

the River LODGE



not just another wedding...



Caroline & Timothy Plowman, Married at The River Lodge 9th January 2011, Photography by Taupo Photography

Welcome to The River Lodge

If you are looking for a private, beautiful all-in-one venue and a stress free wedding then The River Lodge is your dream location. The lodge is situated half way between Taupo and Rotorua on the banks of the Waikato River. This wedding pack contains information, pricing and sample menus (please note these can be altered to suit your requirements.)

If you have any questions please phone the wedding manager Tracey Ballinger 021 951 130 or email tracey@riverlodge.co.nz.

What makes The River Lodge such a unique wedding venue?

Enjoy the convenience of having your ceremony, photos, reception and accommodation all in one private, beautiful location, a place where you and your guests will truly relax and have fun! We only book one wedding per weekend so you will have the place to yourselves and can enjoy the many facilities we have to offer. Imagine arriving to your river side ceremony by jet boat, float plane, helicopter or a romantic historic river boat.

At The River Lodge we take pride in offering exceptional service and hospitality.

Location and Setting

The River Lodge is located on the banks of the Waikato River midway between Rotorua and Taupo. We can provide the peace and privacy of 20 hectares of grounds and gardens and sole use of our facilities during your stay.

Venue Capacity

We can seat up to 90 guests inside the lodge or up to 150 guests inside a marquee.

Catering & Bar

The lodge caters a delicious gourmet buffet meal. For up to 60 guests our chef can cater an individualised formal plated meal. We are fully licensed and offer very competitive alcohol prices. We do also allow BYO wine for \$15 corkage per bottle. Extra meals such as lunch, dinner and morning/afternoon teas can be arranged for overnight guests. All of our food is made fresh on premise from the highest quality NZ ingredients.

Entertainment & Dancing

Inside the lodge there is plenty of room for dancing and a DJ or Band. We can arrange the entertainment for you or you are welcome to bring your own. We also have a great sound system in the lodge that you can play your own CD's & ipods. Our license is till 1am with no noise restrictions.



"We would like to thank you again for making our wedding day the most wonderful day of our lives! Everything went so smoothly that we had the chance to thoroughly enjoy every minute of it. All our guests keep raving about the fantastic venue and we have had the best feedback on your Beef Wellington! We really appreciated all your help and will enjoy our memories for years to come!"

CAROLINE & TIMOTHY PLOWMAN

DRIVING DISTANCES:

- From Taupo: 30 minutes
- From Rotorua: 40 minutes
- From Auckland: 3 hours
- From Hamilton: 2 hours
- From Wellington: 5 hours

Please note that for your convenience all prices quoted in this pack include GST

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"Everything was perfect..." Kim & Celeste Wills, Married at The River Lodge 5th July, Photography by Nicole Marsden

Venue Hire (minimum 40 guests)

May - September: \$750*

October - April: \$1500*

***PLUS** we offer a \$250 discount on the venue hire fee for each night that you fill the lodge accommodation (19 rooms).

Venue Hire includes:

- Full set up and clean up of the venue
- Tables and chairs
- White linen napkins and table cloths
- Registry table & chairs for the ceremony
- Present table and table cloth
- Cake table, table cloth & knife
- All staff & Wedding Manager

90-150 guests: For over 90 guests a marquee is required (from \$3000) plus the venue hire fee. (See sample pricing on the last page of the wedding pack).

Children & Babysitters

Children are welcome at The River Lodge. We have a room with sky television and board games which is perfect for entertaining children. Experienced babysitters who travel out to the lodge can be booked through Rock My Baby: www.rockmybaby.co.nz

Lodge Facilities

- Tennis Court
- Swimming Pool
- Private Jetty & Boat Ramp (guests are welcome to bring their own boats)
- Petanque Court
- Volley Ball & Cricket
- 1.7km walking track

Accommodation

Guests have the option of staying overnight at the lodge or even for the whole weekend in one of our 19 spacious rooms plus a 2 bedroom self contained cottage. Guest can enjoy one of our many on site activities such as clay bird shooting, jet boating or a quiet game of petanque. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, phones & internet.

