

# HEAVEN GARDENS

WEDDING GUIDE 2021-22











## WELCOME TO HEAVEN GARDENS

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With over 5 acres of private, tranquil gardens, an abundance of open space and beautiful backdrops, Heaven Gardens is a picturesque venue in Port Stephens offering you an incredibly unique and affordable wedding experience.

Heaven Gardens is the ultimate DIY wedding venue offering you complete versatility when it comes to planning your special day.

As a family owned and run property with a relaxed approach and BYO catering, you are encouraged to personalise and celebrate your way. Think intimate soiree's, lavish garden parties, mini festivals, boho picnics...anything is possible.

*Information in this guide is subject to change. Full T & C's supplied on booking.*



## THE PERFECT SETTING

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Manicured grounds, lush foliage, rainforest walks, a large fishpond...  
Heaven Gardens provides the perfect natural backdrop for your wedding ceremony, pre-dinner drinks and canapés, reception and portraits.

With multiple ceremony and reception areas on the property, you have the opportunity to create something truly unique. Having exclusive access to the venue, you and your guests can settle in, relax and enjoy the festivities for the duration of the day – all in the one beautiful location.

Our wedding coordinator can help guide you with your planning and make sure everything runs smoothly on the day.

*Contact us for a site inspection and tour of the gardens.*





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## THE PAVILION

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With high ceilings, exposed timber and an abundance of natural light, the striking 160m<sup>2</sup> Pavilion allows your guests to wine and dine amongst the garden all year round.

Timber tables and white chairs are included, providing seating for up to 120 people. As the sun sets, festoon lighting and fairy lights create a truly magical atmosphere...and gets your guests dance ready on the adjoining dance floor.

The Pavilion is a multi-functional space - perfect for a cocktail or sit down reception or for your ceremony. You have the freedom to style it as you wish, using the furniture provided or bring in your own decor and furniture pieces to suit your style!

*We are always adding to our hire range so be sure to check with us before hiring extras.*



## FOOD & DRINKS

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As a self-catered venue, you have the complete luxury to make a real statement with your menu. Whether you are planning to have a casual shindig, fancy affair, or something in-between, don't be afraid to explore your options.

Think BBQ cookout, grazing tables, roaming cocktail menu, food trucks or a traditional sit down - the choice is yours! Give your wedding a unique spin that your guests will rave about.

Beverages can be one of the biggest wedding expenses. With a BYO policy\*, Heaven Gardens offers you the freedom to create your very own drinks package with signature cocktails, craft beers and wines, perfectly paired with your menu. Cheers to that!

*\*Please see p.12 for further T & C's.*

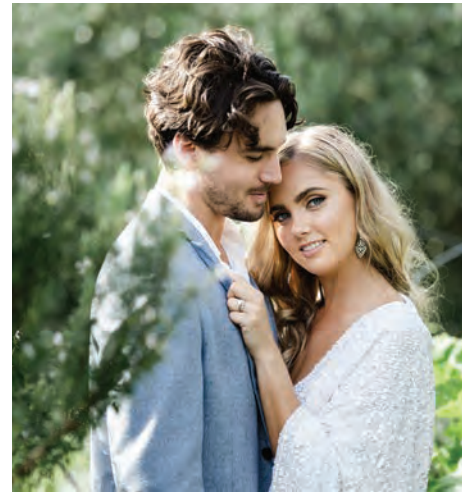












## WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

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The property has many beautiful areas available for your wedding portraits. Our coordinator can provide recommendations of the most photogenic locations or you can explore the property with your photographer. Wander amongst the sprawling grounds and follow the winding path and boardwalk to the rear of the property overlooking Pelican Creek and Tilligerry National Park... you won't be disappointed.

*Visit our website gallery and follow us on socials to see more of the gardens.*

- THANK YOU TO VENDORS -

Bryce Noone Photography, Filmed by Andy, Jade McIntosh Flowers, Crab Apple Hire and Style, Beavis 'Your Event Team', Miss Mays Picnics, Exotic Soirées, MelRose Cakes, Saltire Estate, Boozy Suzie Caravan Bar, Empire Artistries, Paper & Stuff, The Corner Chop, Atelier Rose, Goldie's Designer Dress Hire

You can find a full list of our preferred vendors on our website.



