

PIONEER SETTLEMENT

# Wedding Guide





## For a wedding like no other!

With the rustic charm of yesteryear and the magnificent Murray River as a backdrop, Pioneer Settlement offers a unique and memorable place to host your special day – there's no better place to celebrate your love and begin your new life together.

Pioneer Settlement has a variety of spaces to cater for any taste and request. From the rustic Pyap Wharf to the Church and the PS Pyap paddle-steamer, we have the perfect space to suit your special day.







## PYAP WHARF

The Pyap Wharf offers a rustic setting for your wedding ceremony. The tranquillity of this location is simply breath-taking. The array of magnificent gum trees as your backdrop, and the flow of the river at your feet, make it an enchanting ceremony venue.



## LOWER MURRAY INN

The Lower Murray Inn is situated on the picturesque banks of the Little Murray River. The rustic undercover seating area is surrounded by lush lawn with a timber decking that overlooks the river, perfect for ceremonies or a stage for your entertainment. A beautiful bluestone and red gum bar completes the picture. The Lower Murray Inn provides an ideal location for wedding ceremonies, receptions and other functions.

The venue includes a fully stocked bar serviced by our staff and a kitchen ready for your caterers to use.











## HISTORIC RED BRICK CHURCH

Step back in time in our charming and quaint little church featuring beautiful stained glass windows, wooden pews and antique candle holders.

The Pioneer Settlement church is the perfect venue for a traditional style wedding ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to use this non-denominational venue.

## HEARTBEAT HILL

Situated at the highest point of the Pioneer Settlement with lush grass and panoramic views of the sweeping river bend and surrounds.







## PS PYAP

Take a relaxing private cruise along the mighty Murray River aboard the PS Pyap. The scenic natural environment and views of the historic Murray Downs Homestead, along with the charm of the paddle-steamer, guarantee a truly unique and memorable experience.

Cruises can last for one hour or longer, depending on your function, and can be during the day or evening.



## WEDDING & RECEPTION VENUES

Venue	Capacity	All Weather?	Licensed	Hire Cost	Hire Inclusions
<b>Lower Murray Inn</b>	250 cocktail style, 100 seated.	✓	Fully licensed and staffed until 11pm.	<b>\$800</b>	Six hours, \$120 per additional hour.
<b>Lower Murray Inn Deck</b>	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	<b>\$780</b>	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
<b>Pyap Wharf</b>	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	<b>\$780</b>	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
<b>Historic Red Brick Church</b>	80 seated.	✓	✗	<b>\$780</b>	
<b>Heartbeat Hill</b>	50 seated, plus standing room.	✗	✗	<b>\$780</b>	Includes use of 40 chairs, a small signing table and 2 chairs.
<b>PS Pyap</b>	70-200 passengers (subject to water levels).	✗	Fully licensed and staffed.	<b>\$900</b>	First hour minimum fee, \$450 per additional hour, Murray Downs wharf mooring fee \$165.

## WEDDING PACKAGES

### Ceremony and Reception Package

**\$1,350**

Package includes your wedding ceremony in our charming church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement and private use of the Lower Murray Inn for your reception.

### Ceremony and Cruise Package

1 hr cruise: **\$1,600**

2 hr cruise: **\$2,000**

Package includes your wedding ceremony in our charming church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement grounds, and a private PS Pyap cruise.

### Ceremony Cruise and Reception Package

**\$2,200**

Package includes your wedding ceremony in the church or grounds, photography inside the Pioneer Settlement grounds, a private one-hour PS Pyap cruise and hire of the Lower Murray Inn for your reception.

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## SITE HIRE FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

The Pioneer Settlement provides a unique and timeless environment for your wedding photography. The rustic charm of homesteads, paddle-steamers, the Murray River and majestic surrounds of gum trees provide the ideal backdrop and atmosphere to capture your special day. **Up to 3 hours: \$150\***

*\* Included in wedding ceremony venue hire price.*

*An additional cost will be applied for bookings outside normal business hours.*





# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## 1. BOOKING CHARGES, DEPOSITS AND CONFIRMATION

- 1.1. The hirer shall pay to the settlement a deposit of two hundred dollars. The booking will not be considered effective until the deposit is received by the Settlement.
- 1.2. The hirer shall pay the balance of charges 14 days prior to the date of the event.

