



BALLARA RECEPTIONS

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Ballara Receptions provides a luxurious & sophisticated setting for your ceremony, reception & breathtaking photographs. Create the most memorable day of your life surrounded by picturesque gardens overlooking a private lake & weeping willows, all located at the foothills of the Yarra Valley – in Eltham.

We believe that no two weddings are the same, & we have a range of sit-down, cocktail/grazing style packages that can be tailored to suit your individual requirements.

Imagine your wedding in a chandelier-lit ballroom decorated in neutral tones to compliment any possible colour scheme. Round tables with white padded timber cross-back chairs surround the large central dance floor. Catering from 60 to 160 guests, Ballara is exclusively yours to be enjoyed by you & your guests. The ballroom has floor-to-ceiling windows to enjoy a 180-degree view of our landscaped gardens, with thousands of fairy lights after dusk, providing a romantic setting for night photography.

Our family of professional wedding specialists are here to help you plan your special day from the moment you first enquire, throughout the planning process, & on the big day. We ensure every little detail is taken care of & your special day is perfect. Our chefs have created a mouth-watering menu taking inspiration from cuisines around the world & using the very best of local produce. Your guests will rave about the beautiful presentation & generous portions for years to come.

With everything in one location, Ballara Receptions is the perfect estate to create amazing memories & is located only 30 km from Melbourne, with numerous accommodation options within walking distance.





CEREMONY

The wedding party can arrive one hour before the ceremony with exclusive use of the grounds and wedding suite for final dressing or to take photos.

Select from our beautiful chapel with soaring white ceilings, rustic beams & stained-glass windows or two gorgeous garden settings. You will have 1.5 hours for the ceremony, congratulations & time to capture those stunning photos before your reception.

We personalise your experience with a function manager & your very own concierge to ensure a seamless experience. The concierge will set up a water station for your arrival.

The Chapel

We include seating for 100 with white bows & flowers every 2nd pew down the aisle & additional standing room for 60. The chapel is decorated with white & green florals throughout with the option of a red carpet entrance & a signing table with two chairs. We include a lecturn & wireless microphone along with the sound system which is operated by your function manager.



The Gardens: Gazebo or Courtyard

For garden ceremonies we include 60 Americana white chairs with white bows & flowers every 2nd aisle & standing room for 100. Lanterns or white & green floral decorations on wine barrels, red carpet aisle & signing table with 2 chairs, a cordless microphone & sound system operated by your function manager.





THE ESTATE PACKAGE

Estate Wedding Package inclusions:

Ballara's packages include exclusive use of the entire estate for the duration of your ceremony & reception. Our dedicated team of professionals will guide you from your first enquiry to the end of your special day, including a function manager & a personal concierge to ensure everything runs according to plan.

- Five or five-and-a-half-hour package based on time of year
- Chef's selection of canapés on the verandah & foyer
- Freshly baked bread roll with butter
- Three-course gourmet meal with two choices per course served alternating/ feasting style/ cocktail
- A choice of the two selections in all three courses is given to the main table, & the parents
- Table service beverage package for the entire duration of your reception
- Cake cut with cake bags & served with teas & freshly brewed coffee
- Main table with skirting, central white fresh floral arrangement, vases for bouquets, & your choice of the table ends
- White table linen & napkins, table numbers & napkin rings
- A selection of centrepieces for the guest tables
- A private wedding suite is available from one hour before the ceremony & through the reception
- French white timber cross-back chairs
- Cake table, cake stand, cake knife & toasting glasses
- Choice of three wishing wells for guest cards
- Easel & frame to display your seating allocation list & additional two easels available
- Your place cards & wedding favours set for you on the day of your wedding
- Lectern with a microphone & wireless microphone available
- In-house sound system with device connectivity
- Large parquet dance floor & stage for band or DJ
- Fully air-conditioned & heated premises, including a feature gas fireplace
- On-site parking





Peak Season October to April	2025	Min. spend*	2026	Min. spend
Monday - Thursday evenings or lunch any day	\$180	\$10,800	\$190	\$11,400
Friday & Sunday evenings, Public Holiday Eve	\$190	\$16,000	\$200	\$16,000
Saturday evenings, Public Holidays, NYE	\$205	\$20,500	\$215	\$21,500

Off-peak Season May to September**

Monday - Thursday	\$170	\$10,200	\$180	\$10,800
Friday & Sunday, Public Holiday Eve	\$180	\$14,400	\$190	\$15,200
Saturday, Public Holidays	\$195	\$19,500	\$205	\$20,500

* The minimum spend is indicative and may vary. Each package includes standard inclusions, but can be customised to suit your needs in discussion with our function coordinators.

