

Riverwood Weddings

welcome to an exclusive wedding venue...

tucked away in a romantic hidden valley on the gold coast...

a wedding venue as unique as you...

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welcome to Riverwood...

"Thank you so much for considering our families home Riverwood Estate for such a special day in your lives together. We would be so honoured to host your beautiful and unique wedding event at Riverwood and to assist you with all the fun of planning along the way. Our eldest daughter Carmen manages our private residence Riverwood as an exclusive wedding venue and she is devoted and passionate about each and every wedding to make them as special and unique as your own love story. We know that each of our couples weddings at Riverwood is a very special day as we receive so many beautiful guest referrals for future weddings that we know people can see the true beauty of Riverwood as our little piece of paradise. We would love to welcome you to our Riverwood family!"

- Geoff and Margaret Benson (Owners) Riverwood Estate



Set in the idyllic and picturesque Gold Coast Hinterland within the foothills of Tamborine Mountain, you will find this stunning private retreat, Riverwood Estate. Nestled along the banks of the Coomera River, with lush, green surrounds as your backdrop, this exclusive acreage property is perfect for couples wanting the romantic and laid back country wedding feel with a difference. Share your special day with your closest family and friends with a unique wedding tailored to your individual style, taste and budget.

Riverwood Estate has been labelled a "hidden gem" amongst known wedding venues around Australia, luring couples locally and from interstate to our Gold Coast Hinterland region for beautiful destination weddings. Our couples love the private river setting for the quiet, picturesque serenity the property offers to those that visit and that our beautiful scenery and greenery is the picture perfect backdrop for your memorable day. Riverwood is located just behind Movie World, underneath Tamborine Mountain, and only 30 minutes to Surfers Paradise so there are a multitude of accommodation options to chose from - most of our couples and guests make a weekend of it at a farm stay or resort in town!

Venue incorporates your whole Wedding Day experience:

Flexibility of exclusive use for up to 5 days pre and post event for stress free set-up / pack-down

Multiple sites for Ceremony + post-ceremony drinks and canapes with bonfire-pit

Flat elevated 30m x 13m lawn Reception site overlooking the river and hinterland views

Council Approved Venue with Insurances & Live Music approved venue with 11.30pm curfew

Artistic photo opportunities on-site and in local Valley surrounds + 'Benni' the Kombi onsite for photos

Parking for guests onsite, toilets and cool room provided for BYO alcohol - you chose the caterer

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ceremony site: riverbank aisle

Riverwood's stunning Coomera River backdrop is just perfect for a different and private outlook for your unique Ceremony. Set up a casual or formal seating arrangement on the Riverbank with an aisle commencing down the stone staircases and through the tropical gardens to lead you to a beautiful backdrop of the River and hinterland scenery for your Ceremony setting.

Multiple locations along the Riverbank to chose from.



Riverbank Ceremony includes:

Can seat up to 100 guests seated or standing
(can re-use chairs or bench seating from Reception)

Riverwood Weddings provides a Ceremony Arbour:
Choice of one of 3 Macramé Arbours from Akuli & Co
Macramé or 4 post Timber Arbour - florals/sash not included

6 x Timber bench pew seats

Riverwood can arrange hay bale seating if desired
(at additional purchase cost)

Riverwood Weddings provides a timber signing table and timber welcome refreshments station with 2 x glass water dispensers & glasses (no florals or candles included). Can add in your wishing well, confetti etc... Any other non-alcoholic refreshments can be provided by couple and served in-lieu of water (ie: Iced Tea) but if Alcohol served must have your Bar RSA staff present.

All other styling items to be arranged by bridal couple or stylist. Riverwood Weddings can assist with set-up and styling of Ceremony area based on hire items or if using Riverwood Arbours and timber bench seating.



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Ash & Stone



Wilde Visual



canape + bon fire pit area:

The flat riverbank area below 'the outlook' reception site can be utilised for an afternoon canape area with tipi bar, casual lounges, rugs and umbrellas for an informal cocktail hour or two during the afternoon daylight hours.