ROOM RATES: (PER NIGHT)

All room rates include a full cooked and continental breakfast

Single: **\$150 per person**

Double/Twin Share: **\$95 per person**

Triple Share (1 couple, 1 single): **\$75 per person**

Quad Share (2 couples): **\$65 per person**

Children 5-12 in the same room as adults \$20, Children under 5 are free. We have one portacot available and 4 single beds which can be added to rooms.

Cottage Rates (includes breakfast):

2 people \$230, 3 people \$270,

4 people \$330, 5 people \$330

Catering

\$59 pp - Gourmet buffet, canapes & dessert

\$75 pp - 3 course plated meal & canapes

Children 5 -12 years are half price

Children under 5 are free

Deposits

A \$1000 non refundable deposit (down payment) is required to secure your wedding booking at The River Lodge. A further deposit based on 50% of the catering and venue hire costs is required one month before the wedding date.



FOR THE BOYS!

CLAY BIRD SHOOTING & ARCHERY
(on site)

JET BOATING
(on site)

FORMULA CHALLENGE
(in Taupo)

QUAD BIKING
(in Taupo)

OFF ROAD NZ
(in Rotorua)

GOLF
(local course)

FOR THE GIRLS!

MASSAGE THERAPIST
(will travel to lodge)

CRUISE ON THE RIVER BOAT
(on site)

TAUPO HOT SPRINGS
(in Taupo)

MAKE-UP ARTIST & HAIR
(on site or Taupo)

HORSE RIDING
(in Taupo)

Please see our lodge activities pack for full information on activities at the lodge and surrounding areas - Taupo & Rotorua.

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Wedding Beverage List

The River Lodge presents an exceptional beverage selection at very competitive prices. We are fully licensed with a bar manager on site for the entire wedding. If our list does not meet your requirements please let us know we may be able to order in wines especially for you. We do offer BYO wine at \$15 corkage per bottle.

We recommend running a tab to cover bubbly and beer after the ceremony and wines for the tables. The rest can be put on a cash bar if required. We can run tabs for overnight guests. *Please note our beverage selection is subject to change.*



Methode Traditionnelle / Champagne

	BOTTLE
Linadauer Sauvignon Blanc Sparkling	\$29
(other Lindauer range available on request by the case)	
Riccadonna Asti Sparkling	\$34
Daniel Le Brun, Marlborough Sparkling	\$55
Moët & Chandon, Champagne	\$110

White Wines

Tinity Hill Hawkes Bay Chardonnay	\$29
Wither Hills Marlborough Chardonnay	\$38
Church Road Hawkes Bay Chardonnay	\$45
Kopiko Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$29
Oyster Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$35
Mahi Byrne Vineyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$45
The Ned Marlborough Pinot Gris	\$40
Loopline Wairarapa Riesling	\$40
Trinity Hill Hawkes Bay Gimblett Gravels Noble Viognier	\$39

Red Wines

Preece Victoria Merlot	\$29
Oyster Bay Hawkes Bay Merlot	\$35
Church Road Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet	\$45
Angus the Bull Australia Cabernet Sauvignon	\$30
Kopiko Bay Marlborough Pinot Noir	\$29
Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg Central Otago Pinot Noir	\$45
Trinity Hill Hawkes Bay Syrah	\$38
Weeping Sands Waiheke Island Cabernet Merlot	\$45
St Hallett Blackwell Shiraz Barossa Valley	\$55

Beer Selection

Corona	\$6.5
Steinlager Pure	\$6.5
Monteiths Range	\$6.5
Stella Artois	\$6.0
Heineken	\$6.0
Speights Summit	\$6.0
Mac's Light	\$5.5
Speights Gold	\$5.0
Tui	\$5.0
Lion Red	\$5.0

RTD's

Smirnoff Ice	\$6.5
Coruba Rum & Cola	\$6.5
McKenna Bourbon & Cola	\$6.5
Gordon's G&T	\$6.5

Juice / Soft Drinks / Water

OJ, Apple, Cranberry, Pineapple, Tomato	\$3.5
Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade	\$3.5
Schweppes Ginger Beer	\$3.5
Schweppes Lemon, Lime & Bitters	\$3.5
Red Bull / Sugar Free Red Bull	\$4
Sparkling Blackcurrant	\$4
Sparkling Grape Juice	\$10 per bottle
Small Mineral Water	\$2.5
Non-alcoholic Fruit Punch	\$35 per bowl

