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Cockatoo Island, Naval Store

The Naval Store is an inspiring and rustic waterfront venue with impressive views of the harbour and bridge.

It is ideal for dinners, receptions, cocktail events, exhibitions, displays and conferences.

Once a wharf-side warehouse, the Naval Store features an urban concrete floor, exposed truss ceilings and beams and industrial roller shutter doors opening to the waterfront.

A diamond in the rough, the Naval Store's gritty, industrial appearance makes it a perfect platform for you to tailor your event in a world-class setting.

Cockatoo Island, Convict Workshop

The Convict Workshops date back to the 1840s during the island's colourful convict past.

A great place for gala dinners, cocktail parties, exhibitions, music performances and launches, the three rooms feature convict slab sandstone walls, raw concrete floors, large arched windows and high ceilings.

There are large pieces of World War I and II era machinery embedded into the floor of two of the buildings. The buildings are part of the island's industrial precinct.

Cockatoo Island, Biloela House & Lawn

Sitting high above the cut sandstone cliffs on the crest of Cockatoo Island, Biloela House commands spectacular views across the confluence of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers to the Harbour Bridge and city skyline.

The first wing of the house was built by convict labour from sandstone quarried on the island for the superintendent in 1841.

Over the years, the building was extended for subsequent residents, including numerous shipyard managers. Restored to its former glory with beautifully landscaped gardens, the house's lawn and covered verandah/patio areas are available for functions.

Three rooms can also be hired for boardroom meetings, presentations, photo shoots and intimate dinners/lunches.





Royal Botanic Gardens Lion Gate Lodge

Built in 1878, Lion Gate Lodge is a stunning Victorian sandstone building boasting a private landscaped cottage garden, large permanent awning and paved courtyard. This intimate venue is ideal for weddings and any summer's day function.

This unique venue is hired unfurnished, offering the flexibility to create your own design. The main room of the Lodge adjoins the covered courtyard to create a large indoor/outdoor function space with a gorgeous garden outlook.

The Lodge is conveniently located on Mrs Macquaries Rd, with private entry for your guests and can seat up to 80 people using both the inside and outside space.



Royal Botanic Gardens Rose Garden

The Rose Garden Pavilion is surrounded by an abundance of roses with sweeping vistas and manicured lawns & gardens. A venue at its prime from October to May this is the perfect place to hold your event amongst the blooming roses.

The pavilion is an incredible sandstone structure that can accommodate up to 80 guests for a cocktail event. However if you are looking for something larger, Forte Catering & Events have created some incredible events within marquees and the Rose Gardens is a beautiful place to hold such an evening with space for up to 200 guests.



The Cell Block Theatre

The Cell Block Theatre at the National Art School is a visually remarkable building and a significant feature of Australia's colonial and cultural heritage. It provides a unique setting for filming, theatre and performances as well as a variety of events from product launches and corporate occasions to private parties, weddings and special ceremonies.

It was the women's wing of the Old Darlinghurst Gaol from 1841 to 1920 and since then has been a part of the National Art School. The impression of the old cells still lingers with traces of the curved stone staircases climbing 3 stories high, narrow barred windows, and rough sandstone edges that mark the cells and the solid iron doorway.

The stone walls and wooden floors keep the simplicity of the space focused on the history that has been; making the Cell Block Theatre a very unique yet flexible venue for many types of events and activities.

The surrounding courtyards offset the history of the Cell Block Theatre and make a great outdoor entertainment space to supplement the indoor area.



The Residences

Located in Centennial Park, The Residences offer the perfect blend of Victorian grandeur and modern comfort. With two heritage-listed properties built in the 1890s that have been rebuilt and restored into luxury accommodation, they are perfect for corporate and social events. A largely sought after venue, Centennial Park is one of the largest inner city parks and has been compared to Central Park, New York. Centennial Park offers bike tracks, walking tracks, horse riding, and also ponds and manicured gardens.



Barangaroo

The spectacular Barangaroo Reserve is Sydney's newest and most exciting venue, perfect for your next occasion and right on the shores of the harbour.

Spanning over 22 hectares there is an endless list of exquisite spaces and beautiful locations to choose from. With the help of Forte Catering & Events you could hold your next event at this iconic venue which is sure to amaze your guests with its stunning views and inspirational design.



NIDA Parade Theatres

The NIDA Building won the 2002 Sulman Prize for Public Architecture.

It features a three-story glass façade with an eye-catching aluminium veil feature above the foyer which, when illuminated, provides spectacular lighting.

