



BRIARS

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Simply Beautiful Weddings

Situated in the picturesque Southern Highlands and only 90 minutes from either Sydney or Canberra, the Briars Country Lodge is set on 15 acres of rural countryside and is a superb venue for a romantic country wedding.

Distinguished by tranquil gardens and a relaxed rural atmosphere, the Briars lakeside Gazebo and Garden Conservatory offer the perfect setting for a beautiful ceremony and elegant reception.

With over 20 years experience providing exceptional wedding services, the Briars has established an enviable reputation for quality of service with an emphasis on a friendly and relaxed approach. We like our guests and Bride & Groom to feel at home, whilst our professional staff provide a prompt and friendly service.

Overlooking the surrounding countryside and garden lake, our Garden Conservatory is an ideal venue to host your wedding reception. Beautiful by day or night, the conservatory can accommodate up to 150 guests seated banquet or 200 guests cocktail party. The adjoining Lounge Room with soft leather lounges and open fireplace, opens onto the garden terrace and offers guests a comfortable alternative to unwind and enjoy a more informal setting. In the cooler months, the large open fire of the Lounge Room adds a lovely back drop to any occasion.

Influenced by modern Australian cuisine and drawing on the expertise of a team of leading chefs, the Briars can create and adapt a menu to suit any occasion. From a formal banquet to a cocktail party and finger foods, we use only the freshest produce. With an extensive range of fine wines and boutique ales to choose from, including many local varieties, our events manager can marry a selection of complementary wines with the food menu.

Complementary with any Wedding Package, our spacious and luxurious Executive Suite is delightfully romantic and an ideal retreat for the Bride and Groom. Not forgetting those dearest to you, 30 fully appointed suites offer 4 star accommodation with lake views, each with King Bed or Twin set up with additional double sofa bed, separate dressing room and a bathroom with a bath.

Please take some time to go through our Wedding Package Kit – our packages are designed to suit your needs and include those little things that help make your day one to remember.

To organise an appointment or to discuss arrangements please call or email Rhonda Matheson on 02 4868 3566 or email rhonda@briars.com.au.



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Bong Bong Package

(Minimum 80 Guests for Lunch or Dinner)

Alternate Entrée, Main with Wedding Cake to Coffee Station \$120.00 per person. Including:

- 4 hours of beverage service from the Bong Bong package – see beverage page
- Complimentary Garden hire including the Gazebo for on-site ceremony
- White linen clothed table & two chairs for signing
- Use of grounds, lake & Gazebo for photographs
- Wet weather use of Conservatory Lounge for ceremony
- White linen clothed tables and white linen napkins
- White linen clothed cake table and gift table
- Tea & Coffee Station
- Cordless microphone and stand
- Glass hurricane lamps with candles to decorate your tables
- Reception room hire for 5 hours – up until midnight
- Room & table decoration service
- Easel for seating plan
- Welcome signage
- Comfortable Lounge area
- Open fire in cooler months
- Timber dance floor
- Complimentary luxury suite on your wedding night with a full buffet breakfast
- Gift certificate for the Briars Historic Inn to celebrate your first Wedding Anniversary; includes dinner and a bottle of Briars champagne

Exeter Package

(Minimum 60 Guests for Lunch or Dinner)

Canapés, Alternate Entrée & Main @ \$135.00 per person/ with wedding cake as dessert @ \$142.00 per person, or Canapés, Alternate Entrée, Main & Dessert @ \$150.00 per person. Including:

- 4.5 hours of beverage service from the Exeter package – see beverage page:
 - 30 minutes of pre-dinner drinks served in the Lodge Lounge or gardens including Leconfield Syn Cuvée, selected beer & orange juice
 - Additional 4 hours of beverage service from the Exeter package – see beverage page
- 30 minutes of hors d'oeuvres service served with pre-dinner drinks
- Complimentary garden hire including the Gazebo for on-site ceremony,
- White linen clothed table & two chairs for signing,
- Use of grounds, lake & Gazebo for photographs,
- Wet weather use of Conservatory Lounge for ceremony,
- White linen clothed tables and white linen napkins,
- White linen clothed cake table and gift table,
- Tea & Coffee service to the table or station,
- Two beautifully designed tall floral arrangements to decorate the room,
- Cordless microphone and stand,
- Glass Hurricane Lamps or Candelabra's with candles to decorate your tables,
- Room & table decoration service,
- Easel for seating plan,
- Reception room hire for 5 hours up until midnight or otherwise arranged,
- Comfortable Lounge area,
- Open fire in cooler months,
- Welcome signage,
- Timber dance floor,
- Complimentary luxury suite on your wedding night with a full buffet breakfast, and
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Argyle Package