Spirits

A full range of spirits is available (doubles from \$7)

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Gourmet Buffet Menu \$59 per person (30 - 150 guests)

Please note these menus are flexible. We will create a menu to suit your requirements. GF = Gluten Free, V = Vegetarian

CANAPES SELECTION (Canapes are passed around by wait staff after your ceremony)

Cold (please select 2)

- Smoked Salmon & Cream Cheese on Toasted Baguette
- Tomato, Mozzarella and Basil Bites (V)
- Lemon Chicken Blini
- Marinated Shrimp on Turkish Bread
- Beef & Horseradish Bites
- Mini Fruit Kebabs (V, GF)

Hot (please select 1)

- Mini Salmon, Cream Fraiche & Dill Filo Parcels
- Spicy Meatballs
- Satay Chicken Sticks (GF)
- Mini Bacon & Egg Quiche
- Mini Spinach & Mushroom Quiche (V)
- Scallops wrapped in Bacon (extra \$2 per person)

MAINS SELECTION (Served Buffet Style)

Please choose 2 dishes:

- Honey Glazed Champagne Ham on the Bone (GF)
- Thai Spiced Roasted Chicken (GF)
- Spit Roast Pork with Crackling & Apple Sauce (GF)
- Garlic and Rosemary infused BBQ Lamb (GF)

- Beef Wellington (Puff Pastry Filled with Prime Steak & Pate)
- Cedar Planked Salmon (GF)
- Vegetable Curry with Aromatic Rice (V)
- Vegetable Lasagne (V)

served with:

- Minted Gourmet Potatoes or Roast Potatoes
- Seasonal Green Salad
- Sliced Vine Ripe Tomatoes with Feta & Basil
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Warm Bread & Butter

choose 1 other salad dish:

- Asian Marinated Mushroom, Noodle & Cashew Nut Salad
- Spiced Carrot Orzo Salad
- Bean and Beetroot Salad
- Classic Caesar Salad
- Chef's Pasta Salad

DESSERT

Your cake cut and served buffet style with cream plus 1 dessert:

Please select 1 (served buffet style)

- Chocolate & Raspberry Tart
- Mini Pavlovas with Berries & Cream (GF)
- Chocolate Torte (GF)
- Kahlua & White Chocolate Home made Cheesecake
- Fruit Salad (GF)
- Croque en Bouche (French Eclair Tower)

- Lemon & Lime Tart with Passionfruit Coulis
- Individual Sticky Date Puddings
- Apple & Berry Crumble with Vanilla Bean Custard

OR

- Old Fashioned 2- tiered dessert platters with mini dessert treats served to the tables**

Platters include Handmade Chocolates, Mini Cupcakes
Cheesecake Slices, Chocolate Dipped Strawberries (seasonal).

A SELECTION OF TEAS & FRESHLY BREWED FILTER COFFEE

EXTRAS

Gourmet Cheese board \$6 per person

Late Supper - Platters with Cheeses, Cold Meats, Crackers, Bread, Chutney & Dips \$8 per person

1 x Extra Canape \$4 per person

1 x Extra Main Meat Dish \$10 per person

1 x Extra Main Vegetarian Dish \$6 per person

1 x Extra Dessert \$6 per person

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ENTREE

Please choose two entrees to offer on your menu from the following:

Gravadlax of Dill & Rosemary

Scented Salmon served with Lemon & Lime Vinaigrette

Pan Seared Scallops

Wrapped in Streaky Bacon with a Coconut Curry Dipping Sauce

Venison and Rosemary Ravioli Grande

with a Red Wine Sauce and Parmesan Cheese

Garlic Prawns with Tropical Salsa

On a Bed of Mescaline Salad

MAIN

Please choose two mains to offer on your menu from the following:

Supreme of Chicken

Tender Chicken Breast Stuffed with Feta, Sundried Tomatoes and Caramelized Onions
on a Wild Mushroom Risotto

Macadamia Crusted Lamb Rump

Served with Thyme and Garlic Mash and a Rich Jus

Honey Glazed Pork Belly

Served with a Kumara Mash and Sharp Apple Sauce

Confit of Duck

With Kumara Fondantes and Blackberry Jus

Pan-fried Salmon with Béarnaise Sauce

On Dill Tagliatelle Pasta

Mains Complemented with a Medley of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Summer Fruits Trio