# ESSENTIAL INFO

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## LOCATION

Located 40 minutes from Newcastle's CBD and 25 minutes from the heart of Nelson Bay. With Newcastle Airport a short 6 minute drive away, travelling guests can easily access the venue, and nearby accommodation options are aplenty.

## VENUE CAPACITY

Cocktail - Max 150 Guests: Sit-down - Max 120 Guests:

## PROPERTY ACCESS

When booking your DIY ceremony and reception at Heaven Gardens you are given exclusive access to the property for 3 days: bump in, the event and bump out. Midday Friday – midday Sunday. For ceremony only, reception only and weekday events, access can be discussed upon booking. Entertainment / bar service must strictly cease by 11pm. All guests MUST vacate the property by Midnight. Please note - there is NO accommodation on-site.

## EXTERNAL VENDORS

Heaven Gardens is a family owned and run property and it is important to us to support other local businesses. You can choose to work with any vendors you wish, providing they are approved by Heaven Gardens and hold current Public Liability Insurance. We can provide you with a list of our preferred and trusted local vendors that we work with on a regular basis.

## CATERERS - FOOD & DRINKS

Guest safety is paramount, therefore a licenced RSA provider MUST be utilised for bar service for the entire duration of the reception. Guests are NOT permitted to bring their own drinks and eskys. All drinks must be supplied by you or your service provider. Shots, doubles and premixed drinks are not permitted. All drinks served must be a standard drink only. Cocktails can be served by a licenced provider only, with the menu approved by Heaven Gardens.

Your caterer must be fully equipped and is welcome to arrange a site visit. (Please note: There is no kitchen or fridge available for catering use. A commercial 2 door fridge is available for alcohol refrigeration. You may need to talk to your RSA provider and/or caterer about hiring an additional cool room).

## OTHER EVENTS

We also cater for other events such as high teas, garden tours, baby showers, birthday parties, pre-wedding celebrations and more. Please contact us with any enquiries.











## STYLING

Heaven Gardens is a blank canvas DIY wedding and event space. This means you can put your own personal stamp on your styling - particularly when it comes to furniture and decor selections. With such a stunning setting and a host of inclusions very little is needed, so you can choose to do a little or a lot depending on your vision!

When styling your day, you can do this with family and friends, or you may choose to hire professionals. We have a line-up of expert stylists that can be referred to you. We also have a small selection of hire items available.

## PRICING

Please contact our wedding coordinator for venue pricing.

### STANDARD INCLUSIONS

- An experienced event coordinator (planning and on the day)
- Timber arbour for your ceremony
- 16 x long rectangular timber tables to seat 8 guests each
- 120 x white event chairs (suitable for ceremony and reception)
- 4 x wine barrels
- 12 x black bar stools
- Outdoor fairy lights, festoon lights and garden lighting
- Luxury portable toilets (disabled toilet upon request)
- Lawn games
- Fire pit (upon request)
- 2 Door commercial fridge
- Access to power (Generator in the event of blackout)
- Bins and rubbish removal
- Wi-Fi (for music - upon request)

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS - POA

#### **- Sound System**

PA sound system, mixer, laser, disco lighting and cordless microphone. Ideal for music and speeches, the system is compatible with apple/android cable connection so you can stream your very own music. Includes set up and pack down. \*Live bands and solo artists are also welcome.

#### **- Transport**

Immaculate 2-seater convertible Porsche Boxster with driver. Includes pick up and transport to Heaven Gardens. Can also be used in your wedding portraits.

#### **- Heaven Gardens Honey**

The property produces its very own sweet, delicious honey on-site...why not use this as personalised wedding favours and memorable keepsakes for your guests!



## HEAVEN GARDENS

*Site visits available by appointment only.*

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