In addition to the Nancy Fairfax Foyer, NIDA has many other spaces available for a variety of functions: the magnificent Parade Theatre, The Parade Playhouse, The Parade Studio, The Parade Space, a reception room and rehearsal rooms. All are ideal for more intimate presentations or for use as breakout rooms for larger events using The Parade Theatre.

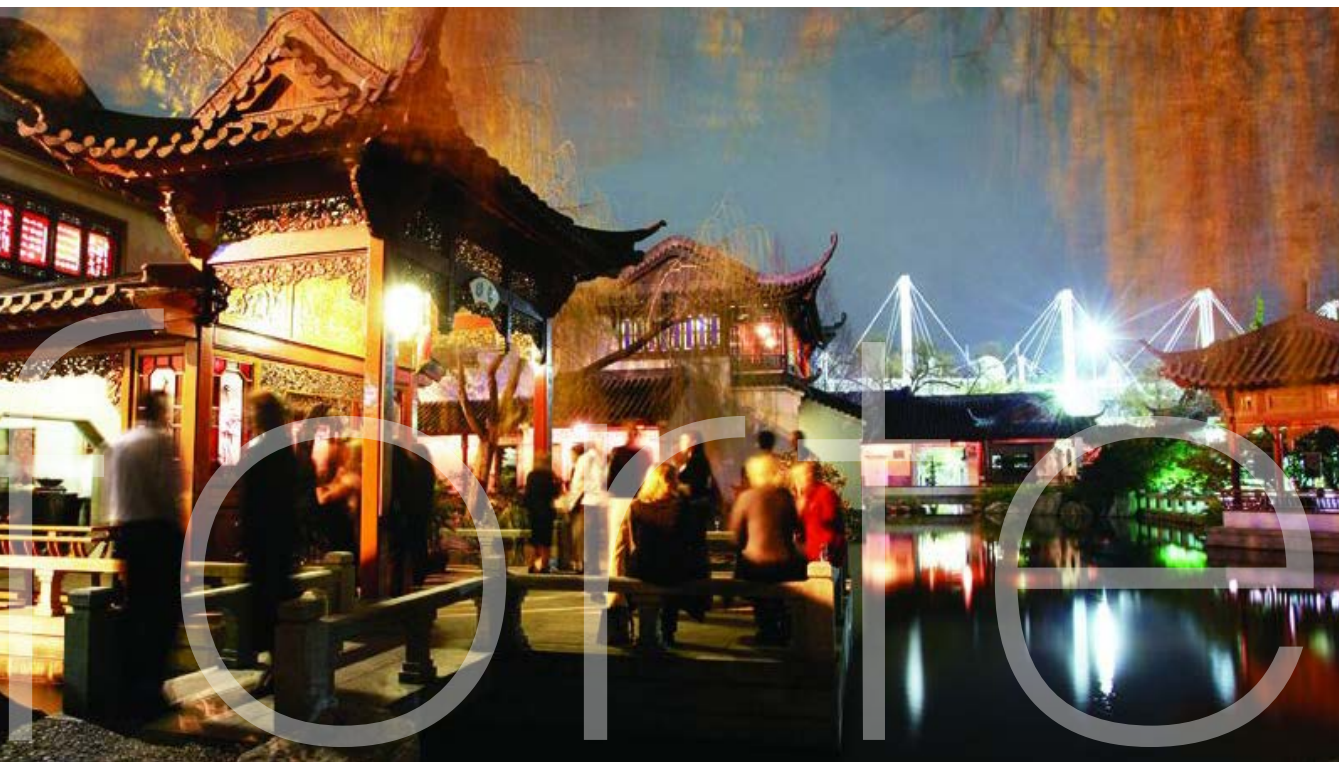
The Courtyard and Amphitheatre can also be used in conjunction with the James Fairfax Foyer for indoor and outdoor events or as a stand-alone venue.



Carriageworks Bays 22-24

The Carriageworks venue, a creative oasis and leading multi arts centre within Australia, was once the home to the bustling Eveleigh Rail Yards. A site deeply embedded into Sydney's history, the Carriageworks encapsulates the industrial era of the 19th century and pays tribute to the railway history that once lived and breathed within the very same walls.

The incredibly dynamic event space housed within the heritage listed Carriageworks building features expansive, industrial warehouse spaces with exposed brick walls, historic columns, high ceilings and plenty of natural lighting. With over 5,000m² in size, state of the art facilities and a private entryway the Carriageworks bays 22-24 are ideal for large scale events such as conferences, gala dinners, canapé events and product launches.