(Minimum 40 Guests for Lunch or Dinner)

**Canapés, Entrée & Main @ \$155.00 per person/ with wedding cake as dessert \$162.00 per person, or
Canapés, Entrée, Main & Dessert @ \$170.00 per person. Including:**

- 5 hours of beverage service from the Argyle package – see beverage page:
 - 60 minutes of pre-dinner drinks served in the Lodge Lounge or Gardens including Rochford Macedon Ranges Pinot Chardonnay, selected beers & orange juice
 - Additional 4 hours of beverages selected from the Argyle Package – see beverage page
- 60 minutes of hors d'oeuvres served with pre-dinner drinks.
- Complimentary garden hire including the Gazebo for onsite ceremony
- White linen clothed table & two chairs for signing
- Use of grounds, lake & Gazebo for photographs
- Wet weather use of Conservatory Lounge for ceremony
- White linen clothed tables and white linen napkins
- White linen clothed cake table and gift table
- Tea & Coffee service to the table or station
- White tie back chair covers
- Two beautifully designed tall floral arrangements
- Cordless microphone and stand
- Candelabras or glass hurricane lamps with candles to decorate your table
- Room & table decoration service
- Easel for seating plan
- Reception room hire for 6 hours – up until midnight, or otherwise arranged
- Comfortable Lounge area
- Open fire in cooler months
- Welcome signage
- Timber dance floor
- Complimentary luxury suite on your Wedding Night with a full buffet breakfast
- Gift certificate for the Briars Historic Inn to celebrate your first Wedding Anniversary; includes Dinner and a bottle of Briars champagne.

Cocktail Package

(Minimum 70 Guests for Lunch or Dinner)

Selection of Four hot and Four cold Canapés \$95.00 per person. Including:

- 4 hours of beverage service from the Bong Bong package – see beverage page
- Complimentary garden hire including the Gazebo for your on-site ceremony
- White linen clothed table & two chairs for signing
- Use of grounds, lake & Gazebo for photographs
- Tea & Coffee table
- White linen clothed tables with water jugs, glasses & napkins
- White linen clothed cake table
- White linen clothed gift table
- Assorted Seating throughout
- Water Jugs with glasses on tables
- Two beautifully designed tall floral arrangements
- Cordless microphone and stand
- Candelabras with candles to decorate the tables
- Reception room hire for 5 hours – up until midnight
- Timber dance floor
- Comfortable Lounge area
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Beverage Packages (as included)

Bong Bong Package – 4 Hours (extend at \$6 per hour per person)

WINE

Briars Classic White
Briars Classic Red

CHAMPAGNE

BTW – Zilzie Sparkling Cuvée, Victoria

BEER

Carlton Draught
Hahn Premium Light

OTHER

Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade, Squash, Mineral Water, Soda Water, Tonic & Ginger Ale, Orange Juice

Exeter Package – 4.5 Hours (extend at \$8 per hour per person)

WINE

(Select One Red & One White)

Kingston Estate Chardonnay, South Australia
BTW – Zilzie Sauvignon Blanc, Victoria
Kingston Estate Sauvignon Blanc, South Australia
BTW – Zilzie Shiraz, Victoria
Kingston Estate Shiraz, South Australia
Kingston Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia

CHAMPAGNE

Leconfield Syn Cuvée, South Australia

BEER

(Select One)

Coopers Pale Ale
Carlton Draught
Heineken
Hahn Premium Light (inclusive)

OTHER

Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade, Squash, Mineral Water, Soda Water, Tonic & Ginger Ale, Orange Juice

Argyle Package – 5 Hours (extend at \$13 per hour per person)

WINE

(Select Two Red & Two White)

St Maur Lot 41 Chardonnay, Southern Highlands
Angullong Sauvignon Blanc, Orange, NSW
'The Pawn' Pinot Grigio, South Australia
D'arenberg 'The Dry Dam' Riesling, South Australia
St Maur 'Lot 41' Pinot Noir, Southern Highlands
D'arenberg 'High Trellis' Cabernet Sauvignon, SA
Angullong Shiraz, Orange, New South Wales
Optimiste Vintage 'Marquis' Cab Merlot, Mudgee
St Maur Rose, Southern Highlands

CHAMPAGNE

Rochford Macedon Ranges Pinot Chardonnay

BEER

(Select Two)

Coopers Pale Ale
Carlton Draught
Heineken
Boags Draught
Blue Tongue Pilsner
Hahn Premium Light (inclusive)

OTHER

Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade, Squash, Mineral Water, Soda Water, Tonic & Ginger Ale, Orange Juice

*Spirits are available at the bar for purchase throughout reception.



