

# Kookaburra Hideaway, The Wedding Shed and The Woodcutter's Shed...

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

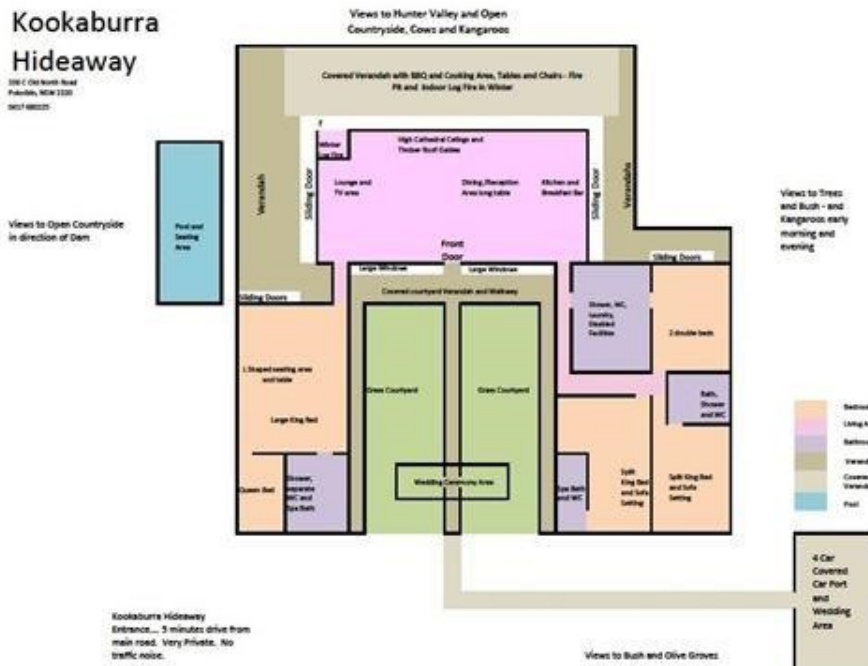
### **What is Kookaburra Hideaway?**

Kookaburra Hideaway is a huge, deluxe, self-contained 5-bedroom house with 4 bathrooms set amongst 25 Acres of open countryside in Hunter Valley Wine Country.

The architect designed home is built around a central Balinese styled courtyard, with Cathedral Ceilings and unique eclectic features. Kookaburra Hideaway can't be seen from the road and has uninterrupted views over Hunter Valley countryside. There is abundant wildlife including resident kangaroos, wallabies and kookaburras as well as roaming cattle in adjoining paddocks - plus a private swimming pool in summer and log fires inside and out in winter.



## What is the layout and bedroom setup at Kookaburra Hideaway?



## There are two main wings to Kookaburra Hideaway, surrounding the central Balinese styled courtyard.

Left wing - bedroom 1. Bridal suite with king size 4 poster bed, extra attached smaller bedroom, which can be used for extra guests or for gifts/ wedding clothing etc. There is a large spa bathroom with toilet and shower attached to the main suite.

Right wing -

Bedroom 2 - King bed with large sofa bed and spa bathroom

Bedroom 3 - King bed with large sofa bed and bathroom

Bedroom 4 - 2 x double beds with large sofa bed and very large accessible bathroom

A huge lounge, kitchen and dining area joins the two wings and surrounds the Balinese courtyard, and there are wrap around verandahs, a BBQ and bar area, private swimming pool ... and fabulous view over the Hunter Valley countryside.

## Where is Kookaburra Hideaway?

Kookaburra Hideaway is at 336c Old North Road, Pokolbin, Hunter Valley with a 950m driveway, it can't be seen from the road. Hence hideaway 😊

## Are bookings necessary for showthroughs?

Yes bookings are essential. Firstly to make sure the gate isn't locked and we are there to show you through, but most importantly because we have weddings or rehearsals on most days of the week and these can't be interrupted. Call us on 0417680663 or email [val@kookaburraweddingshed.com](mailto:val@kookaburraweddingshed.com) and we can make arrangements or better still make a booking through our booking site where you can make an appointment to come and view the venue. Paste this link into your browser <https://kookaburrahideaway.simplybook.me/v2>

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## What is the Marrying Tree?

The marrying Tree is where Kookaburra Hideaway Marriage Ceremonies happen. It's a majestic tree in our grounds, adorned with flowers, lanterns and baubles with beautiful wrought iron bench seating for your guests...



