

WEDDINGS

A GUIDE TO WEDDINGS AT AKARANA

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We understand that planning your wedding is an exciting yet sometimes overwhelming journey. This guide has been created to gently support you through the options available at our venue, helping you shape a celebration that feels meaningful, personal, and true to your vision. If you would like something bespoke that isn't covered in this guide, our team is here to work with you to create a day tailored to your individual style, needs, and wishes.



OUR VENUE

ABOUT OUR VENUE

Akarana is a stunning waterfront wedding venue on the edge of Okahu Bay, offering a relaxed yet elegant setting to celebrate your special day with family and friends.

With sweeping harbour views, light-filled spaces, and versatile event rooms, Akarana can accommodate everything from intimate ceremonies to large wedding celebrations. Our spaces can be tailored to your vision, whether you are planning a ceremony, reception, or a full-day celebration in one seamless location.

Our experienced events team will support you throughout the planning process, from your initial enquiry through to your wedding day, assisting with layouts, run sheets, catering, and all the finer details so you can enjoy a stress-free journey to “I do.”

We provide in-house catering and beverage packages, beautiful indoor and outdoor photo opportunities, and ample complimentary parking for your guests, making Akarana a convenient and memorable choice for your wedding day.

Our goal is to create a relaxed, personal celebration that reflects your story, while ensuring everything runs smoothly for you and your guests.



TE KAWAU ROOM

The Te Kawai Room is a beautifully elevated space, designed to make the most of its natural surroundings. Flooded with light through expansive wraparound windows, and softened by sheer curtains, the room feels warm, romantic and effortlessly elegant throughout the day. Step out onto the private balcony and take in sweeping views across the water to Rangitoto — a stunning backdrop for photographs and quiet moments away from the celebration.

Whether you're planning a refined seated reception or a vibrant cocktail-style celebration, the Te Kawai Room offers the flexibility to bring your vision to life. The space can host up to 200 guests for a banquet-style wedding or up to 350 guests for a cocktail reception, allowing you to tailor the atmosphere to suit your style and guest list.

The room has been thoughtfully designed with weddings in mind, including discreet ceiling drop points for draping and styling, giving you the freedom to transform the space — from soft, flowing fabrics to statement installations. As the celebration unfolds, the in-room bar and full audio-visual capabilities ensure a seamless experience, from heartfelt speeches to music and dancing late into the evening.

Elegant yet versatile, the Te Kawai Room provides a refined canvas to create a wedding that feels uniquely yours, all set against the natural beauty of the waterfront.



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COMBINED ROOMS

Intimate, versatile, and beautifully framed by ever-changing coastal views, the combined RAYC and Rangitoto Rooms create a stunning setting for a wedding celebration. With Orakei Marina and the city skyline on one side — often glowing at sunset — and the harbour with Rangitoto on the other, the space captures the very best of Auckland’s waterfront from every angle.

Expansive glass sliding doors open the room to the outdoors, creating a seamless indoor-outdoor flow that fills the space with natural light and fresh air. As the sun sets behind the city skyline, the room is bathed in a warm, golden glow, offering a truly magical backdrop for your ceremony, cocktail hour, or intimate reception.

The combined rooms can accommodate up to 80 guests for a seated celebration or up to 180 guests for a cocktail-style wedding, making it ideal for smaller, more personal gatherings. The space works beautifully for your ceremony, a relaxed reception, or as a pre-reception area where guests can enjoy canapés or a grazing table before moving through to the Te Kawau Room for your main celebration.

Elegant yet relaxed, this space allows you to shape the flow of your day — from heartfelt vows, to sunset drinks, to an effortless transition into your reception — all within a setting defined by light, water, and city skyline views.



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CEREMONY SPACE

CREATE YOUR WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Step One: Ceremony Space

Choose your ceremony setting:

- Waterfront Turf Ceremony – an open-air setting overlooking the harbour, ideal for relaxed, coastal ceremonies with a natural backdrop
- Indoor Ceremony RAYC & Rangitoto Combined Rooms – a beautifully intimate space with expansive glass windows, soft natural light, and views across the marina, city skyline, and Rangitoto

Waterfront Turf | 15:00pm – 17:00pm \$2000 including GST

Combined Rooms | 15:00pm – 18:00pm \$2500 including GST

Alternatively, you may choose to host your reception only with us, arriving later in the day to celebrate with your guests.

What's included in your ceremony hire:

- Area or room set up, pack down and cleaning
- Event permit
- Ceremony chairs
- Signing table and linen
- Bar leaners
- Wet weather back up (for turf)
- Pop up bar



RECEPTION SPACE

CREATE YOUR WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Step Two: Reception Space

Start by selecting the perfect setting for your wedding.