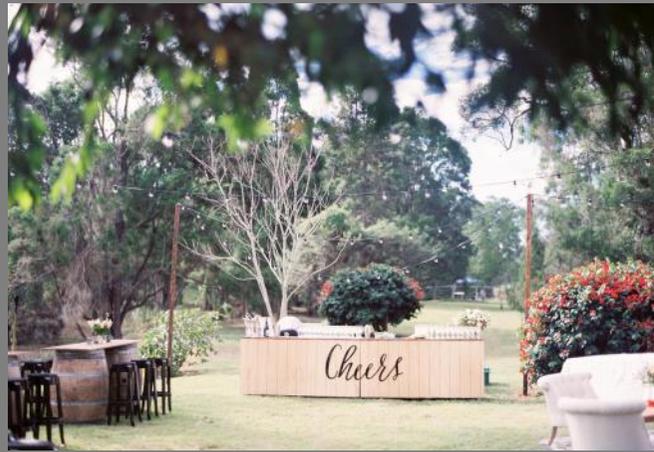
There is also plenty of room for your guests to socialise and unwind playing fun garden games such as Croquet, Boca or if you're really keen, a friendly game of Badminton or Volley Ball, all while taking in the views of the river and stunning hinterland sunset.

Then to top it off our Riverwood bon fire pit is lit up for you just before Sunset to relax and enjoy for the rest of the evening with blankets and marshmallows by the fire.

This area can also be used as a Ceremony space and then re-used for casual canapes with simple grazing station table.



Studio Impressions



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reception site : 'the outlook'

Have you always dreamed of a wedding that's a little bit different and one that your guests will remember and cherish for years to come? Then that's why our boutique and exclusive 'Blank Canvas' venue is just for you.

This purpose built, elevated 30m x 13m flat lawn reception site is the perfect place to erect your preferred option of tipi, tent or marquee with plenty of room to accommodate 2 x large tipi/tent/marque, dancefloor and bar area. Reception structure is optional and is hired at additional cost through supplying company - see our WedTribe Suppliers List.

- All items required for the Reception are to be arranged by the couple or stylist / coordinator and delivered to Riverwood - 2 days pre event date for set up + 2 days post event date for pack down allocated
- Power, water, cool room, toilets and set-up of bonfire pit with wood is all included in venue pricing

food & beverage:

Catering is BYO through a mobile caterer of your choice and will have to be arranged to be prepared on-site or bought in by your caterer. Flexibility for cocktail, buffet, banquet, BBQ or sit-down menu. Many alternative choices available of gourmet, organic, feast / banquet style to an uber-cool food truck "WedFest" type theme with multiple food truck vans / bars. All Alcohol is BYO, caterer or Bar Staff must have a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and must be onsite whilst any alcohol is served and consumed.

Riverwood Weddings provides in venue pricing :

- Extra large cool room with internal shelving for use over total of 3 days (pre and post event) for your BYO alcohol and caterers food
- An undercover catering area with full power and water on a flat concreted surface so no catering tent required (unless desired). All catering equipment to be provided by caterer and delivered to venue

music:

Riverwood has live music approval until midnight with noise restrictions on volume from 10pm. Guest curfew is 11.30pm.



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booking rates + basic terms of hire:

OPTION 1 Ceremony only (or Elopement)

with up to 5 hours access , day of event only - \$1,400

Includes: guest parking, 1 x portable bathroom, Timber 4 post Arbour, 6 x timber bench seat pews, signing table, dream catchers and/or silver lanterns, refreshments table with 2 x glass water dispensers and 20 water glasses. Bridal party photos with our restored vintage Red and White Kombi at Riverwood. All power and water required is supplied Riverwood is a Council Approved Wedding Venue with Public Liability Insurance.

Excludes: Cool room, food / alcohol, bonfire pit, styling items, florals/sash and chairs/seating. Straw Hay Bales can be arranged through venue at cost if desired. Ceremony furniture/décor packages are available as DIY option through Gold Coast Wedding Hire and prices starting from \$305. Riverwood Weddings can assist with Ceremony set-up at no cost if couple provides/hires in desired items.

OPTION 2 : Small / Intimate picnic wedding up to 30 (ish) guests (must be under 50 guests)

with up to 8 hours access, day of event only - \$2,000 or approx. \$8,000 all inclusive package with Photography, food, furniture, celebrant & music (download from website pricing options tab additional pdf booklet for all inclusive Daytime Picnic option & list of suppliers) - for mid week, Sunday and off-season dates

Includes: guest parking, 1 x portable bathroom, Timber 4 post Arbour, 6 x timber bench seat pews, signing table, dream catchers and/or silver lanterns, refreshments table with 2 x glass water dispensers and 30 water glasses, large Cool room with shelving for BYO food / alcohol. Bridal party photos with our restored vintage Red and White Kombi at Riverwood. All power and water required is supplied. Riverwood is a Council Approved Wedding Venue with Public Liability Insurance.