Lemon and Key Lime Tart, Passionfruit Sorbet, and Chocolate Biscotti

TEA & COFFEE

Please note that vegetarians can be catered for by prior arrangement for no extra cost



Photos from Sean & Maria Campbell's Wedding in January by Abby Dance: The "boys" make an entrance on the floatplane; The river side ceremony; The "girls" arrival on The Riverboat Waireka

The River Lodge Wedding Package

The River Lodge will book the following suppliers for you as part of our wedding package and to make things easier for you - please ask our wedding manager Maria if you need assistance or advice at any stage of planning your wedding.

HOUSE DJ

The River Lodge can arrange a professional experienced DJ to get your guests up and dancing the night away. They bring their own lighting and sound system to create a great atmosphere.

\$600 (4 hours) - Book through the lodge

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Highly Recommended by The River Lodge!!



• Jackson Shanks - Singer / Guitarist

Phone 027 346 9832

Email: jacksonshanks@gmail.com

• Hotel Joybox - 3 piece Taupo band

Call Simon McCleod 07 377 6597

Email: simonmcleodmusic@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHERS (Taupo Based)

Abby Dance www.abbydance.co.nz

Jessica Mouatt www.jessicamouatt.com

THE RIVER BOAT WAIREKA

Arrive to your private river side ceremony on the romantic historic river boat. The boat can wait through the ceremony then take guests out which is a great way to entertain them while you are having your photos taken!

\$950 for up to 3 hours - Book through the lodge

FLOAT PLANE / HELICOPTER / JET BOAT

Make a surprise entrance to your ceremony! From \$400

WEDDING PLANNER / CELEBRANT



Belinda de Lautour

Contact Taupo's 'Wedding Angel'

Belinda de Lautour if you are looking for an excellent wedding planner and / or celebrant.

Phone 07 378 8161 or check out her website

www.theweddingangel.co.nz

CELEBRANT

Carole Parker is our local marriage and civil union celebrant from Reporoa. Phone 07 333 7477.

HAIR & MAKEUP

GHQ Taupo - Phone 07 378 3789

Creme Brulee Taupo - Phone Patreece 021 142 1779

(Both places will travel out to the lodge).

FLOWERS

Bloomin Flowers Taupo - Phone 07 377 2111

Taupo Florist - Phone 07 378 9896

MASSAGE THERAPIST

See www.beautyonlocation.co.nz

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION:

Golden Springs Holiday Park (10 mins drive from lodge)

Golden Springs is a perfect option for any overflow accommodation required. The River Lodge can arrange buses to transport people to and from the lodge.

www.goldenspringsholidaypark.co.nz

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"Thanks again for an awesome weekend, so many people have said it's the best wedding they have ever been to! You have a magic venue and I hope we are fortunate enough to attend another function there some day!"

NADINE PELHAM & BRADLEY WHITE - 9th October 2010

I just want to say a BIG thank you for helping in the organisation of our wedding. We both had such a fantastic day, it just went by all too fast. River Lodge was such a great venue and everyone had a great time. Thanks again so much for all your help and making our day so special.

ANITA & JAIME BRON - Married 23rd April 2011

I just wanted to say a huge thanks. Our wedding day was amazing and even now when people ask I just love saying that it was truly the best day of our lives! The food was fabulous! Once again thank you for the most amazing day!

AMANDA & KYLE NEWSON - Married 26th February 2011

We can't thank you enough for the ease with which you handled all our wedding arrangements, the weather, the changes and last minute ceremony site decisions! We loved the venue, the food, the scenery, the service and your easy nature taking it all in your stride and providing us with security and faith in you and your team was invaluable. We had the best day, River Lodge will hold a special place in our hearts!

STEPH AND SHANE DEEGAN - Married 29th January 2011

I just wanted to say a huge HUGE thank you to you and all the staff that helped on our amazing day. It was more than we imagined, and honestly perfect. Thank you so much. Myself, Edin, our families and all our guests are raving about the river lodge.

ROCHELLE & EDIN - Married February 20th 2010

What can we say? Simply superb in every way - the facilities, staff, food, organisation and accommodation. Our guests raved about all of these elements! Nothing was too much trouble and no task was done by half. Thank you for making our special day unbelievably magnificent and memorable. We could not conceive of a more perfect way to start our married life together.

