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## The Powerhouse Museum

The Powerhouse Museum is an award-winning museum offering spectacular architectural spaces for hire, including theatres, meeting rooms and exhibition areas suitable for cocktails, dinners and product launches.

The Powerhouse Museum is a vibrant and dynamic meeting place that will spark your creativity with a unique and inspiring combination of venues for special events.

During the day, theatre spaces and the boardroom offer privacy for your conference, seminar or business meeting. After hours, our exhibition galleries and public spaces can be transformed to create dramatic backdrops for stunning corporate events.

It now also boasts new state-of-the-art interactive technology studio Thinkspace, providing an innovative environment for small group presentations, brainstorm sessions or business pitches.



## Sydney Observatory Marquee

High on Observatory Hill, Sydney Observatory is housed in a beautiful heritage-listed sandstone building.

A 10 by 20 meter Robian marquee is situated in the rear gardens, providing the perfect setting for your special event.

The marquee can accommodate up to 250 guests for cocktails and 160 for a banquet, from wedding receptions, luncheons and dinners to product launches.

Clear sides on the marquee allow guests to enjoy stunning views of the surrounding Harbour and city skyline.

For a truly unique experience your guests can explore the stars above with an added private telescope viewing. Or participate in Sydney Observatory's name a star program which enables you to associate your organisation with a star in the Sydney Southern Star Catalogue.





## NIDA Parade Theatres

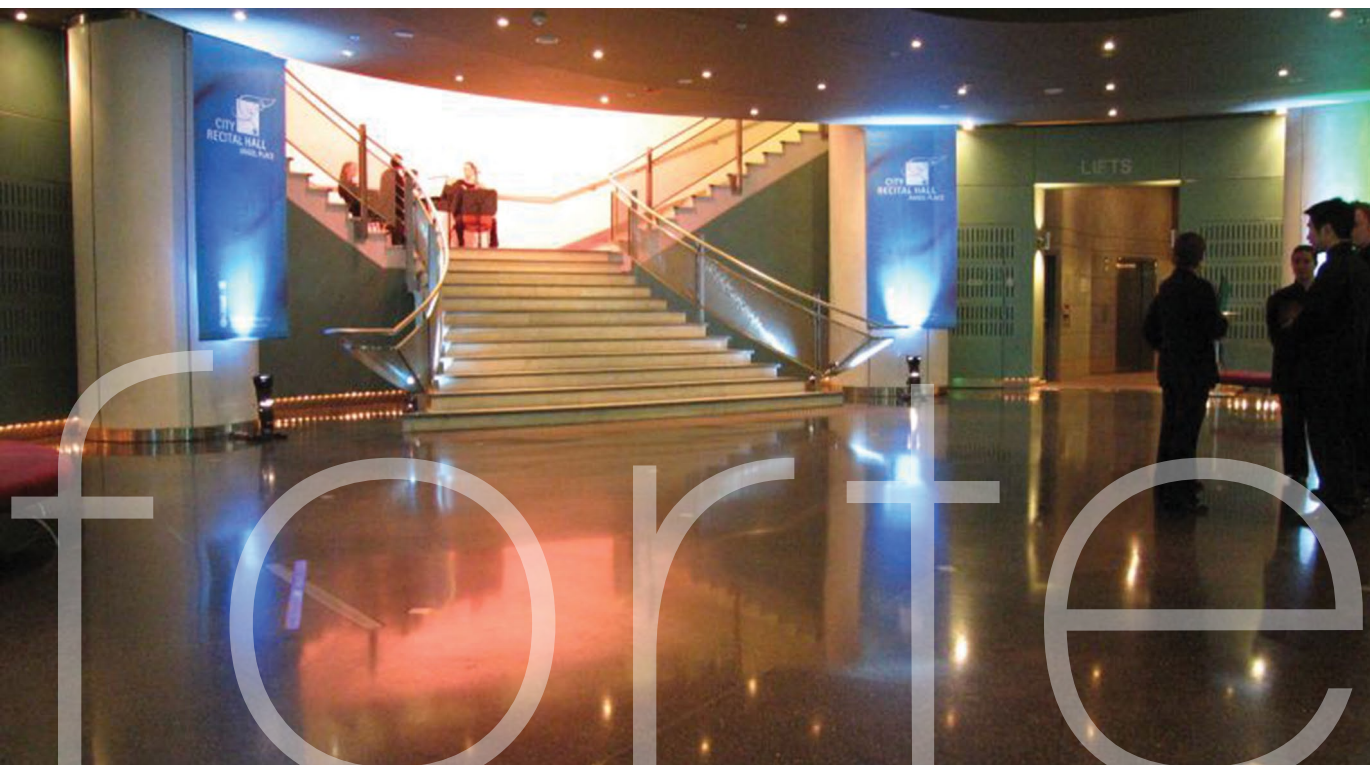
The NIDA Building won the 2002 Sulman Prize for Public Architecture.

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

The Foyer features a long, elegant bar and is suitable for a variety of gala events.

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.



## 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.





## Royal Botanic Gardens Lions 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. The Lodge can seat up to 80 people using both inside and outside space.



## Royal Botanic Gardens Rose Garden

A gorgeous marquee location surrounded by an abundance of roses with sweeping vistas of manicured lawns and gardens. Roses with striking, bold colours are planted in an exciting and diverse range of bed shapes and sizes.