## 2. CANCELLATION

- 2.1. Where notice of cancellation is given by the hirer to the Settlement not less than three calendar months before the time for which the premises are booked, such notice must be given in writing and fifty percent of deposit paid by the hirer shall be refunded by the Settlement and the remaining is forfeited.
- 2.2. Where notice of cancellation is given less than three calendar months before the time for which the premises are booked, any deposit paid by the hirer shall be considered by the Settlement to be forfeited.

## 3. DAMAGE TO PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Excepting fair wear and tear, the hirer shall be liable to the Pioneer Settlement for any damage to premises, or any fittings, equipment, furniture, carpets or other property therein, which occurs during the period of the hiring.

## 4. LIQUOR AND REFRESHMENTS

- 4.1. The hirer shall not bring or sell any liquor on any part of the premises. The Pioneer Settlement reserves the right to confiscate any BYO brought in to the premises. Any significant incidence of intoxication in relation to this breaches the RSA and liquor licensing resulting in immediate closure of the Lower Murray Inn Bar facility, this is at the discretion of the bar staff and the decision made is final.
- 4.2. There is strictly no underage alcohol

consumption at the Pioneer Settlement. Any underage drinking will be dealt with by the police.

- 4.3. No Alcohol will be served after 11pm in regulation with the Pioneer Settlements liquor licensing documentation.
- 4.4. Any persons may be refused service at the Pioneer Settlements officer's discretion at any given time.

## 5. SETUP AND SETDOWN

- 5.1. The hired kitchen is to be left in a clean and tidy state at the completion of the event. A cleaning fee of \$200.00 will be charged if this is not adhered to.
- 5.2. The hirer will remove all decorations upon the completion of the function. Any decorations not removed by the hirer will be disposed of by the Pioneer Settlement staff and the hirer will be charged accordingly.
- 5.3. The hirer will remove any outsourced equipment such as chairs and signing tables. Equipment can be packed up and stored onsite for pickup at the Settlements discretion.
- 5.4. To allow the Settlement staff to adequately clean and tidy the hired premises. Access for setup is permitted strictly at 9.30am onwards on the day of which the premises are hired.

## 6. GENERAL NOTES

- 6.1. All facilities are hired as they stand.
- 6.2. The Heartbeat of the Murray Laser Show operates nightly at the Pioneer Settlement. If using any of the facilities for a function it is expected that hirer's must be aware that they are required to reduce noise/music/lighting levels while the show is in progress. Hirer's must follow staff requests in this matter.
- 6.3. The Pioneer Settlement is primarily a tourist park and will have visitors on site during your

function. All normal activities conducted daily will continue during your function. While tourists will not be invited to join in they may consider your function as a part of the activation and gather to watch.

- 6.4. Church/Grounds hire also entitles:
  - Use of grounds for photography.
  - Entry of invited guest to Pioneer Settlement for duration of, and attend, the wedding only.
- 6.5. Only bridal cars/transport will be admitted to the grounds. All vehicles should be removed from the grounds prior to 5.00pm. Under no circumstances are vehicles to be driven on any lawn areas
- 6.6. Swimming is prohibited, if breached guests may be requested to leave the premises.
- 6.7. Confetti, rice and rose petals are not permitted without prior approval.
- 6.8. The Pioneer Settlement welcomes the hirer to hold a wedding rehearsal onsite, with most selecting a day or two before the big day. Please be aware if the function space is booked out for another guest the rehearsal will have to take place in a different location across the site. All rehearsals must take place during site opening hours 9.30am - 4.30pm, 7 days per week.
- 6.9. The Pioneer Settlement is a non-smoking site, this includes for the durations of any functions or event onsite. The Lower Murray Inn has a designated smoking area with an ash tray towards the northern exit.

## 7. PYAP CHARTER

- 7.1. Charter of the PS Pyap is governed by the "Pyap Charter Agreement".
- 7.2. Charter is not agreed upon until the document is signed, returned and the deposit paid.
- 7.3. The Pyap is only for charter outside of normal operating times.



*Talk to our friendly team about options for your special day:*

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