

## MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AT COUNCIL RESERVES

### **Do I Need to Make a Booking?**

A booking is required for wedding ceremonies in Hepburn Shire Council gardens and reserves. A permit entitles the hirer to the use of a nominated section of the reserve for a 3 hour period. Whilst we provide a scenic venue on your special day, Hepburn Shire Council does not play any role in organising any aspect of your event such as celebrants, signing tables etc.

### **Do you Fence a Section off for the Ceremony?**

Your booking gives you use of a specified area of parkland for your wedding ceremony. The Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 however, does not allow for exclusive use of the gardens/reserves or for an area to be physically cordoned off from the public.

### **Where Can Guests Park?**

Limited car parking areas within or in proximity to the gardens/reserves are available.

### **Can you drive the Bridal Car(s) Into the Gardens/Reserve?**

Bridal vehicles are permitted to enter the reserve/gardens and remain in the gardens for the duration of the wedding ceremony.

### **Does the Cost Include the Use of the Area for Photos?**

Yes. The use of the area for photographs is at no extra cost. Your booking is made for a 3 hour period during which time you may also take photographs. Should you choose an area for photographs only, there is no need to make a booking and there is no cost associated. Of course, if that area is booked at the same time, you may have to wait or have an alternative location in mind.

### **What if it Rains on the Day?**

The possibility of inclement weather needs to be taken into account when making a booking. Hepburn Shire Council does not provide wet weather alternatives and it is not permitted to set up marquees within the Wombat Hill Gardens.

Please note: refunds are not issued in the case of inclement weather.

## ► FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can I Use Confetti or Rice?**

No. The use of confetti in reserves and gardens is prohibited and is considered to be litter in the park. The use of rice is also prohibited as it attracts animals such as possums. Rose petals are permitted but only in moderation.

### **How and When Do I Pay?**

Please note that your Application will not be confirmed and approved and no permit will be issued until payment is received. Please refer to Terms and Conditions for full details on cost.

### **Do I Need to Organise Any Insurance?**

The rental fee also covers your event for public liability and indemnity, but is limited to a maximum of 150 persons at the event. Should the number of guests at your event exceed this number, then you will be required to provide your own public indemnity and liability cover. Please make sure you have read and complied with the Terms and Conditions and that you have indicated all aspects of your event or activity on the Application form.