FIONA & WARREN MANNINGTON - Married 30th January 2010

Kate and I just wanted to thank you all again for making us feel so welcome and doing such a great job organising everything on our Special day! Everything looked fantastic and the day ran so smoothly. All our guests we have talked to since have raved about the venue and staff!

BRIAN & KATE UNDERWOOD - Married November 21st 2009

We had a fantastic time at The River Lodge and thought yourselves and your team did a wonderful job - absolutely faultless! The staff were so helpful and professional - I had lots of positive comments from guests about how great all the staff were!

JO & DAVE ADDISON - Married December 30th 2008

Photo Gallery - Ceremony & Reception Options



River side ceremony location



Wet weather ceremony option



Reception area for up to 60 guests



Reception area for up to 90 guests with chair covers and bows



10 x 10 metre marquee set up in the rose garden



12 x 12 metre marquee for 100 guests with round tables

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Large vase with satin table runner

Finishing Touches...

The River Lodge offers a small selection of table and chair decorations to add a special finishing touch to your wedding reception and save you the hassle! (Alternatively you are welcome to bring your own table decorations but all candles must have holders so that wax doesn't drip on the linen.)
Please give us at least 2 months notice if you wish to hire any of the following items. A delivery fee may apply.

TABLE RUNNERS Satin \$7 each, Organza \$4 each - both available in a wide range of colours

LARGE VASES WITH RIVER STONES AND CANDLES (Ivy pictured is optional)

(Vases are 30mm high and 15mm wide) **1 - 20 available to hire:**

>> With white candle: **\$10 each**

WHITE LANTERNS WITH CANDLES

(Lanterns are 25mm high including handle and 13mm wide) **1- 24 available to hire:**

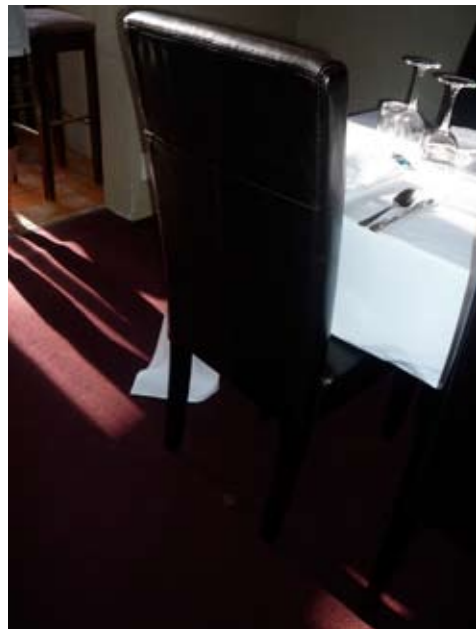
>> With white candle: **\$8 each**

PA SYSTEM

One speaker with i-pod dock and wireless microphone. Suitable for outdoor ceremonies, and speeches. **\$50 to hire**



Lantern with white candle



CHAIR OPTIONS:

Our chairs are black leather with high back and don't require any covers. However if you wish to have chair covers / and or bows this can be arranged to hire for the following prices: (The bows are available in a large range of colours to match your colour scheme). The prices include full set up.