**The Marrying Tree at Kookaburra Hideaway**

## What is The Wedding Shed?



The Wedding Shed is a Gorgeouss separate area from Kookaburra Hideaway and it's where we have "after parties" for our Keep it Simple and Ultimate packages. It has high ceilings, sparkling chandeliers and festoon lights with an impressive floor space for up to 150 persons. 6 different zones, including the chill area in the Parlour, our "beer garden", our outdoor eclectic café area, plus our fabulous Wedding after party area with indoor or outdoor dance floor and games area. Also our new Boho area, with rugs, cushions and hippie chic.

## What is The Woodcutter's Shed?



The Woodcutter's Shed is a quirky Shed with accommodation, a Ceremony area and outdoor wedding party area.

Surrounded by Wildlife including Kookaburras, Kangaroos, and roaming cattle, it's a little gem.

1. Accommodation. A private Self contained studio suite with bathroom. Great for any of the wedding guests or wedding party who would like stay close to the main wedding area, but in their own space. TV, BBQ, Mini Kitchen and outdoor seating area. Or for a marrying couple who want to stay overnight before /after their wedding.

2. The "Love Heart Tree". Beautiful mantelpiece, fireplace and louvre door setting, adorned with flowers and ornaments, just a few steps from the Woodcutter's Shed after party area and shed accommodation, also used an undercover ceremony area.
3. The Woodcutter's Shed After Party area. Built around the original woodcutter's Shed. Great for intimate weddings from 4 to 30 persons.... including an alternative indoor ceremony area.



Packages can include Celebrant, Photography, Catering, Accommodation, floristry, drinks packages and much more... or it can be just the two of you with a couple of witnesses that we can supply...lots of different combinations that can be tailor made to suit you.

**Is there any other accommodation in the area for our guests?**

In Old North Road there is accommodation for at least 100 persons and more accommodation on Hermitage Road. The nearest guest accommodation other than Kookaburra Hideaway and the Woodcutter's Shed, is - "Amani Retreat" at 336A Old North Road.. (not a typo that is how you spell it)... this is at the gateway to Kookaburra. It's a 5 bedroom house... very handy. The next closest is Lacuna Retreat, next door to Amani Retreat, this is another 5 bedroom house... Then next door to that there is The Olive Retreat... a 3 bedroom property... So that's accommodation for at least 30 people altogether..

Other properties closeby... North Lodge Cottages, 1 and 2 bed apartments, Beltana Villas, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, Brokenview Estate, Brackenridge Estate and La Vigna Estate. All of these are easily bookable [click here for nearby accommodation](#).

Just go to the website, Click on "Stays nearby" at bottom of Airbnb page and you will see photos, pricing and location of accommodation nearby. Look for accommodation on Old North Road and Hermitage Road within a 5 km distance from Kookaburra Hideaway.

## Is transport available?

Yes...transport is available, but this must be booked... it can be hard to spontaneously book a taxi at short notice... and Uber is not widely used in the hunter valley. Weddings usually finish at 10pm latest unless you are otherwise advised, so that's when transport needs to be booked for.

Transport options are <http://www.vineyardshuttle.com.au> they have small and large buses. We recommend that a bus is booked in the name of the wedding party and guests add their names to that booking and pay their transportation to Vineyard Shuttle individually to secure it.

We also use <http://www.allaroundthevines.com.au> who offer a similar service, mostly 15/20 seater buses..

Or Rover Coaches is a popular choice... they have a variety of bus sizes <http://www.rovercoaches.com.au>

Although they do have large 57 seater buses for hire, please note that our driveway is not accessible for larger buses, therefore smaller buses need to be ordered, maximum 25 seater. **We cannot allow access for the larger buses so please do not book them.**

Chase Limousines... not just limos, they also have reasonably priced 13 and 25 seater buses and will match/beat any price apparently. <http://www.facebook.com/chaselimousines>

All transportation needs to be arranged directly with the transport companies, we cannot arrange this for you as there are too many variants...

Alternatively we have an excellent local taxi service... this must be booked in advance... <https://www.cessnockradiocabs.com.au/> they also have maxicabs, so a group of friends can share.

## Random Questions

What size are the tables in the venue ?