Excludes: Bonfire pit, all food & alcohol, styling items, florals/sash and chairs/seating. Straw Hay Bales can be arranged through venue at cost if desired. Ceremony furniture/décor packages are available as DIY option through Gold Coast Wedding Hire and prices starting from \$305. Picnic style reception furniture can be arranged by local supplier for under \$1,500. Riverwood Weddings can assist with Ceremony / Reception set-up at no cost if couple provides/hires in desired items. For a total of 2 hours set-up. NO STRUCTURE PERMITTED on Option.

** This option is great for budget conscious couples to have a "fancy backyard wedding" during the daylight hours and more than a small elopement. Ceremony would need to be before 1pm to enjoy the remainder of the afternoon. Property must be vacated by all guests and fully packed up by 6pm.*

OPTION 3 : Full Wedding - Ceremony, Canape and Reception up to 50 guests

with total of 5 days access from 2 days pre-event to 2 days post-event for full set-up and pack-down - \$4,900

** Total Wedding budget could be between \$10,000 & \$30,000 for up to 50 guests at Riverwood Weddings. Riverwood can assist with budgeting and sourcing suppliers based on requirements.*

OPTION 4 : Full Wedding - Ceremony, Canape and Reception up to 100 guests

with total of 5 days access from 2 days pre-event to 2 days post-event for full set-up and pack-down - \$5,500

** Total Wedding budget could be between \$15,000 & \$50,000+ for up to 100 guests at Riverwood Weddings. Riverwood can assist with budgeting and sourcing suppliers based on requirements.*

OPTION 3 & 4 :

Includes: guest parking, Twin Deluxe portable luxury bathroom, (upgrade to a Spa Suit Trailer available for an additional \$220) option of one of 4 Arbours - 3 x Macramé (from Akuli & Co Macrame) or 4 post Timber Arbour (floral and sash not included), 6 x timber bench seat pews, signing table, dream catchers and/or silver lanterns, refreshments table with 2 x glass water dispensers and 40 water glasses. Extra large cool room with internal shelving turned on for 3 days total, bonfire pit set-up and wood provided. Bridal party photos with our restored vintage Red and White 1965 Kombi at Riverwood. All power and water required. Is supplied Riverwood is a Council Approved Wedding Venue with Public Liability Insurance.

Excludes: Tipi/Marquee or Tent, Alcohol, Food, catering equipment, crockery, cutlery etc... flowers, styling items, and chairs/seating. Straw Hay Bales can be arranged through venue at cost if desired. Packages for furniture/décor are available as DIY option with prices starting from \$305 for Ceremony and \$1,700 for Reception up to 100 pax including Bridal Party. Riverwood Weddings can assist with Ceremony set-up only at no additional cost if couple provides/hires in desired items. Reception set-up charged as an extra fee for styling/on the day coordination by Riverwood venue coordinator Carmen, priced from \$600.



availability:

- Full Wedding option 3 & 4 on Friday or Saturday dates only -

Riverwood Weddings is a **Council Approved** Wedding Venue, with full Public Liability Insurance cover and we only wish to book exclusively up to 2 weddings per month during peak wedding months/seasons with a maximum of 15 weddings per year as per our Council Approval. Please be mindful of booking other private residence venues if they are **NOT Council Approved** as we are taking bookings last minute that have been cancelled causing unnecessary stress, especially Air B & B properties operating illegally. Please check your venues address to ensure they have been approved to operate as a wedding venue with a Material Change of Use (MCU) or Development Approval (DA):

<http://pdonline.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/masterview/modules/propertymaster/default.aspx?page=search>

2020 is nearly fully booked and we now have very limited bookings available. Please enquire for 2019 & 2020 availability with our venue coordinator Carmen. We have commenced taking 2021 enquiry and bookings, 2022 calendar not yet open.

We are closed to the public for bookings at Christmas and can host a New Years Wedding event if the date falls on a Friday or Saturday. The booking Calendar is subject to change so please check on your desired date with our venue coordinator.

Booking Form with full Terms and Conditions are available upon request, please call or email to discuss.

Wedding Packages can be arranged if you discuss with Carmen your overall budget, theme, style etc... and we have hosted wedding events for \$5,000 and \$60,000 - each and every wedding event at Riverwood is so unique and specific to the couple to match their requirements. If you would like more information then please look through our recommended Riverwood WedTribe suppliers list and make contact with the reception supply companies (if cover required) to obtain a quote based on numbers, requirements etc...