>> **White Lycra Covers with Bows \$7 each** >> **Just Bows \$3 each**

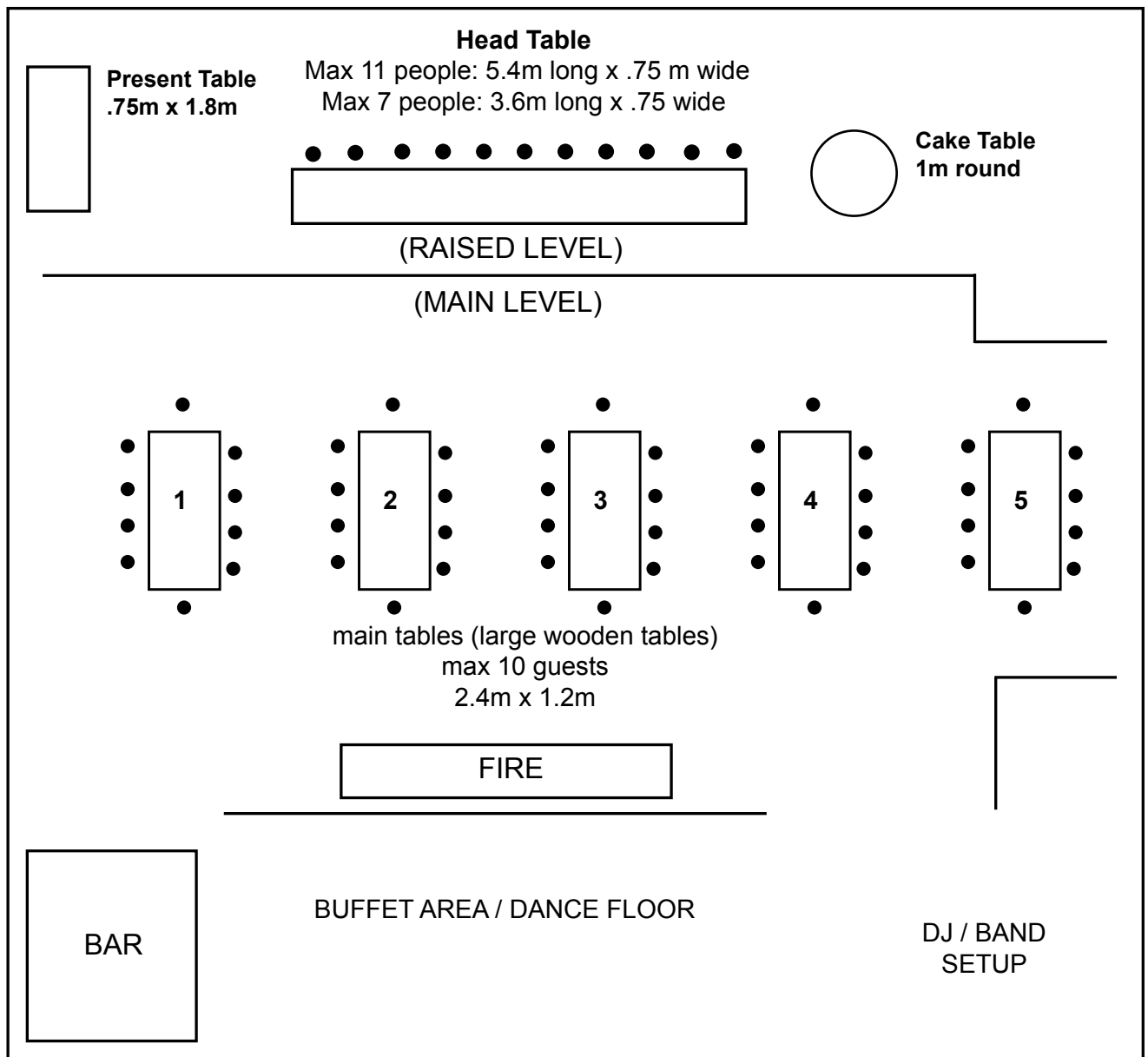
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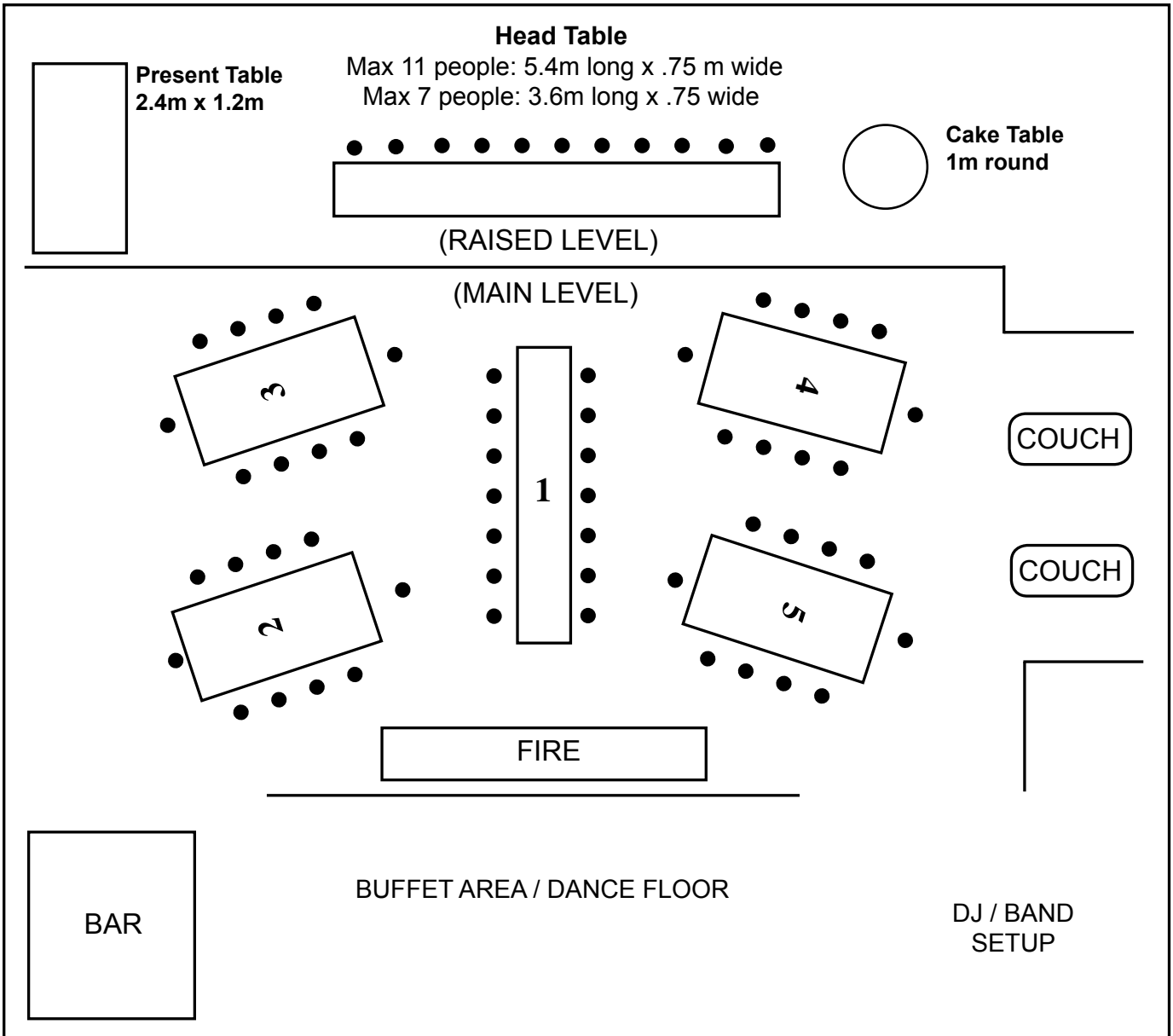