Chinese Garden of Friendship

The Chinese Garden of Friendship was built as a beautiful symbol of friendship between Sydney and Guangzhou in China, to mark Australia's bicentenary in 1988.

Unlike western-style gardens, there are no planted flowerbeds or manicured lawns. Instead, wild aspects of nature are recreated in landscapes that feature waterfalls, mountains, lakes and forests.

The Chinese Garden loves nothing more than a big day. Say "I do" in a sheltered pavilion, make an entrance over a graceful bridge or make some big decisions in a beautiful landscape.

The garden's pavilions are perfect for any daytime function for up to 120 guests. For evening functions, the lower levels of the Chinese Garden are available exclusively from 5.30pm to midnight.



City Recital Hall

In the heart of Sydney's CBD stands the City Recital Hall; a breathtaking venue perfect for large elegant events. The 3 level auditorium first opened in 1999 and comfortably seats 1,238 guests. The Hall was designed specifically with good acoustics in mind and has made a name for itself as a world-class concert and event venue. Cocktail foyers are situated on each level and provide elegant spaces for extra entertainment or more intimate events. The venue is also equipped with the latest rigging facilities and a range of audio, lighting and video equipment. Due to the venue size and complexity of its outfitting the City Recital Hall offers professional support from in-house technicians to ensure a seamless event.



Bilich Gallery, The Rocks

The Bilich Gallery is one of Australia's leading contemporary art galleries and one of Sydney's premier venues. The Gallery operates a thriving venue hire operation with spectacular venue options from the Gallery exhibition floor space to the VIP room and balcony dining room facilities. The Gallery setting overlooks the Sydney Harbour and the Sydney Opera House which creates an impressive backdrop for welcoming and entertaining your guests.



State Theatre

One of the most beautiful venues in Sydney is the State Theatre. It is highly regarded for its stunning architecture and its place in the history of Australian performing arts. This magical venue first opened in 1929 and features an architectural mix of gothic, Italian and art deco. Inside you are treated to the feel of a Renaissance palace with paintings and a four tonne chandelier called the 'Koh-I-Nor cut crystal Chandelier' which is the second largest in the world. The State Theatre is also known as "The Palace of Dreams" making it perfect for weddings and other large events.



Roundhouse

The Roundhouse is located in Kensington on the UNSW Kensington Campus and has the ability to cater for up to 500pax in a banquet setting.

The venue is very diverse and can be decorated and themed to suit any client's needs.

The roundhouse has a great ability to accommodate events ranging from gala dinners, formals and weddings and provides the opportunity to create the right space for your event.



Great Hall - University of Sydney

Once upon a time, beautiful English styled castles seemed a far off dream for the event planners of Sydney. Then one day, The Great Hall opened its beautiful wooden doors and all our problems flew away. A venue like no other this incredible building with its high ceilings, stunning stained glass windows and sandstone walls is the perfect venue for a decadent event.

This versatile venue can seat up 320 banquet style or 600 for a cocktail function. The surrounding quad lawns provide a majestic entry for meet and greet cocktails and canapés.



Maclaurin Hall - University of Sydney

The Maclaurin Hall is one of the University of Sydney's oldest and most historical buildings, located in Camperdown, just 10 minutes from Sydney's CBD. This incredibly built hall is situated on the second floor of the main quadrangle building and is surrounded by the beautifully manicured lawns making it an ideal space for your next occasion.

With the capacity to hold up to 300 guests for a seated dinner or 450 for a cocktail style event, this architecturally spectacular building is a great choice for a range of large scale events. The high ceilings and draping chandeliers add a rustic charm to the venue and the room can be dressed to suit an array of different themes. This venue is perfectly located and a stunning backdrop for your next event so ask Forte today to assist in securing this amazing location.



Sydney Polo Club, Richmond

The Sydney Polo Club is an incredible place to hold your wedding ceremony and reception and is unlike any other venue in Sydney. Located about an hour's drive from Sydney's CBD, this private location faces none of the struggles of inner city transport or overcrowding.

The building itself is constructed of beautiful wooden panelled walls, high ceilings and jaw-dropping chandeliers. Set on a spectacular landscape of rolling greens, historic stables and fields of horses, there is no limit to the exquisiteness of this venue.