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Wedding Menu

(Choice of two served alternately)

ENTRÉE

- Sydney Rock Oysters served natural with a lime & tomato salsa
- Quail breast wrapped in prosciutto with quince paste and served on a warm bed of roquette with roasted pumpkin
- Seared Scallops with a trio of roasted capsicum, crème fraiche and lime
- King Prawns with Marie Rose sauce and crushed avocado salsa
- Peking Duck wrapped in mandarin pancakes with coriander & hoi sin sauce
- Ritolo of ricotta and baby spinach with roasted tomato sauce
- Briars duck liver pate with dressed mesclun, orange and red currant jelly
- Soft shell Crab with chili salt crust and herb salad

MAIN

- Breast of free range Chicken wrapped in prosciutto served with whipped potato and a white wine cream
- Roast Lamb rump with crushed new potatoes, ratatouille and rosemary jus
- Seared Atlantic Salmon fillet with kifler potatoes, hollandaise and asparagus
- Grilled Eye Fillet of Beef with mushrooms, red wine jus and potato puree
- Orange and apricot glazed boneless duck breast served on smashed potatoes
- Pork Belly with master stock served with rice and Asian greens in a sweet soy and sesame sauce
- Lemon and thyme roasted chicken breast with kumera mash and natural citrus jus
- Fillet Mignon served on a potato rosti with cabernet sauvignon demi glaze
(Served with seasonal greens)

DESSERT

- Passion Fruit Brule served with biscotti and seasonal berries
- Poached pear in red wine and cinnamon with chocolate sauce and ice cream
- Apple and Rhubarb crumble with vanilla bean anglaise
- Rich chocolate tart with raspberry coulis
- Vanilla Panna Cotta with minted strawberries
- Classic baked vanilla cheesecake with seasonal berries
- Briars cheese plate – trio of cheeses served with dried and fresh fruits, water crackers and quince paste
(Dinner Roll)

VEGETARIAN (Entrée and Main)

- Wild mushroom and chive risotto
- Spicy vegetable and coconut curry with fragrant rice and mango chutney
- Crispy tofu, roquette and sweet potato crisp salad
- Pumpkin and pine nut, blue cheese risotto with sage
- Penne pasta tossed with roasted Italian vegetables in pesto cream sauce
- Roasted zucchini, bell pepper, artichoke and brie tartlet
- Julienne of seasonal vegetables with chestnuts, wrapped in filo



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Pre-dinner Hors d'oeuvres

(Half hour select three, One hour select five)

Exeter & Argyle Packages

HOT

- Tempura prawn with spicy dipping sauce
- Balsamic grilled spiced butter stuffed mushrooms
- Salt & Pepper squid with lime aioli
- Asparagus wrapped in prosciutto with béarnaise sauce
- Skewered meat balls with coriander, chilli, ginger, sweet soy and sesame dip

COLD

- Smoked trout pate with cornichons on rye bread
- Prosciutto, pesto and parmesan on crostini
- Mini chive pikelet with smoked salmon, sour cream and dill
- Thai rare roast beef salad on garlic toast
- Mini Italian garlic bread and ripe brie and red currant jelly
- Vegetarian spring rol

Cocktail Menu

(Selection of four hot & four cold, approx 2 per person)

HOT CANAPÉS

- Soup shots – Creamy mushroom or Potato and Leek
- Tempura prawn with mirin dipping sauce
- Mini chicken satay skewers with sweet chilli dip
- Scallops in bacon with dill butter
- Balsamic grilled spiced butter stuffed mushrooms
- Mini pizettas of boccicini, roasted tomato and basil
- Chicken and ginger balls with chilli sauce and kecap manis
- Salt and Pepper squid with lime aioli dip
- Pumpkin, green pea and thyme risotto croquettes
- Chicken and mushroom risotto croquettes
- Spoon of roast carrot puree with curried shredded beef

EXTRAS

- Additional \$4 per serve
- Fruit & Cheese Platters available \$80.00 each
- Antipasto Platter available \$80.00 each
- Roving Box's available @ \$7-\$9 per person