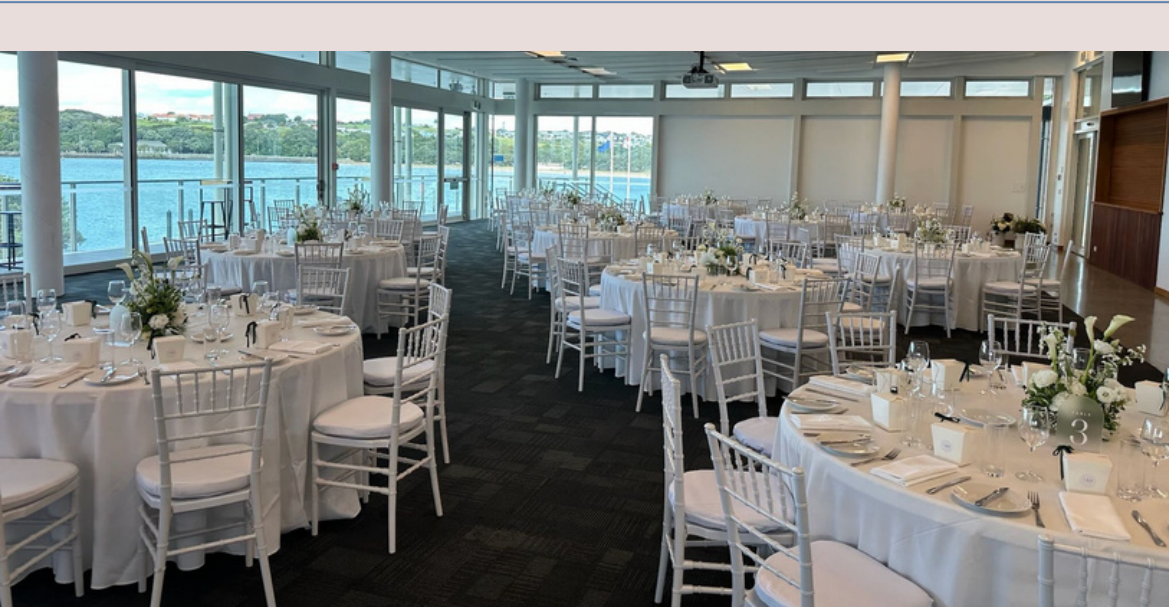
- Te Kawau Room – ideal for larger receptions
- RAYC & Rangitoto Rooms – perfect for intimate celebrations or ceremonies
- Exclusive hire options available for a seamless flow between spaces

Full Day Hire | 10:00am – 12:00am | 6 Hour Service | \$4600 including GST

Half Day Hire | 4:00pm – 12:00am | 6 Hour Service | \$4000 including GST

What's included in your venue hire:

- Room set up, pack down and cleaning
- Round tables and cross back chairs or chair covers
- Trestle tables for bridal table
- White linen tablecloths and napkins
- Bar leaners
- Cake plinth or table, knife and serve ware
- Glass and table ware
- In room sound system and two handheld microphones
- Two sessions with our in-house Wedding Coordinator
- Duty Manager, service staff and security
- Bridal Room
- Dance floor



CATERING

CREATE YOUR WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Step Three: Select Your Catering Experience

Our wedding menu has been thoughtfully designed to suit a range of celebration styles, with your choice of service determining the overall dining experience. Whether you're planning a formal seated reception or a more relaxed, social atmosphere, each option offers the same high-quality menu, delivered in a style that reflects your vision for the day.

Plated Dining – \$119 per person

A classic, seated dining experience ideal for a more formal and structured reception. Includes bread to start, set entree, alternate drop mains and sides for the table.

Buffet Dining – \$139 per person

A generous and interactive dining experience, where guests can enjoy a selection of dishes at their own pace from the buffet. Includes a grazing station to start, bread, three mains and four sides.

Floating Buffet – \$149 per person

The same generous menu, reimagined as a contemporary, family-style experience. Dishes are served to guests at their tables, creating a relaxed and social atmosphere without the need to visit the buffet. Includes a grazing station to start, fresh bread, three mains and four sides.



ADD ONS TO START

Oysters
Canapes
Grazing Station
Platters

ADD-ONS TO FINISH

Plated Dessert
Dessert Station
Petit Fours
Chocolate Fountain
Late Night Snacks & Platters

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BEVERAGES

CREATE YOUR WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Step Four: Select Your Beverage Experience

Your beverage offering is designed to be flexible, allowing you to choose the option that best suits your celebration style and budget.

On-Consumption Bar

Guests order drinks as they go, with beverages charged based on actual consumption. This option offers flexibility and is ideal for more relaxed or tailored celebrations.

A minimum beverage spend of \$2,500 (incl. GST) applies to your bar service. If this minimum spend is not reached, a Duty Manager charge of \$65 per hour will apply to ensure appropriate service levels are maintained throughout your event.

BYO Wine & Champagne Option

We also offer the option to bring your own wine and champagne for your celebration. Corkage applies as follows:

- \$25 per bottle for still wine
- \$35 per bottle for champagne and sparkling wine

ON OFFER

Beer

Selection of bottle and tap beers

Wine

Curated list of NZ and international wines

Non Alcoholic

Soft drinks, juice, mocktails and flavoured water

Something Special

Cocktails, Champagne towers, tea and coffee

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PLANNING

START PLANNING YOUR PERFECT DAY

We hope this guide has inspired you and helped you begin shaping your wedding at Akarana Event Centre. From your ceremony through to your final dance, our team is here to make the planning process seamless and enjoyable.

To help you take the next step, explore the resources below:

Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to common questions around timings, setup, logistics, and what to expect on the day.

Add-Ons & Enhancements

Discover ways to elevate your celebration — from styling options and draping to additional hire items and personalised touches.

Recommended Suppliers

We've curated a list of trusted local suppliers to help bring your vision to life, including florists, stylists, photographers, and entertainment.

Let's Bring Your Wedding to Life

Every wedding is unique, and we'd love to work with you to create a celebration that reflects your style and story. Get in touch with our team to check availability, arrange a site visit, or start building your personalised proposal.



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