With options for both indoor and outdoor settings as well as a variety of furniture choices, the flexibility of this space will suit any theme you may have in mind. A combination of different buildings the Sydney Polo Club can accommodate anywhere between 60 and 300 of your nearest and dearest and is an ideal choice for an outdoor rustic wedding.



Inglis Newmarket Stables

Looking for that rustic country feel but don't want you guests to have to travel too far? Well look no further than the Inglis Newmarket Stables in Randwick only 10 minutes from Sydney's CBD. This gorgeous location boasts all the charms of a secluded destination that is perfect for your next big event or special day. Set on an incredible 11 acres, this vintage barn style venue is surrounded by manicured gardens, towering fig trees and heritage listed buildings making it ideal for any event large or small.

With the flexibility of bringing your own choice of furniture the spectacular interior of the stables can be enhanced to suit any theme or occasion. This is a beautiful setting for a wedding, birthday or corporate event and with Forte's assistance can be your best decision yet!



Paddington Town Hall

Built in the late 1800s the impressive Paddington Town Hall sits at the highest point on the Oxford Street ridge.

Next to the Victoria Barracks the Town Hall has a 32-metre high clock tower, which was completed in 1905 to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII, dominating the Paddington skyline.

The Stapleton Hall event space is open-plan with a 9-metre high ceiling, polished timber floor and superb acoustics. It offers guests unobstructed views from all angles making it ideal for gala dinners, wedding receptions, concerts and product launches.

The main room is complemented by an elegant foyer/reception area with bar facilities and a spacious balcony that runs the length of the building and overlooks Oxford Street.



Sydney College of the Arts

On the shores of Sydney's picturesque Iron Cove rests the Sydney College of the Arts. The views from this venue looking straight out over Sydney Harbour form a spectacular backdrop for any event. At the centre of the college grounds rests the historic Kirkbride complex, a terrific example of classic architecture from the Victorian period, known for the exquisite sandstone building and surrounding grassy courtyards it is the perfect space for entertaining.

The additional event spaces at the college offer a large courtyard perfect for a marquee setting, while the foyer and theatre are beautiful entertainment spaces. Forte has catered for a range of both indoor and outdoor events at the college and will use their wealth of experience to assist you with every step of planning for the perfect event at the Sydney College of Arts.



Fairground Follies

Fairground Follies, located in the Antique Mechanical Music Museum in St Peters, is a venue with a difference. Unlike any other venue in Sydney, this event space is sure to leave your guests in awe and make your celebration one to remember.

Up against the backdrop of a retro circus this grand space holds a number of opportunities for your next event. Leaning heavily towards a playful and whimsical sense of theming, this venue can be enhanced by joy rides on the merry-go-round, live entertainers and stunning performances.

Looking for something new and exciting to celebrate your special occasion, this venue will not disappoint!



Whitehouse Institute of Design

The Whitehouse Institute of Design is at the forefront of Australian innovation and its venue spaces are a fantastic representation of this creative process. Home to a number of Sydney's leading designers, this venue has become a beautiful setting for sophisticated and elegant events. Located in the bustling and trendy suburb of Surry Hills this is a perfect location for an impressive and creative occasion with Forte Catering & Events.

Once an old manufacturing factory this stunning building became a purpose-built design education facility, boasting expansive spaces with polished concrete floors throughout. The venue offers an industrial feel and is complemented by large windows filling each room with natural light.