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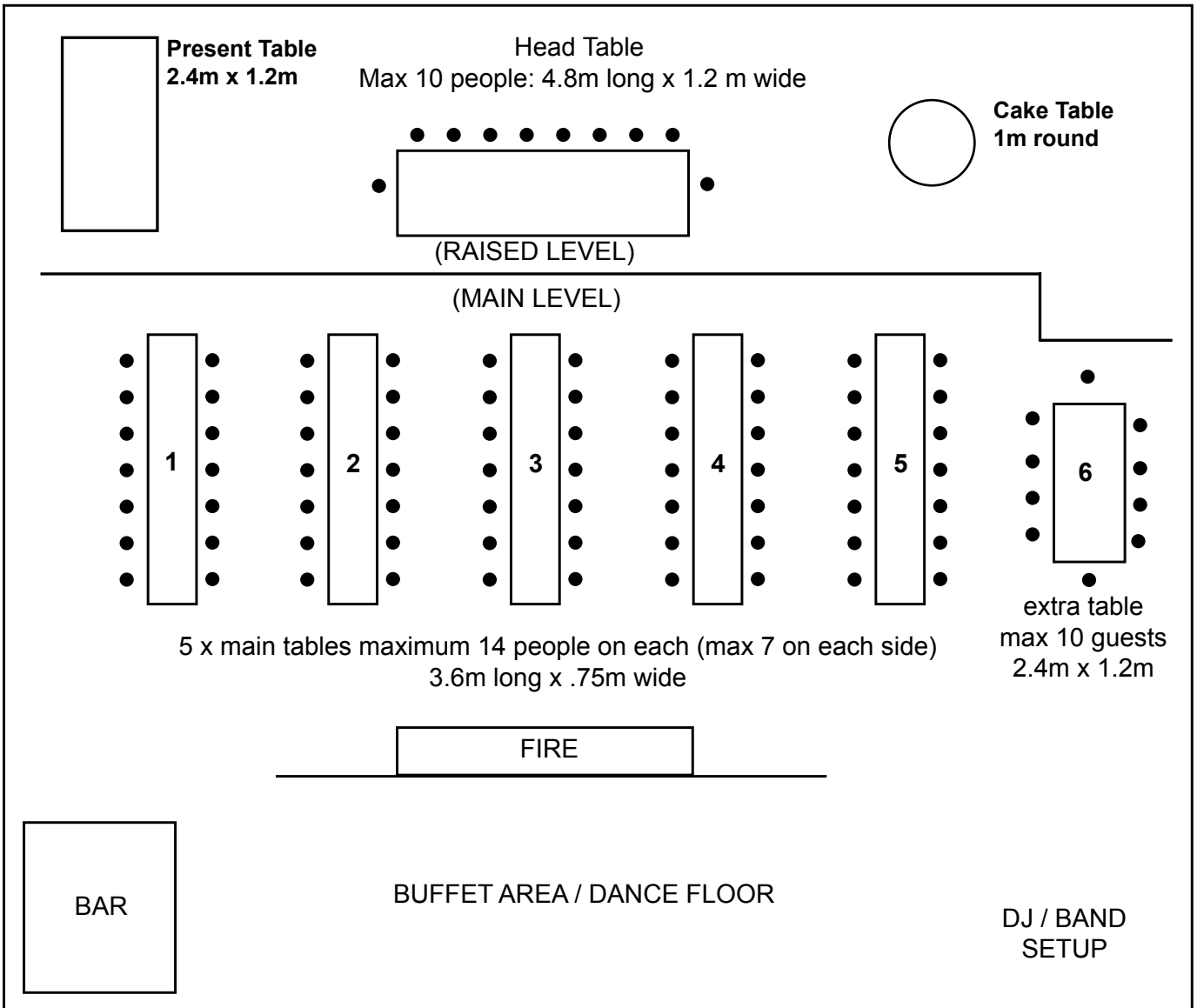
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THE RIVER LODGE RECEPTION LAYOUT
up to 65 guests