The air is filled with a sense of romance, which only a combination of red, pink and white roses can provide. Blooming from October through to May.





## 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, cocktails, 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 island 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, talks, photo shoots and intimate dinners/lunches.







## 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.



## Great Hall – University of Sydney

The Great Hall, akin to a dramatic old English castle with its high ceilings, stunning glass windows and sand stone walls this is the perfect venue for an enthralling and decadent event.

The luxurious event space is budget friendly and also offers the use of the majestic quad lawns which can be used to greet guests with the pre-dinner drinks and canapés





## Vaucluse Yacht Club

Vaucluse Yacht Club Functions & Events - Celebrate that special event on the most beautiful harbour in the world!

Vaucluse Yacht Club's premises are available for functions such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, corporate functions and similar events.

The club is situated on the Eastern Shore of Watsons Bay and faces west. It offers wonderful views across Sydney Harbour to the skyline of the city.

To be on the club veranda in the late afternoon, with the water of the bay lapping beneath your feet, and watching the sun set behind the city and the skyline light up as night falls, is to be in the perfect location to celebrate that special event.

The clubroom is a single large room of approximately 144 square meters with a veranda of approximately 36 square meters, plus an outside deck area of approximately 45 square metres.



## 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.





## 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.



## 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.





## Bilich Gallery, The Rocks

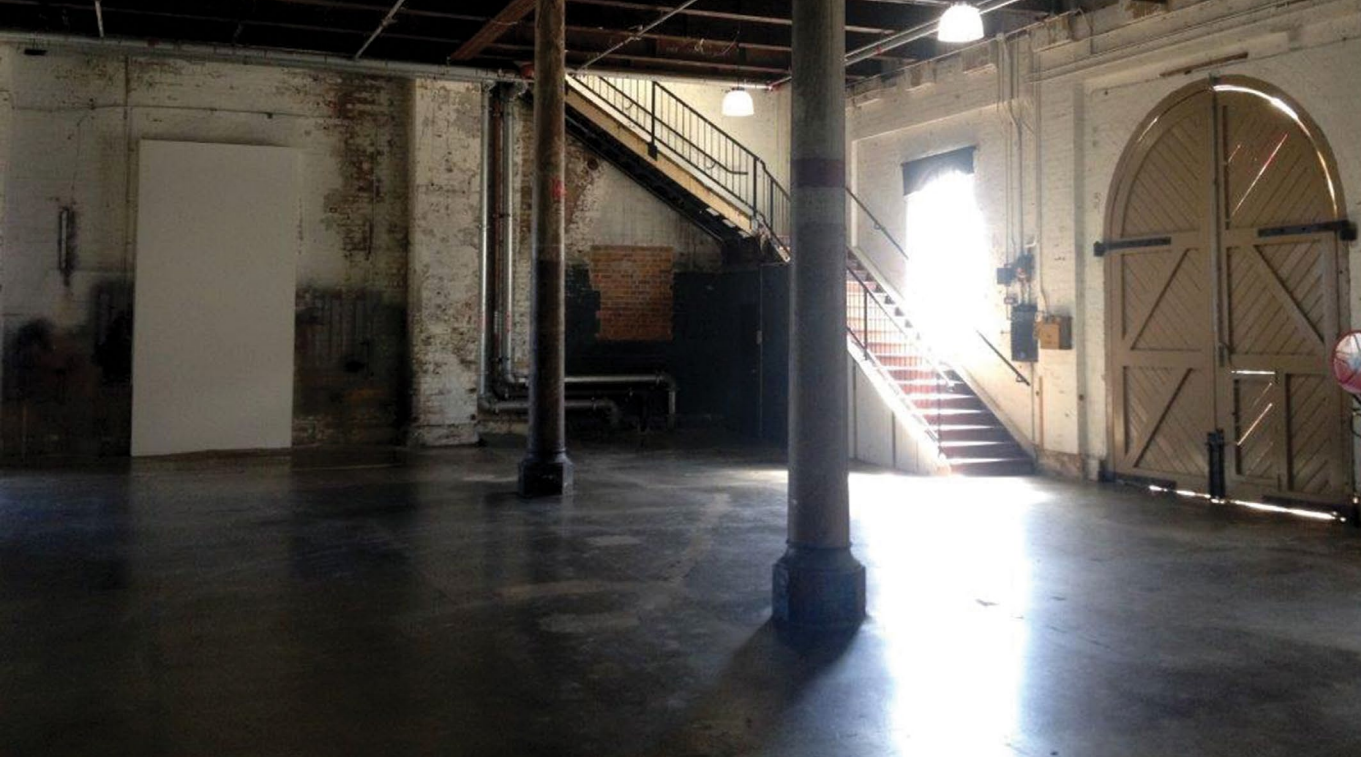
The Bilich Gallery is one of Australia's leading contemporary art galleries and one of Sydney's premier venues. The Gallery operates a thriving venue hire operation with spectacular venue options from the Gallery exhibition floor space to the VIP room and balcony dining room facilities. The Gallery setting 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.





## 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 5,000m<sup>2</sup> 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, product launches.



## 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.





## 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*





## CLUBS WITH A VIEW

### 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 our 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. Our venue is ideal for up to 150 people for a cocktail style function.

### Freshwater Yacht Club

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