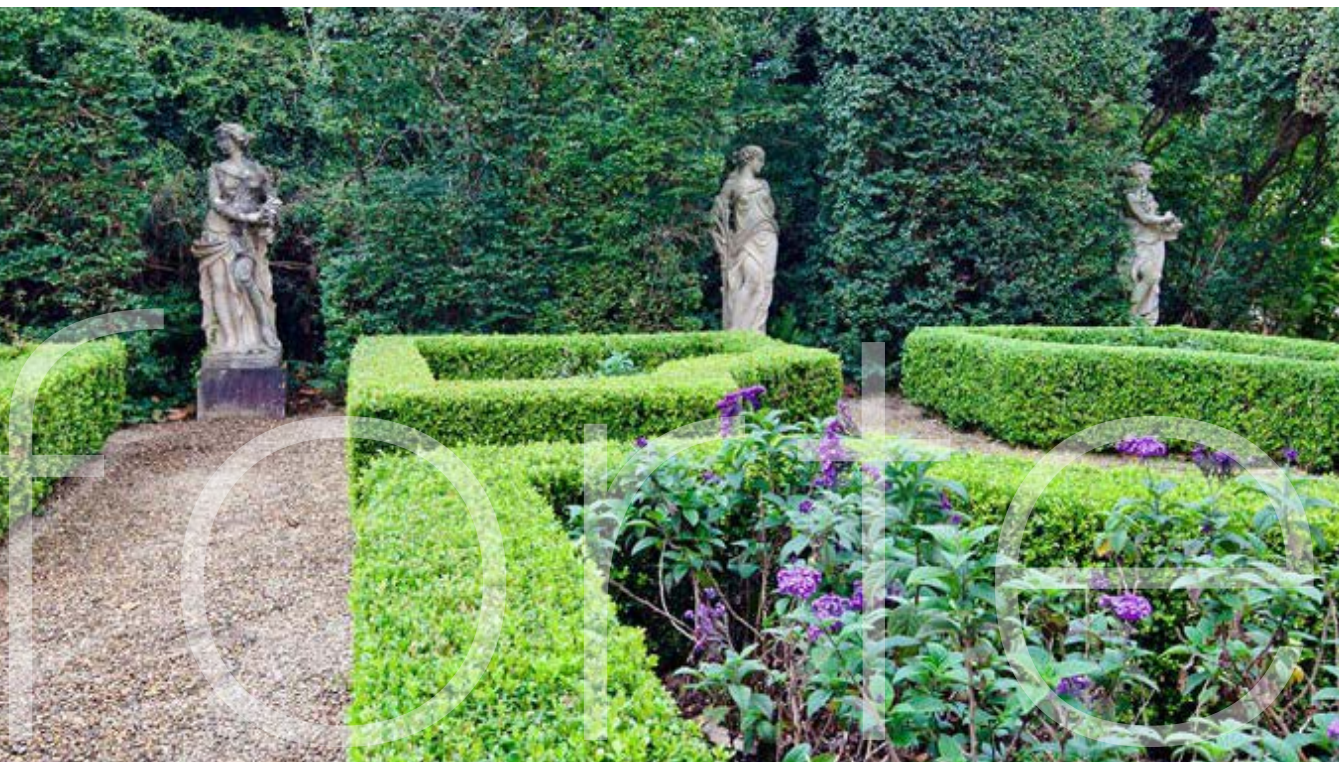
The expansive foyer and grand staircase combine to form a unique area that lends itself to a variety of functions. With views stretching from Sydney Harbour to Port Botany, the Exhibition Hall and Executive Level space can accommodate smaller intimate style events as well as larger cocktail events when merged with other areas.



Trackdown Studios

From humble beginnings in the 1980s, Trackdown Studios has become a national icon in the entertainment industry and one of Forte's most loved venues. The hip vibe and incredible memories of entertainment legends over the last few decades have led to this space becoming a highly sought after and exciting venue space.

The Main Hall is a vast and diverse space that can be adapted to suit any event or occasion. Though this venue leans heavily towards certain theming styles, there is no limit to the possibilities Forte can create within this space. This venue also boasts the technical functionalities of a music studio which can enhance your event with live performances or incredible entertainer opportunities.



S. H. Ervin Gallery

Situated on the beautiful surrounds of Observatory Hill, the S.H. Ervin Gallery is one of Sydney's most stunning art galleries and exhibition venues. Originally designed in 1856 as an additional classroom for the neighbouring school, this architecturally spacious event space boasts high ceilings and an abundance of natural light making it the perfect backdrop for a number of special occasions.

Impress your guests with the versatility of this space as this iconic gallery opens onto an incredible outlook of sculpted gardens and luscious green lawns. This venue can accommodate up to 300 guests and is available from 10am to 10pm on a Monday and from 5pm to 10pm Tuesday through Sunday. Looking for a unique and secluded location for your next event, this inspirational building is a fantastic choice.



Bangarra Dance Theatre

Home to the extraordinarily talented and diverse Bangarra Dance Company, this function space is a testament to Sydney's culture and heritage. Located right on the water in the Walsh Bay Arts precinct this site holds a special significance for Sydney's indigenous population as the point of first contact between Europeans and the Gadigal/Eora peoples. With three captivating and innovative event spaces to choose from and incredible views of Sydney Harbour this venue is ideal for your next event.

The Bangarra room on the top level has unparalleled views of the harbour and Luna park, which lit up at night is a stunning setting for any event. For larger events the Theatre and Studio space are two extremely versatile spaces, with retractable seating and differing flooring options, there is no limit to the possibilities Forte can create within this venue.