This is a question often asked for styling purposes. We have 16 Rustic Trestle Table (240cm wide x 90cm deep x 73cm high)

How long is the aisle runner ?

We are in the process of sourcing a longer aisle runner, so please check with us directly.

Can I have fresh flowers rather than silk flowers?

Yes you can have fresh flowers, however they are not included in your package. You are more than welcome to source your own fresh flowers and add them to your included silk flower styling, you can also have dried flowers (at your own expense, if you wish.

## Marriage Ceremony questions



### What paperwork is involved to get officially married?

Once you have booked your wedding and have your date, a Notice of Intent to Marry (NOIM) needs to be lodged no more than 18 months prior to your Marriage and no less than 30 days prior to your Marriage. You also have to provide Photo ID and or Birth Certificate and proof that you are free to be married if you have been married before and that there are no other reasons why you cannot be married :)

If you have your own Celebrant or would prefer to type directly onto the form, or print a hard copy to hand fill, then follow the link to the Registry

**Site on the following page. Once you have typed info into your form make sure you print it straight away... information cannot be saved on your computer**





## **NEW NOTICE OF INTENT TO MARRY FORM AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST 2021 - MAKE SURE YOU USE LATEST FORM CLICK BELOW**

<https://www.ag.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/notice-of-intended-marriage.PDF>

Once printed you can either have your NOIM witnessed by your Celebrant or you can have a Justice of the Peace or similar witness and then you need to mail to me, Val Haydon, 336c Old North Road, Pokolbin, 2320, or your own Celebrant. Express Mail is best as is trackable. Don't forget, **MUST** be received no less than 30 days prior to your wedding, this is your responsibility and a legal requirement.

### **What ID do I need to produce to get married?**

These are the documents that are required to be sighted by your Celebrant before you can be married... This is a legal requirement to establish your identity.

#### **Never Validly Married Persons...**

That is a person who has never been legally married to anyone before.

**Documents needed:** Either an Australian or overseas Passport (can be expired). No other documents required as a passport fully confirms you identity and proof of birth. Or, if no passport, an original Birth Certificate and photo ID... for example Driver's Licence. If no birth certificate can be produced a Statutory Declaration can be signed... I will evaluate each case on merit.

**Persons who have been legally married previously.** That is a person who has been legally married before and they are either divorced from their Spouse or their Spouse has passed away.

**Documents needed** All of the above plus Proof of dissolution of Marriage... that is Divorce Confirmation from the Court or a Death Certificate.

All documents must be from originals. If you have any concerns regarding providing these documents then please let me know straight away.

If we are not able to meet in person in advance of your wedding, please make these documents the first items you pack when preparing to travel for your wedding.

## **What proof will I get that my partner and I are married?**

On the day of your wedding you will be given a marriage certificate issued by your Celebrant. This is legal proof that you are married. Your Celebrant will also register your marriage with BDM Registry (births, deaths and marriages) within 14 days of your marriage and will issue you with a reference number. All of these legal services from your Celebrant are included in our standard packages.

## **Why do I have to pay extra for a certificate from the Registry to change name to my partners?**

Nowadays not everybody changes their name to that of their partner which is why it is not automatically included in your package. However if you are intending to change your name an additional official certificate has to be obtained from BDM as bodies such as Passport Office and RTA require it, as it has an extra security certification imprinted into it to prevent forgery.

Val and most celebrants will apply for this on your behalf without charge, or you can do it yourself at [https://onlineforms.bdm.nsw.gov.au/application/marriage\\_details](https://onlineforms.bdm.nsw.gov.au/application/marriage_details)

The Registry of BDM charges an extra fee of \$59.00 at the time of writing for a standard certificate... decorative certificates are also available at a greater price.

Once you have received your official certificate, go to your nearest Service NSW office to apply for name change. It usually takes around 7-10 days to be posted to your home by registered mail.

## **What are requirements for witnesses?**

2 witnesses will be required, over the age of 18 years and they must be able to see, hear, speak and understand English. Can be a family member, friend or even a stranger if you are eloping, so long as they meet the above criteria.

## **Any other questions?**

If you have any other questions regarding weddings at Kookaburra Hideaway or the Woodcutters Shed, send us an email to Val or Andrew at [val@kookaburraweddingshed.com](mailto:val@kookaburraweddingshed.com) and we will answer in person and add to our FAQ list...

Val and Andrew

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