

Wedding Pack 2026







WELCOME

Situated at the centre of this world-renowned site, surrounded by majestic trees, exotic flowers and the tranquil Avon River, ilex's event spaces are a celebration of the nature around us; an oasis in the heart of Christchurch.

From design through to service, we're passionate about creating unique experiences with a sense of effortless elegance; a full sensory journey inspired by our vibrant backdrop. Down to the most delicate details, your dedicated Event Manager will work with you to create a day that's truly unique and tailored to your tastes. With our sophisticated, modern palette and picturesque garden views, your wedding is sure to be nothing short of spectacular.



ILEX EVENTS SPACE

This contemporary, versatile space and private outdoor courtyard have a sense of intimacy and exclusivity, providing guests with a one-of-a-kind Botanic Gardens experience. A stunning space with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer views of lush greenery and flood the space with natural light. Inside, the design is minimalist and neutral, a true blank canvas with clean lines and high ceilings creating a fresh, airy feel, ready to be styled your way. This space adapts beautifully to any vision - from romantic and floral to sleek and modern. Nature is your backdrop; the rest is yours to create.

Capacity:

180 Stand up - Cocktail style
140 Theatre style - Ceremony
120 Seated Dinner - Large round or trestle tables (staging/floorplan dependant)

Hire fee includes:

Dedicated ilex Event Manager
Tables, chairs and standalone bar
White or black linen and napkins
Dinnerware
6 x square bar leaners
Co-ordination of wedding day deliveries - flowers, staging etc.
ilex team to set up/pack down and for duration of event
Private outdoor courtyard

Tech specs:

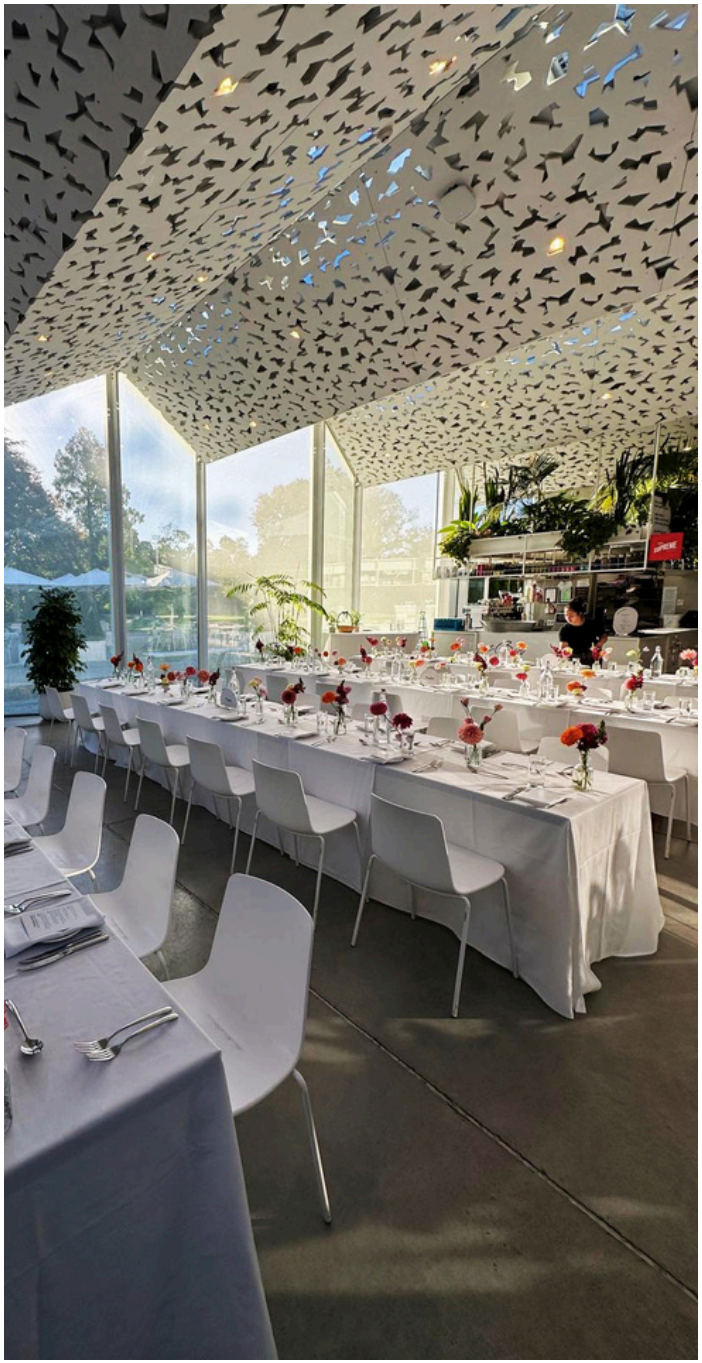
Built in bluetooth AV system for speeches and background music
Wifi access
Projector with plug and play HDMI input (projects onto concrete wall)
2 Handheld microphones
3-phase power with 9 outlets