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Riverwood Weddings availability calendar (subject to change)

Option 1 & 2 = 1-2 days access

Option 3 & 4 = 5 days access around event date

When looking at availability and remaining dates available, please exclude for full events on option 3 & 4, 2 days pre event and 2 days post event as total of 5 days exclusive access given for these full wedding events(15 per calendar year).

2019	
2019 - October	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2010 - November	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2019 - December	booked 07th - all other dates available ; excluding Christmas
2020	<u>TWO full bookings available (13 of 15 full events allocated)</u>
2020 - January	all dates available
2020 February	booked 15th & 22nd on option 2 - all other dates available all options
2020 March	all dates available all options
2020 April	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2020 May	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2020 - June	booked 06th - all other dates available all options
2020 - July	booked 11th - all other dates available all options
2020 - August	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2020 - September	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4
2020 - October	booked 24th - all other dates available all options
2020 - November	booked 07th - all other dates available all options
2020 - December	booked 19th - all other dates available all options (ex Christmas)
2021	<u>12 full bookings available (3 of 15 full events allocated)</u>
March 2020	booked 20th - all other dates available all options
August 2020	OPTION 1 & 2 Only - FULLY BOOKED OPTION 3 & 4



our Riverwood Family...



"We could not have asked for a more perfect wedding. Riverwood was honestly our dream location. The venue is just so beautiful and right on the river. We were able to explore and get some amazing photos. Carmen was such a help and always easy to contact. I really could not have imagined our day anywhere else."

- Kiara + Beau; Gold Coast - 21st September 2019 - photographer: Foy and Co. Weddings



"Our day was perfectly magical! We spent the night before the wedding together, which was definitely the right choice for us, calming our nerves and getting us excited for the day ahead. Everything went to plan and nothing went wrong (that we know or care of ha ha).

Riverwood offered such an incredible calming vibe from the moment we saw it. We both felt so at ease there, the property is beautiful! Carmen was so welcoming and helpful, offering so many tips, ideas and vendors to be in contact with. And the fact that we could have our little fur baby there with us was even more enticing

- Gemma + Josh; Gold Coast - 15th September 2018 - photographer: Wilde Visual



"As soon as I began the walk around at my initial inspection at Riverwood I had the feeling of ease and excitement with the venue. Being such a vast venue meant that we were able to have both ceremony and reception all in one location while also getting the, most amazing photos, all without ever leaving! This was something that I desperately wanted in a venue and Riverwood delivered in the most magnificent way!

Our day was even better than I could have imagined. Seeing my vision come to life was something that is hard to explain, like everything we have worked so hard for finally falling into place. After nearly 10 years together, finally being married was emotional but so happy. As our families are so far away from each other, this was the first opportunity for them to meet and this was just so special, seeing all our loved ones finally meet and get along like they had always known each other! Everything about our day was even better than I could have imagined and I am still in awe at what we were able to create!"

- Hannah + Brendan; Brisbane - 1st September 2018 - photographer: New Black Studios

our Riverwood Family...



"The venue was everything I dreamed of and Carmen was an absolute star. So many people commented on how beautiful it was - including a few who decided it would be a perfect venue for their own weddings in the future.

I was so worried that I wouldn't be able to switch off and relax, especially being an interstate bride, but Carmen just seemed to instinctively know what was needed and when. I'm so glad we found Riverwood - everything turned out perfect and I will always have the best memories of our wedding day!"

- Tamika + Jon; Sydney - 23rd September 2017 - photographer: Jamie Murcutt Photography



"The location is hands down incredible! So naturally beautiful and well maintained. We knew once we saw Riverwood that it was perfect for us, you don't need decorations on top of decorations because the venue is the decoration! The plants and gardens are so beautiful and the river running behind the property tops it off. Don't forget the moo moos!

Carmen and the family were so incredibly amazing for our wedding. Nothing was a drama and Carmen helped out so much with the photos and locations, feeding me and making sure I was getting enough booze and even carrying my train. The day was just perfect thanks to this beautiful woman and the amazing Riverwood. Wish we could do it again!"

- Maddy + Ben; Brisbane - 23rd March 2018 - photographer: Ivy Road Photography



"What a stunning location for our magical day. Thank you so much Carmen, for welcoming us and allowing us to have our wedding at Riverwood. I wouldn't change a thing!

