



# The Apple Farm FUNCTIONS



The perfect venue for all reasons to celebrate

The Apple Farm is the picture-perfect place to celebrate with friends and family. With its relaxed atmosphere and comfortable feel – you can watch the kids play in our playground and kick a ball around while you enjoy company around the fire pit.

The Apple Farm is a uniquely gorgeous setting, providing a low-key, rustic, casual vibe – but also capable of creating a more elegant affair. The Apple Farm is a very popular indoor/outdoor choice for weddings and functions, celebrating birthdays for all ages, engagement parties and social club events.

## CATERING

The style of your event determines how we set up for your particular function. There are countless ways of setting up our eclectic furniture for your event to suit the needs of your guests. Our indoor/outdoor vibe ensures that no matter what, there will be adequate seating for your guests even if you choose a stand-up canape style menu.

Our tearooms can adequately seat 90 guests. Many more than this leaves very little room to roam around and mingle. So, for the comfort of your guests, I wouldn't recommend seating many more than this.

There are 2 main ways that we like to feed your guests. Our Shared Table is our sit-down menu, and we also have canape options that are bound to fill the bellies of your happy guests.

We have been developing our menu for many years now and we proudly provide as much paddock to plate as possible. This means that our menu is ever so slightly changing due to seasonal produce and we support local products as often as we can.

Our food is hearty, uncomplicated, real homestyle food that caters to all tastes and dietary requirements. We are happy to design menus to suit your style and we are always up for recommendations that you believe your guests will love.

Please see our Catering Info Sheet for details outlining Banquets, Pizza Parties, Canape Menus and more.



## OVER THE BAR

The Apple Farm is a fully licensed venue for up to 200 guests. Ultimately, you make up your own rules for tabs. You decide what's included and what isn't. We have a great selection of beers and our wines are all local from Coonawarra & Padthaway.

We have a wine and beer list that you can choose from – or we can help you select your drinks menu. If you have a particular drink of choice, we can source that for you. We also have an extensive menu that includes cocktails & mocktails. We allow you to provide your own bottled water for your guests - in fact we encourage it.

Because of licensing restrictions BYO is not available at The Apple Farm. If guests are found bringing in their own alcohol our license is breached and your bond may be forfeited.

There are 4 ways you can provide alcohol to your guests.

1. **FULL TAB** – You pay for everything, but you can make up your own rules as to what you are willing to provide {eg spirits and certain wines}. Wine is purchased by the bottle instead of by the glass.
2. **NO TAB** - Everyone pays for their own drinks. You may even choose no tab for alcohol, but provide full tab for soft stuff, tea & coffee.
3. **SUBSIDISED** – We split the cost of drinks. For example, a beer or wine that costs \$8 – we split, so that you pay \$3 – and your guest pays the remaining \$5. Spirits that cost \$9 can get split - \$6 for your guest and \$3 for you. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are generally provided free for your guests but we can discuss this and split this cost as well. From past experience we find that people don't mind spending \$5 on a drink and it's a great way to provide for your guests without it breaking your bank.
4. **MIX IT UP** – for example, with a \$2000 budget you provide \$1500 full bar tab - \$500 subsidised – then when that runs up, it's No Tab with full price drinks.





## Making a Booking

**\$300 Booking Fee** (Payable after inspection. Return booking form ASAP)

This booking fee secures your date. Once you have made contact with The Apple Farm and chosen your available date a \$300 non-refundable bond is required to secure your booking. This fee, however is credited to you after your event providing that there is no excessive mess or breakages, or can be used to pay your final bill.

### Why might you lose your booking fee?

There are a few simple reasons where we may choose to not refund your bond after your event. It all comes down to common sense and respect.

Revolting toilets. Vomit. Disrespecting staff or property. Cigarette butts. Excessive glass breakages. Bringing in your own alcohol. Helping yourself to firewood. Underage guests drinking. This is a few reasons, but you get the picture.