**In the months of June, July and August Reception is of a five and a half hour duration.

Children & Support Team Children must be 2-12 years

Estate or Prestige: Children: \$60 per child: either a 3 course children's menu or adult half serve
Estate or Prestige: Support: \$60 per person: 3 course meal with soft drinks only

* All lunch functions are of four and a half hour duration. Saturday public holidays incur a 5% surcharge. Public holiday eve incurs no surcharge if concluded by 11 pm. Minimum spend does not include bar tabs, beverage upgrades, spirits, extra food, extra time, optional upgrades or other hire items from Ballara. It includes all adults, children & support.



Alternate drop serve

A five-hour package commencing with chefs selection of hot canapes is offered in the foyer & front veranda with pre dinner drinks served from the bar. For weddings of over 100 adult guests we include an extra bar, 'The Little Ballara Cart' on the front veranda for service of pre-dinner drinks. A three-course gourmet meal with two choices per course served alternating with a choice of the two selections to the main table & parents. Concluding with tea, coffee and wedding cake.

Shared feasting

For a more relaxed shared service, this five-hour package commences with the chefs' selection of hot canapes in the foyer & front veranda, with pre-dinner drinks served from the bar. For weddings of over 100 adult guests, we include an extra bar, 'The Little Ballara Cart,' for the service of pre-dinner drinks. Entrée is a shared antipasto platter, mains consist of two delicious roast meats with two hot & one cold side dishes served to the table, followed by platters of petite desserts. Concluding with tea, coffee and wedding cake.

Grazing cocktail reception

Boasting a more casual style of service where your guests can mingle with a combination of lounges, bar tables & seating at tables. Guests are able to enjoy our fabulous grazing table followed by delicious roaming canapes & finishing with a delectable dessert buffet/dessert grazing station. Concluding with tea, coffee and wedding cake.

Beverage package

Included for the full duration of your reception:

- Morgan's Bay Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Moscato
 - Morgan's Bay Shiraz Cabernet & Cabernet Merlot
 - Morgan's Bay Sparkling Cuvee
 - Carlton Draught & Great Northern, Cascade Light
 - Soft Drinks, orange juice & water
- Spirits may be purchased at bar prices or other service is available speak to our friendly function managers.



Real Wedding

Sophie & Thomas — Autumn Wedding

THE PRESTIGE PACKAGE

The Prestige Package includes all items mentioned in the Estate Package plus the following items for an additional \$22 per person.

- Five or five-and-a-half-hour package based on time of year
- Ceremony in chapel or gardens – included in the package at no extra charge
- A choice of centrepieces for guest tables with seasonal fresh flowers & greenery
- Champagne cocktails or mocktails for pre-dinner drinks
- Upgrade to chef's entrée tasting plate
- Upgrade to chef's dessert tasting plate or sharing platters
- Personalised table menus
- Option of light grey napkins or dark grey tablecloths
- White mesh backdrop with a choice of neon sign
- Welcome sign – choice of 2

Peak Season	October to April	2025	Min. spend*	2026	Min. spend
Monday - Thursday evenings or lunch any day		\$202	\$20,200	\$212	\$21,200
Friday & Sunday evenings, Public Holiday Eve		\$212	\$21,200	\$222	\$22,000
Saturday evenings, Public Holidays, NYE		\$227	\$22,700	\$237	\$23,700
Off-peak Season	May to September				
Monday to Thursday evenings		\$192	\$19,200	\$202	\$20,200
Friday & Sunday evenings, Public Holiday Eve		\$202	\$20,200	\$212	\$21,200
Saturday evenings, Public Holidays		\$217	\$21,700	\$227	\$22,700

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Real Wedding

Jay & Adam — Summer Wedding

SAMPLE MENU

Ballara offers extensive menu choices, a curated selection is displayed below. Our full menus are available on inspection.

Canapes

A delicious selection of hot canapes are served during pre-drinks drinks



Entree

Salmon caprese

topped with cherry tomato, bocconcini & basil salad drizzled with a balsamic reduction

5 Spice pork belly

served with a bao bun, pickled veg & peanut brittle & hoisin sauce



Main

250 gram Eye fillet steak

with red wine jus, caramelised balsamic shallots & potato galette

Laksa-spiced chicken

served on hokkien noodles with a laksa sauce, topped with bean shoots, capsicum & coriander



Dessert

Baked cheesecake

served with a rhubarb & strawberry compote & white chocolate mousse

Chocolate peanut butter brownie

served with choc fudge sauce, honey joy snap & vanilla ice cream





Real Wedding

Felysia & Stephen — Summer Wedding

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

Pre-reception beverage package

For the spare hour between the ceremony & reception, this package includes one hour of additional beverage service \$18pp
This includes the use of the “Little ballara Cart” for service on front veranda & main bar in foyer.