The Pavilion, Darling Park

The Darling park precinct covers over 3.5 hectares of Sydney's bustling CBD area and contains a hidden gem in its Northern Corner. Surrounded by lush and exotic gardens, The Pavilion is an aesthetically stunning building of curved glass and natural lighting. A venue that is sure to impress your guests with its views both inside and out, this is a fantastic space for a number of different events.



Vaucluse Yacht Club

Vaucluse Yacht Club is an undiscovered gem nestled on the eastern shore of Watsons Bay. Functioning day to day as an elite sailing venue, the function space is the ideal location for receptions, birthday parties, corporate functions and more!

This venue includes a number of different spaces from the main room to the outdoor patio and covered verandah providing a multitude of opportunities for you and your guests. With an elegant hallway and foyer for pre-function canapés & champagne this is a beautiful spot for any occasion.



Choose your own venue

Forte have the pleasure of working in some of Sydney's most beautiful and unique private homes and event spaces. If you would prefer to host your event in another venue or private residence we would still love to assist you with your event. Assisting and execution of planning and styling as well as catering. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with one of our friendly team members to discuss how Forte can cater at and work with any venue of your choosing.

We are dedicated to providing exquisite food and highly trained staff to host the perfect event, for menus with a difference, then consider some pure food artistry from Forte



ISLAND VENUES

Cockatoo Island

Cockatoo Island is home to a mix of raw, industrial and historic convict era buildings and spaces. Whether it be for an event of 50 or 2000 guests Forte Catering & Events can find the perfect place for you on the island. Ranging from grand spaces with industrial ceilings and sandstone pylons to intimate and lush courtyards there is no limit to the possibilities Forte can create.

Rodd Island

Not far from the busy scenes of the city, Rodd Island is just a ferry ride away and a perfect paradise for your next event. Set in neighbouring suburbs such as Drummoyne and Leichardt, Rodd Island has one of the best unobstructed views of the Harbour and the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Clark Island

Celebrated as one of the best wedding venues in Sydney, Clark Island is located off the tip of the prestigious Darling Point and spans close to one hectare in size. Originally named after Lieutenant Ralph Clark who cultivated the island as a vegetable garden in 1789 after arriving with the First Fleet this venue has become a recreational haven for Sydneysiders.

Goat Island

An island that was once used in the 1800s for convict housing, this beautiful landscape has been transformed into an incredible event space. Known by the local Cadigal people as Me-mel and previously used as the first water police and harbour fire station, this venue holds a special place in Australian history and is a gorgeous backdrop to any event.

Shark Island

Shark Island, at 1.25 hectares, is located at the mouth of Rose Bay on Port Jackson and up until 1975 was used as an animal quarantine area. Now, free of animals and naval storage equipment this lush island is a site of green & grassy areas, picnic shelters and spacious gazebos all with amazing 360° views.

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Hunters Hill Sailing Club

Minutes from the city, but miles from care, the Hunters Hill Sailing Club is a venue with a difference, in the heart of the harbour and natural bushland. It is the perfect location for wedding receptions and has seating for up to 180 people.

Set on Sydney Harbour, overlooking Cockatoo Island and the city skyline, this is a venue which feels far from the daily grind, especially for a sunset cocktail or two.

Coogee Surf Club

Coogee Surf Club is one of the hidden jewels for wedding venues in the Eastern Suburbs.

Located right on the water with stunning views over Coogee Beach, Wedding Cake Island and beyond... it really doesn't get much better than this!

The venue is very versatile and can work with many different styles and layouts. It can be perfect for a cocktail style wedding reception, sit down dinners as well as the ever popular BBQ style receptions.

Manly Yacht Club

Manly Yacht Club is the perfect waterfront venue for your wedding, party or conference. Situated on the eastern shore of Manly Cove, Manly Yacht Club offers an uninterrupted waterfront vista of Sydney Harbour from a huge sheltered balcony.

Ideal for any party or function, the hall can seat 85 guests, or 60 on the covered balcony. They have tables and chairs for 100 people available at no additional charge. This venue is perfect for up to 150 people for a cocktail style function.

Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club

Over 100 years old, the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club is situated on beautiful Freshwater beach. The club has a rich history and is considered to be one of the pioneering venues for the development of surfing in Australia.

With views stretching across the ocean, the Freshwater Club is perfect for events where a casual, relaxed atmosphere is desired. Each function room has a unique style, allowing you to pick the perfect space for your wedding, reception, or function.

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