of trusted, talented suppliers who've been carefully vetted and consistently deliver exceptional results. They know our venues inside and out and have a proven track record of creating seamless, beautiful experiences for our clients. That said, you're not locked in. If there's a supplier you love and they align with your vision, we're all for it. It's your day, and it should feel like you. (You'll receive our Friends of MEG list when you book your wedding with us)

**What is your responsible service of alcohol policy?**
All Leonda staff are trained in the Responsible Serving of Alcohol, and by law may refuse to serve alcohol to any person/s who seems to be intoxicated. Leonda By The Yarra prohibits any minors under the age of 18 years to be served or given any alcoholic beverages at any time regardless of who they are with.

**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]."

**Menu tasting**
Leonda By The Yarra conducts complimentary, quarterly group menu tastings. Your event coordinator will advise which date will be available for you to attend based on the seasonal menu which will be applicable for your wedding date.

The menu tasting will give you the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes personally selected by our Head Chef to give you an indication of the quality, portion sizes and presentation of our dishes and the opportunity to sample our beverage packages and chat to our wine suppliers.

The group menu tasting is extended to the wedding couple and four guests of their choice. Additional guests or private menu tastings are available at an additional cost.

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