Pre reception grazing table

A stunning selection of cheese, cured meats, fresh & dried fruits, marinated vegetables, dips, olives, nuts, freshly baked bread & crackers.
Perfect for your guests to enjoy between your ceremony & reception for \$10 per person—min 60 guests

The Little Ballara Cart

Is included as a front bar on the veranda to serve pre-dinner drinks with 101 or more adults. With 100 or less adults the cost is \$250. This covers set up & staff service for the pre-dinner drinks & canape period.

Beer or cider upgrade

Corona or Cider - \$3 per person
James Squire Pale Ale - \$4 per person

Upgraded beverage packages

Talk to one of our friendly wedding co-ordinators about upgrading your beverage package. Cocktails at Canape time or gap time (45minutes):
Choose 1 or 2 cocktails from: Pink Gin Fizz, Dark & Stormy, Tropical Blitz, Aperol Spritz \$15 per person

Spirit Service

Personalised packages available for Ballara house spirits service, mixers & staffing.

Function extension

Must be arranged prior to the wedding. \$10pp per half hour, or \$20pp per hour includes beverage package, venue hire & staff.
If upgrading your beverage package, a surcharge applies.

Please note that Ballara does not charge a venue hire fee.

Optional Upgrades

Optional Upgrades		2025 / 2026
Ceremony	chapel or garden (included in prestige package)	\$1500 / \$1800
Additional chairs for outdoor ceremony	40 available	\$5 per chair
Four-tier champagne tower	Morgan's Bay	\$350 -
Lawn games	giant jenga, tic-tac-toe, dominos & more	\$150 -
Personalised table menu	one per table	\$10 per table
Black or dark grey tablecloths		\$25 per table
Light grey napkins		\$2 per person
Mesh backdrop		\$175 -
Neon signs		\$190 each
Welcome signs	two to select from	\$100 each
Gazebo garland silk flowers	white & green	\$150 -
Gazebo garland silk flowers & white draping	white & green	\$200 -

Photobooth hire

Hiring Ballara's photobooth to entertain your guests is a great idea and saves organising a separate supplier.

Photobooth Hire for 3 hours for \$600 or 5 hours, \$750

Includes

- Photobooth with high-resolution Canon camera and studio light dish
- GIF – the three photos taken will be turned into a GIF
- QR code – guests can select the QR button so they can instantly access their photos/GIF
- Props – a range of props are included in your package
- Personalised photo strips – prints two strips, one for the guest to keep and one for the guest to add to your guest book. Twelve layout designs to select from
- Backdrop – white with an option to add on mesh circle and neons
- Digital copy – We also forward a copy of all photos in digital format after the event

What would you need to provide?

- Guest book – this way, you can personalise it, select your colour to match your theme etc
- Pens – whatever colours & styles you would like your guests to use
- Glue stick, double-sided tape or whatever you would like to use to secure your images into your book

What makes this a great add-on?

- You don't have the additional costs for travel distances, delivery, set up and pack down
- You don't have to pay for an additional supplier meal
- No additional deposit required now, let us know at your final arrangements appointment and the cost will be added to your final invoice





MID-YEAR SPECIAL 2025

The Mid-year Special is for June to August Weddings of 60 to 160 guests.

- 5-hour reception commencing any time of day
- Chef's selection of canapes, along with pre-dinner drinks
- Bread roll & butter
- One entrée, two alternating mains & one dessert
- Choice of centrepieces for guest tables (flowers not included)
- Table service beverage package for the entire duration of your reception
- Cake table, cake stand, cake knife & toasting glasses
- Cake cut with cake bags & served with teas & freshly brewed coffee
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Mid-year	June, July & August	2025	Min. spend
Monday - Thursday		\$160	\$9,600
Friday & Sunday		\$170	\$11,900
Saturday		\$175	\$15,750

Not applicable for public holidays, public holiday eves and must conclude by 11pm. Minimum spend does not include bar tabs, beverage upgrades, spirits, extra food, extra time, optional upgrades or other hire items from Ballara. It includes all Adults, children & support.





Real Wedding

Madeline & Aran — Spring Wedding



LET'S TALK

It is our pleasure to assist you with any questions, ideas and dreams you have for your wedding day.

Don't hesitate to contact our expert function team for a tour through our grounds, and let's discuss bringing your wedding day to life at Ballara Receptions.

We cannot wait to be your hosts.



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