

Permit Fact Sheet

Wedding Ceremonies – Parks, Gardens and Beaches

Planning an outdoor wedding ceremony?

If you're choosing to celebrate your special day on Council land, a permit is required to hold a wedding ceremony, this ensures public spaces are managed safely, fairly, and remain accessible to the community.

- Permit is for wedding ceremony only. Council does not permit wedding receptions to be held in any of its parks or gardens.
- Exclusive use is unable to be given therefore members of the public are able to access the area.

For ALL General Conditions please refer to P10 Weddings Ceremonies on Public Land Permit.

Application Process

1. **Submit a Wedding Permit Application Form**

Provide event details including date, time, location, expected attendance, and any proposed structures.

2. **Assessment by Council**

Your application will be reviewed for suitability, location availability, environmental protection, and safety considerations.

3. **Approval & Conditions of Use**

If approved, you will receive a permit outlining all conditions that must be followed.

Popular locations and facilities include:

- Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Port Elliot
- Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Strathalbyn
- Commodore Reserve, Port Elliot
- Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot
- Bashams Beach, Port Elliot
- Freemans Knob Lookout, Port Elliot
- Harbour Masters Reserve, Port Elliot

What can I bring?

You are permitted to set up the following for a small private event or wedding ceremony:

- Table and chairs
- Marquees
- Wedding arch
- Flower petals from private gardens



What is not allowed?

The following items are not permitted:

- Confetti
- No barriers to be erected that may prevent public access
- Ground pegging is NOT permitted for erecting marquees as sub surface irrigation exists on many of Council reserves - weighed down with sandbags or water can only be used.
- Vehicles not permitted on reserves
- Wedding receptions

Equipment

Alexandrina Council does not provide hire equipment for wedding ceremonies (i.e. chairs, tables, red carpet, etc.).

If using the services of an external equipment supplier, it is recommended that you ask them to provide a copy of their public liability insurance certificate of currency (minimum \$20 million.)

The applicant is responsible for all property, equipment, decorations and materials associated with the ceremony. Alexandrina Council will not accept any responsibility for damage or loss prior to, during or after the ceremony.

Cleaning and Remediation



The area is to be left in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of Alexandrina Council.

Confetti and rice are not permitted as it is classified as litter (Section 22 of the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*).

Rose petals are permitted in lieu of confetti and must be cleaned up after the event. Rose petals to be sourced from private gardens, not from Council's gardens.

Refund Policy

Notification of your cancelled event must be received by the Permit Officer no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled start date. If an event is cancelled less than 14 days prior to the approved and scheduled date, any hire fees already paid may be forfeited.

Vehicle Access

No vehicle is permitted to be driven on reserves, other than on designated roads, or parked on the reserves other than in the designated local car parking area. Special access arrangements for vintage cars or horse and cart may be considered upon request.

Gardens

Port Elliot has an array of popular seaside locations and facilities available for holding wedding ceremonies and events.

Commodore Reserve, Port Elliot

Located at the east end of Horseshoe Bay, Commodore Reserve offers a long and narrow lawned area. There is ample parking along Basham Parade, with stair access from the road to the reserve.



Facilities Available:

- Bench Seating
- Free BBQ
- Table & Chairs
- Toilets
- Shelter
- Large, grassed area
- Seaside location
- Accessible footpath

Port Elliot Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Port Elliot

The Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Port Elliot is a picturesque garden overlooking Horseshoe Bay. This A class reserve is also very popular for wedding ceremonies and picnics. The garden is located off Murray Place, Port Elliot but can also be accessed from Horseshoe Bay.



Facilities Available:

- Free BBQ
- Bench Seating
- Table & Chairs
- Shelter
- Beach and Café close by
- Electricity Access (Available upon request)

**Please note, this area is a Dry Zone from 10 pm to 6 am daily.*



Harbour Master's Reserve, Port Elliot

Harbour Master's Reserve is a picturesque, grassed reserve offering stunning views over Horseshoe Bay.



Facilities Available:

- Toilets
- Close to Beach and Beach front
- Scenic location for photographs

Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn

The Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Strathalbyn is a centrally located scenic garden which wraps around the River Angas and captures the charm of Strathalbyn.

The garden is located on Commercial Road, Strathalbyn and can also be accessed from Colman Terrace.



Facilities Available:

- Rotunda
- Bench Seating
- Tables & Chairs
- Toilets
- Playground
- Shelter
- Bike Rack



The Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens are centrally located close to the public swimming pool, shops, hotels and cafes.

**Please Note: This garden is a Dry Zone from 9 pm to 6 am.*

Beaches

Beaches are available for wedding ceremonies at no hire charge.

To ensure your preferred location is available, Council recommends contacting the Permit Team to confirm the availability of your preferred location, as public and privately organised activities (such as surf lifesaving or aquatic events) may impact locations.

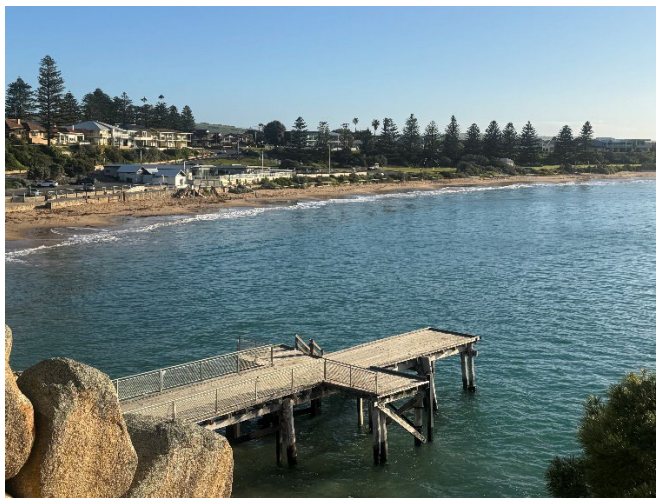
Basham's Beach and Horseshoe Bay are popular locations for ceremonies, whilst other beaches in Alexandrina Council region are available for use upon request.

Basham's Beach, Middleton

Facilities Available:

- Whale viewing platform
- Toilet
- Large car-parking space

Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot



Facilities Available:

- Free BBQ
- Jetty
- Playground
- Table & Chairs
- Toilets (includes Disabled)

Ladies Beach, Port Elliot

This beach provides stunning views

Facilities Available:

- Sheltered Bay off Horseshoe Bay

Crockery Bay, Port Elliot

Facilities available:

- Access via walking paths from Basham's Beach Regional Park or via pathway from Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot
- Stair access down onto beach
- Disabled access not available

Other Locations

All parks and gardens in the Alexandrina Council region are available for ceremony hire. Contact the Permit Team to discuss your requirements.

Further Permit Information

- P10 Weddings on Public Land Permit
- Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
- Contact the Permit Officer on 8555 7000
- Email: permit.officers@alexandrina.sa.gov.au