To be honest, it doesn't happen often, but it is up to the manager to decide when the line has been crossed. We are here for a good time, mess and breakages do occur, but we also expect that guests respect our space and behave in accordance with our values.

### Function Hire Fees

\$450 Function Room Hire Fee {Saturday Night + Sunday Sessions}.

\$350 Function Room Hire Fee {Friday night and Saturday Day Sessions}.

Weekday Hire Fee \$50ph, minimum 3-hour hire {\$150}. Capped at \$250 for 6 hours.

**NOTE-** Saturday Day Hire Fees are for 5-hour sessions {for example 11am-4pm}.

Additional hours for hire fee are \$50ph.

Hire Fees are payable one month prior to function. Included in these costs are planning assistance and meetings leading up to the event. All Apple Farm crockery and glasses, bathroom supplies, power, furniture, firewood and set up and clean up and staffing requirements are also included.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- An indoor fireplace and a fire pit are provided {weather permitting}. Wood is provided by The Apple Farm. If guests are found using wood that is not provided by venue, your bond will be forfeited.
- There is music available to suit any occasion but generally it's BYO. We have a sound system with an AUX lead available which suits some phones and iPods, although new phones need an adaptor}. It is possible to hire a band, a DJ or even some live music. Please ask if you would like any recommendations.
- All live music to be finished by 11.30pm as a courtesy to our neighbours.
- Last drinks are called at 11.45pm with a midnight curfew. It may be a good idea to contact local bus companies for a midnight drop off in town. We recommend contacting Frank's Mini Bus or Leeroy's, Hunters or Hopgoods.
- The room is available the morning of your function to set up decorations. All other decorations and enhancements are at your own cost {eg fairy lights and flowers}.
- The Apple Farm highly recommends you contact It's a Celebration if you would like extra decorations like fairy lights, balloons, greenery, or arbor decoration. They can help achieve really beautiful night lights such as fairy lights, materials and candelabras to create a lovely ambience. Shane knows the property well and can advise accordingly.
- 18ths and 21sts with over 70 guests may be expected to provide security on the night at your additional cost. We are happy to work with you to provide this service and is for the safety of our licensing requirements. If this does not occur your bond may not be refunded.
- The Apple Farm charges a flat rate of \$40 for 'cakeage'. If you would like your cake served on 'real' plates, with berries, coulis and cream there is a surcharge of \$3pp. This is a nice option for sit down banquets.
- All extra costs {i.e. catering, bar tab deposit} are due 2 weeks prior to function once you have confirmed your rsvp guest list and dietaries.
- No bookings are available in December unless by special circumstances.
- Public holiday weekends incur a 20% surcharge in hire fees {Friday-Monday}, and extra surcharges are applicable on actual public holidays.
- Setting up a marquee attracts an extra \$250 set up and pack down time management fee. Please note that this is NOT the price for a marquee. This fee is 'our' fee ON TOP of your hire fee from a private marquee company like SE Marquee or Limestone Coast Party Hire.
- We allow you to use paper biodegradable confetti on our farm, although we prefer rose petals.
- We encourage you to provide your guests with bottles of water free of charge. Bring them in the day before and we'll pop them in the coolroom so they are cold.
- Any other special requests will be open for negotiation for your occasion.

### Cancellation Fees

In the event of a function cancellation the \$300 booking fee is forfeited. If cancelled within a month of the event, the entire fee paid {including the hire fee} is forfeited.

**COVID COVER** – If you do have to cancel due to covid {lockdowns and border closure reasons only}, we promise to look after you the best and most sincere way as possible. We have had to cancel and postpone many weddings and events in the past due to Covid- and it's not easy. If you decide to cancel instead of postponing your event, entire booking fee is forfeited and 50% of the hire fees already paid will be refunded. All bar and catering money will be refunded.

The Apple Farm will refund all money owed in 90 days.