

# Outdoor Spaces

# Abbotsford Convent.



## About

The Abbotsford Convent offers a range of outdoor gardens, courtyards, and lawns available for hire. Each space has a distinct quality, with great potential to activate and explore. The Sacred Heart Courtyard offers a perfect canvas for lighting and projection, corporate events, or outdoor performances, whilst the natural amphitheatre of the Heritage Gardens lends itself beautifully to outdoor summer performances, markets, and festivals. As with our indoor spaces, all the Convent's outdoor areas have a particular history and past use. Some are sheltered and private, others open and public. All of them embrace both natural and built surrounds, offering serene, nature-based settings paired with spectacular architectural backdrops.



## Facilities

Power is available in several outdoor locations. Additional facilities including tables and chairs are available to hirers. Outdoor infrastructure, such as marquees, stages and umbrellas may be present during certain seasons. Private marquees are permitted. Basic AV equipment is available to hirers.

## Accessibility

The Convent's outdoor spaces are wheelchair accessible. Gender-neutral and accessible toilets are available at several locations within the Abbotsford Convent Precinct.



## Spaces

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# Heritage Gardens

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## About

The Heritage Gardens constitute the Convent's largest outdoor venue. The heritage-listed 5400m<sup>2</sup> formal gardens encompass the Heritage Lawn, the Rose Garden, and the Clarke Street Lawn. The gardens feature a natural amphitheatre and the Rotunda and are ideal for a range of large events including festivals, markets, and performances.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$1500	\$1125	\$7500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$1125	\$844	\$5625
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$750	\$563	\$3750

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	2500	1250	5000

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# Heritage Lawn

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## About

The 1004.5m<sup>2</sup> Heritage Lawn is the central lawn of the wider Heritage Gardens area. Nestled between the Rose Garden and the Clarke Street Lawn, it features a natural amphitheatre that looks towards the Yarra, while the Convent Building provides a spectacular backdrop.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$1000	\$750	\$5000
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$750	\$560	\$3750
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$500	\$380	\$2500

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	500	250	1000

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# Clarke Street Lawn

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## About

The Clarke Street Lawn sits within the Heritage Gardens as a standalone hireable lawn. The 344m<sup>2</sup> green space is ideal for outdoor physical classes, small markets, or quiet reflection.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	172	86	344

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# Rose Garden

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## About

Adjacent to the Rosina Buildings, the 458m<sup>2</sup> Rose Garden is semi-enclosed lawn surrounded by beautiful rose bushes. It sits within the Heritage Gardens as a standalone hireable outdoor space and makes an ideal setting for weddings or outdoor cocktail receptions.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250



## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	229	114	458

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# The Rotunda

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## About

The Rotunda is a small, semi-enclosed 18.3m<sup>2</sup> circular structure located within the Heritage Gardens. It is hireable for small events or serves as a perfect backdrop for entertainment playing to the natural amphitheatre of the gardens.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$100	\$75	\$500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$75	\$56	\$375
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$50	\$38	\$250

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	9	4	18

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# Convent Courtyard

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## About

The Convent Courtyard is a picturesque 500m<sup>2</sup> space surrounded by the ornate Convent Building. It is home to our famous Liquid Amber tree and the Convent's high-profile verdant Fernery.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	310	155	620

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# Sacred Heart Courtyard

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## About

The Sacred Heart Courtyard is a large 649m<sup>2</sup> outdoor event space, semi-enclosed by the Convent's Sacred Heart building and creating a cul-de-sac for sunny daytime markets, pre-event receptions, or outdoor performances. Its austere facades offer a brilliant canvas for night-time lighting and projection.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$1000	\$750	\$5000
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$750	\$563	\$3750
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	320	160	640

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# The Store Courtyard

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## About

Offering sweeping views across the gardens, the 320m<sup>2</sup> Store Courtyard partners with The Store to offer an ideal indoor-outdoor experience. It is hireable separately to The Store.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	160	80	320

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# Rosina Courtyard

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## About

Nestled between Rosina Function Space and the Rosina Auditorium, this fully enclosed 148m<sup>2</sup> courtyard partners with the Function Space to offer a superb outdoor cocktail zone or standalone event space.

## Venue Hire Rates

The Rosina Courtyard, and its adjoining Rosina Function Space, is available for hire through Peter Rowland Catering. For further information on pricing, facilities and equipment available, please contact [Peter Rowland Catering](#).

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
Standing room only	72	37	148

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# Mercator Lawn

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## About

Mercator Lawn is a mid-sized 565m<sup>2</sup> private outdoor green space adjacent to the Mercator Studios and the North Magdalen Laundry. Featuring huge trees offering shade and seclusion, it is ideal for outdoor cocktail or music events.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$750	\$563	\$3750
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$563	\$422	\$2813
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	280	140	560

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# Infirmery Lawn

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## About

Located outside the former Infirmery wing and adjacent to the Mercator Building, this flat grassed 218.8m<sup>2</sup> area is suitable for multiple uses.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250



## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	100	50	200

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# Hospital Lawn

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## About

One of the Convent's grassed areas, located outside St Euphrasia and near the front gate of the Convent, this 270.9m<sup>2</sup> lawn is popular for both quiet reflection, or a vibrant evening cocktail event.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$500	\$375	\$2500
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$375	\$281	\$1875
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250

## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	130	65	260

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# Providence Lawn

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## About

Located outside the Providence building and near the front gate of the Convent, this modest 116.2m<sup>2</sup> lawn is popular for quiet reflection, market activities or light-hearted public performance.

## Venue Hire Rates

	Full day (8 hours)	Half day (4 hours)	7-day week
<b>Standard</b>	\$250	\$188	\$1250
<b>Community/NFP</b>	\$188	\$141	\$938
<b>Subsidised</b>	\$125	\$94	\$625



## Venue Capacity

	2m <sup>2</sup> per person	4m <sup>2</sup> per person	No restriction
<b>Standing room only</b>	50	25	100

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## Pricing

Prices do not include GST.

Minimum hire is four hours. Additional hours can be added.

## Important Conditions of Hire

Abbotsford Convent is a unique heritage arts precinct with specific hiring conditions. You can find our Conditions of Hire [here](#).

To better understand the delicate nature of working in a heritage-listed multi-use precinct, please refer to our Special Conditions of Hire [here](#).

## Staffing

Front of house and additional support crew are available for minimum 3-hour calls.

## Site Visits and Production Meetings

To arrange a virtual or in-person site visit, please email us at [venuehire@abbotsfordconvent.com.au](mailto:venuehire@abbotsfordconvent.com.au) or call us on 03 9415 3608.

Complex events will require at least one production meeting with our Venue Hire and Operations teams.