Pricing:

Garden Ceremony: $600 + GST
Event Space only - full day: $4,000 + GST
Event Space & Café - from 6pm: $5,250 + GST

ILEX CAFÉ SPACE

Available from 5pm June–August, and 6pm September–May, ilex Café transforms into an intimate, modern wedding venue. With its flexible layout and thoughtful architectural design, the space offers a seamless blend of relaxed charm and refined elegance. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the stunning Botanic Gardens nursery, creating a lush, ever-changing backdrop that feels both immersive and effortlessly romantic for your ceremony or reception.



Capacity:

150 Stand up - Cocktail style
80 Theatre-style Ceremony
64 Seated Dinner - 8 x Large trestle tables

Hire fee includes:

Dedicated ilex Event Manager
Tables, chairs and bar
White or black linen and napkins
Dinnerware
6 x square bar leaners
Pack in and set up of flowers and staging
Co-ordination of wedding day deliveries - flowers, staging etc
ilex team to set up/pack down and for duration of event
Private outdoor courtyard

Tech specs:

Plug in speaker with wired microphone
Wifi access
Power outlets

Pricing:

Garden Ceremony: $600 + GST
Café space only: $2,500 + GST
Café add on to Event Space: $1,250 + GST

CUNINGHAM HOUSE

Originally known as the Winter Gardens, Cuningham House was built in 1923 and opened its doors in August 1924. Rich in history and architectural beauty, this stately landmark is proudly recognised by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. A sweeping staircase leads to a light-filled gallery, where an abundant collection of tropical plants creates a lush, romantic atmosphere beneath the glass.

This tropical conservatory is currently closed as it undergoes a carefully considered heritage restoration, it is projected to reopen in 2027/2028, ready to welcome a new chapter of celebrations.

Come rain or shine, raise a glass of Champagne and savour fresh oysters within the timeless elegance of this iconic setting.





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FOOD & BEVERAGE

At the heart of every event is a memorable dining experience and ours begins with the best our region has to offer. Our food and beverage selection celebrates the richness of locally sourced, seasonal ingredients, thoughtfully prepared by our experienced culinary team.

From elegant plated dinners to casual garden-style grazing, our menus are designed to reflect freshness, flavour, and creativity. We work closely with trusted local producers to ensure every bite and sip tells a story of quality and sustainability.

While our curated selections offer something for every occasion, we understand that every event is unique: if there is something special you have in mind that is not listed, we are happy to source it for you.

Please note we do not allow external caterers or BYO.