The venue is beautiful and serene and suited us so well and the whole day just ran so smoothly thanks to you! You made the last couple of weeks so much less stressful for me and were so helpful setting up and running the day for us! I can't thank you enough. Our photos are stunning and totally encompasses the beauty of Riverwood, we will cherish this day forever and we cant wait to visit!"

- Lindsay + Matt; Brisbane - 5th May 2018 - photographer: Ash & Stone



"An absolutely stunning location and backdrop for a wedding. We fell in love with the property as soon as we saw it.

Carmen and her family were amazing, great communication and assistance with the lead up and on the big day. Our guests loved this spot just as much as we did. Could not have asked for a more memorable or breathtaking spot for our big day. Highly recommend Riverwood Weddings for your special day.."

- Megan + Matt; Gold Coast - 5th August 2017 - Kristal Baker



"The most amazing venue that we could have ever imagined! The first venue I booked to view and said yes as soon as we got there before even looking anywhere else! (When you know, you know haha).

Carmen and her family really looked after us throughout the whole lead up. Nothing was ever a drama to help us with and she always had advice and vendors to point us in the right direction when asked. Without Carmen, I have no doubt our wedding would not have been as amazing as it was. Even the next day when we came back to clean the venue, it was already done! - our hangovers said thank you.

You have a beautiful location and we look forward to seeing posts of all the beautiful upcoming Riverwood weddings - (although I will be jealous). Thank you, nothing less than a 5 star from me, I'd give you 100 if I could!"

- Selinia + Paul; Brisbane - 2nd September 2017 - photographer: Foy & Co. Weddings



"It was love at first sight when we came across pictures of the Riverwood venue online, and we fell even harder when we saw it in person. Riverwood encompassed everything we were looking for to host our special day; a private property with the ability to create the type of wedding and space we wanted, lush scenery to hold both ceremony and reception in one place, a laid back feel and how could we go pass the bonfire with marshmallows.

The added bonus was meeting Carmen, the lovely venue coordinator of Riverwood. From start to finish, Carmen went above and beyond to make our experience memorable and cannot thank her enough for her personable service. We also had Carmen as our day coordinator for our Wedding Day.

We feel so lucky to have been able to enjoy and share our celebration with our nearest and dearest in such a magical setting. We cannot fault the venue or the impeccable service we received. Carmen, thank you again for everything and a massive thank you to your parents for sharing such a beautiful property... Riverwood will always have a special place in our hearts!" - Emma + Karepa; Brisbane - 18th August 2017 - photographer: Jesse Greenwood



"We had the best time, even though it rained at the end, it defiantly made it more magical. Every one was dancing in the rain with gum boots and no shoes! The atmosphere for the whole day and night was so awesome, and with an amazing live band, all our guests are still talking about how great our wedding was - it was our dream came true!

I will forever and always recommend you as a venue to every one and any one. You made all our wildest visions come to life, we are so blessed and thankful. It was such a perfect day I wish we could do it all again haha!"

- Bayli + Cameron; Brisbane - 11th April 2015 - photographer: Carin Garland



"We chose to have an informal wedding at Riverwood so we could have the freedom to customize every aspect of our marriage ceremony and wedding reception. It had an intimate, relaxed feel and reflected us so well. SO many of our friends afterwards said it was the best wedding they have ever been to!!

Our wedding day was the most beautiful experience. It was more romantic and special than I could have ever imagined! To this day I can't believe how much I cried - as soon as I saw Andrew waiting for me at the bottom of the stony stairs at the riverbank I couldn't stop them flowing! It was emotional and magical and represented so much of who we are at every turn."

- Christine + Andrew; Melbourne - 11th June 2016 - photographer: Byron Loves Fawn



"Riverwood Farm is truly AMAZING!!! I had my wedding here in May 2017 and it exceeded our wildest expectations, which were very high since we booked the place sight unseen from Sydney. The place is stunning - lush green lawns on the banks of a river, in the bush yet only 40 minutes from Broadbeach. Seeing the place light up at sunset was probably my favourite time there. Just stunning.

In the days leading up to the wedding, we met the whole family who were all involved in the final tweaks to get Riverwood to its best, and everyone was not only lovely, but they all really cared about the place and were excited to show it off and share it with us. It made it all the more special.

On the day, Carmen was outstanding - going well and truly above and beyond to make sure everything ran to perfection, which it did. Nothing was too much, including chasing cows into position for our photos!

Truly, truly amazing. A place that will forever remain special in our hearts. 12/10!"

- Kirsten + Anthony; Sydney - 6th May 2017 - photographer: This Day Forward