COLD CANAPÉS

- Oysters natural with avocado and lime salsa
- Rolled pancake of Chinese duck with hoi sin sauce
- Rare Roast Beef, rocket and Dijonaise on toasted bruschetta
- Mini chive pikelet with smoked salmon, crème fraiche and dill
- Chicken and corn tartlet with chilli, lime and coriander
- Sushi with mirin dipping sauce
- Tomato, basil and boccicini bruschetta
- Salmon pate with red currant dressing and coriander
- Smoked salmon on cucumber discs
- Asparagus wrapped in prosciutto with béarnaise sauce
- Thai rare beef salad on garlic toast
- Vegetarian spring roll with black bean dipping sauce



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Extra Services Available (POA)

- White Tie Back Chair Covers
 - Organza or Satin Sashes
 - Outdoor Seating
 - Fairy Lights decorating the room
 - Child minding/Baby sitting service
 - Children's Meals
 - Entertainment Hire
 - Beauty & Make-up Service
 - Morning After Breakfast Booking at the Historic Inn
- Additional services are available, please contact us for assistance and to arrange a quote.

Overtime Charge

To extend your function past the hours of your assigned package charges may apply if not booking all the accommodation rooms, extension of time must be arranged prior to the day: This charge includes staffing, service and room rental. All beverages consumed within the extended time will be charged on consumption or cash bar.

Accommodation

The bridal suite is complimentary to you the evening of your wedding, including a buffet breakfast. The Briars Country Lodge has 30 accommodation lodge style rooms available at a discounted rate for you to book in advance for your guests. Each room has king size bed or two king singles, ensuite with bath double pull out sofa bed, mini bar, Austar, lounge and dining area. Interconnecting rooms are available for family groups.

If requiring rooms they are held 8 weeks prior to your wedding date, before being released. Guests are asked to call Briars direct to secure their room with a deposit. Please enquire regarding accommodation rates.

Executive Suite



Standard Room



Ceremony on Grounds

Complimentary when you book your reception in our Lake View Conservatory. Includes a white linen clothed signing table with two decorative iron chairs for the bride and groom. Additional seating can be arranged charges apply. The Historic Inn offers the perfect location for guests to go between your on ground ceremony and reception. Please enquire to what arrangements can be made for you. Please note that the use of the grounds for your ceremony does not include any setup, decoration, seating or responsibility of returning hired sundry items.



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Briars Terms & Conditions

As it is important to all of us that your function is successful, we would appreciate your attention to the following policies:

Confirmation of Booking

Confirmation of bookings must be made with a deposit of \$1000.00. Following the receipt of your deposit confirming your wedding date you are agreeing to and confirming your understanding of the terms and conditions below.

Guaranteed Numbers

To ensure maximum efficiency in the preparation and execution of your function, we require a guaranteed number of guests 14 days prior to the event. 14 days prior the number will be regarded as the minimum number for catering and charging no refund if number fall below 14 days. All pricing is based on the confirmed package price and additional items will be charged at the appropriate price. Minimum numbers are based on adults attending.

Menu Selection

Please advise menu selection at least 14 days prior to the event, allowing us to give the necessary time and thought to your requirements. All dietary requirements must accompany the final menu selection. If not notified of dietary requirements we cannot guarantee their service.

Time Extensions

If you wish to extend the length of your event we would be only too happy to accommodate your request where possible. However charges do apply if not booking all accommodation rooms. This must be arranged prior to the evening.

Terms of Payments

A booking is accepted as confirmed when a \$1000.00 deposit has been forwarded to Briars Country Lodge, Resort & Historic Inn. Full payment is to be received 14 days prior to the event.

Damage

Clients will be financially responsible for any damage sustained to hotel property during their event.

Insurance

The hotel will take all necessary care but accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of items prior to or after the function. Management suggests that organizers arrange their own insurance to cover any valuable articles.

Cancellation

In the event of a cancellation a fee of \$500.00 is charged. However the deposit will be forfeited if canceling within six months prior to the day of the wedding. 6 months notice to be given if original wedding date is shifted to another date with full deposit transferred, if transferred and then cancelled the full deposited amount is forfeited. Cancellation needs to be in writing.

Price Variations

Whilst every endeavor is made to maintain prices as originally quoted, prices are subject to alterations, particularly when bookings are made well in advance. Change of date to another year can alter original pricing. Please note a 10% surcharge applies to all Sundays & Public Holidays.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Briars Country Lodge practices Responsible Service of Alcohol, as specified in the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998. The Briars reserves the right to cease the service of alcohol in the line of the above act.

If you have any questions concerning the terms & conditions please contact Rhonda on 4868 3566.