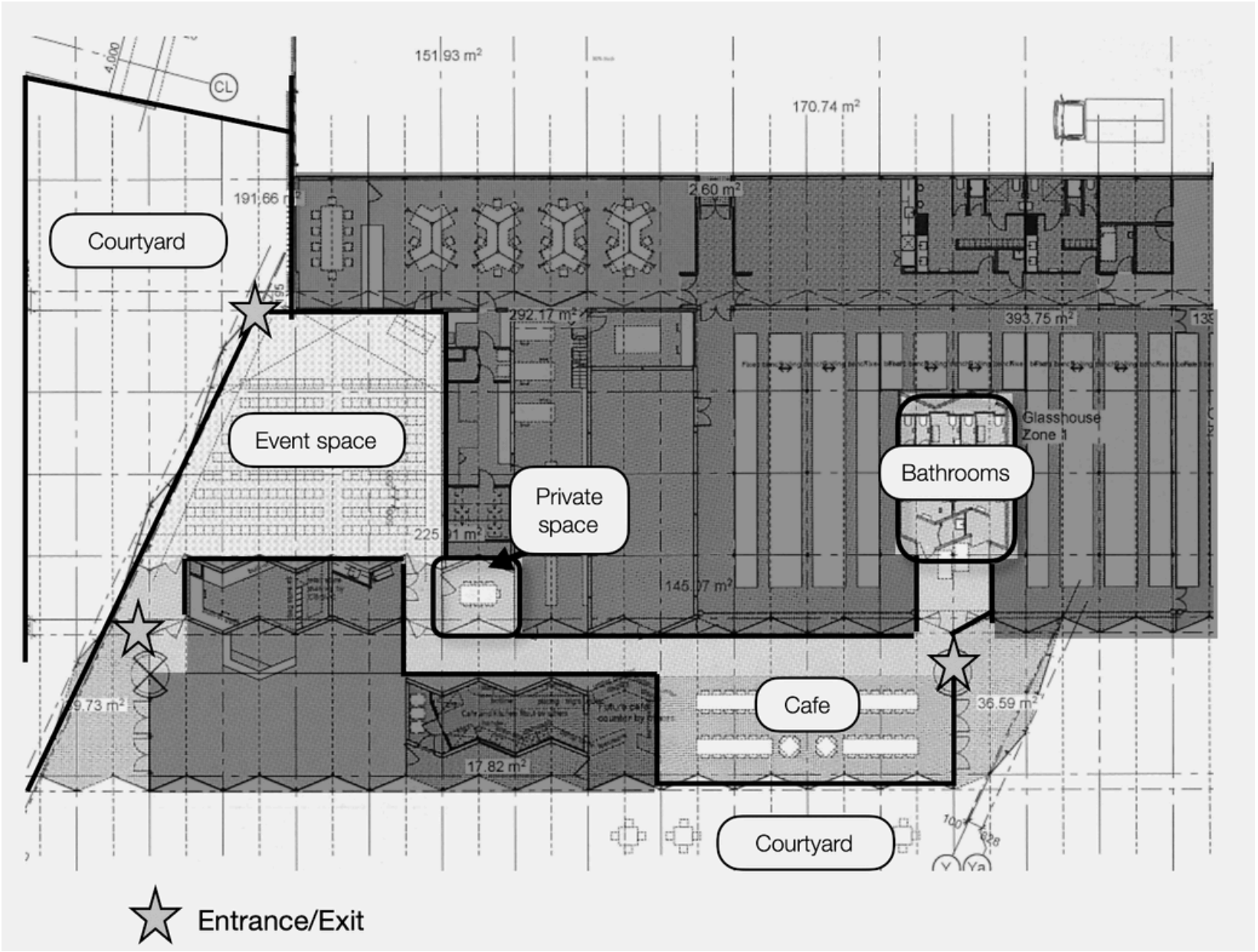
Sample menus available on request.





RECOMMENDED VENDORS

AV:	Technical Event Solutions Pixel
Bands:	Encore Entertainment Better Band
Cakes:	Cakes by Anna The Cake Eating Company Meraki Cake Design
DJ's:	Boogie Beatz DJs4u
Entertainment:	Brendan Dooley
Flowers:	Bek Novac Floral Design Kim Chan Linden Grove Floral Jenny Burtt Florist
Furniture & Styling:	Little Hire Company Flock Events Blank Space Events Blackbird Hire
Photography:	Keryn Sweeney Robin and Andie Susannah Blatchford



FLOOR PLAN

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FAQ'S

How do I book?

Send an enquiry to sales@goodcompany.nz including preferred dates, rough estimate of guests and type of event.
You will receive a reply within a couple of days, advising if your date is available and inviting you for a site visit.
At your site visit you will be shown our spaces and given the option to pencil in a booking.
Your penciled booking will stay in the events diary until you decide to proceed, or another enquiry comes through for the same date - in which case we will give you first right of refusal and ask if you would like to either proceed, or release the date.
If you decide to move forward, you will be sent a deposit invoice (for the full amount of venue hire) with a contract to sign and return.
Once both of these have been completed (and depending how far out your event is booked) we can start the planning process!

Do I need a Wedding Planner?

All ilex weddings include an experienced Event Manager to manage venue operations and oversee the day onsite. For couples seeking a more comprehensive level of support from planning and supplier coordination through to full-day execution, a Wedding Planner can be invaluable. This is particularly beneficial for celebrations with over 100 guests. If you would like reccomendations for a wedding planner we would be happy to give you some options best suited to your needs.

Where can I get married in the Botanic Gardens?

We have 5 outdoor ceremony locations in the Botanic Gardens, our 2 most popular spots are the Cockayne Memorial Lawn and the Magnolia/Azalea Garden. We are more than happy to show you these locations during your site visit. Alternatively, we can provide a map for you to explore by yourselves.

Is there parking onsite?

Yes, the Armagh Street carpark provides paid parking for the Gardens from 8am-5pm, 7 days a week. Parking is free from 5pm every day and on public holidays. The carpark remains open for evening events.

Do you allow BYO?

We do not permit external catering, as we have our own in-house catering team. Should you have any specific needs, our team is happy to accommodate these. Wedding cakes from external suppliers are subject to a cakeage fee of $2.50 per person.
We offer a wide selection of locally sourced beverages, if there is anything you would prefer for your event that we don't currently stock, we can usually arrange to source it for you. Please note that any wine brought into the venue will incur a corkage fee of $30 per bottle.