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THE RIVER LODGE RECEPTION LAYOUT
60-90 guests



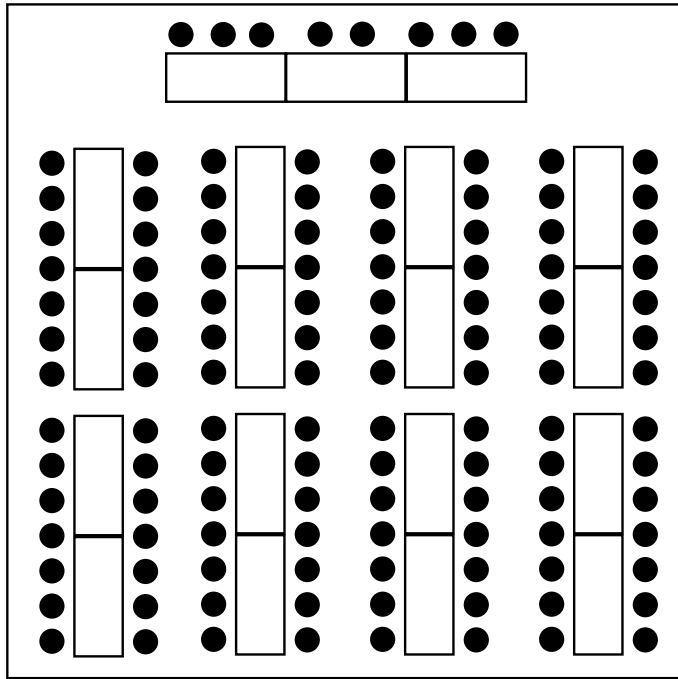
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**The River Lodge table layouts for marquees in the rose garden
(using the lodge lounge for the buffet and dancing area) 100 - 150 people**

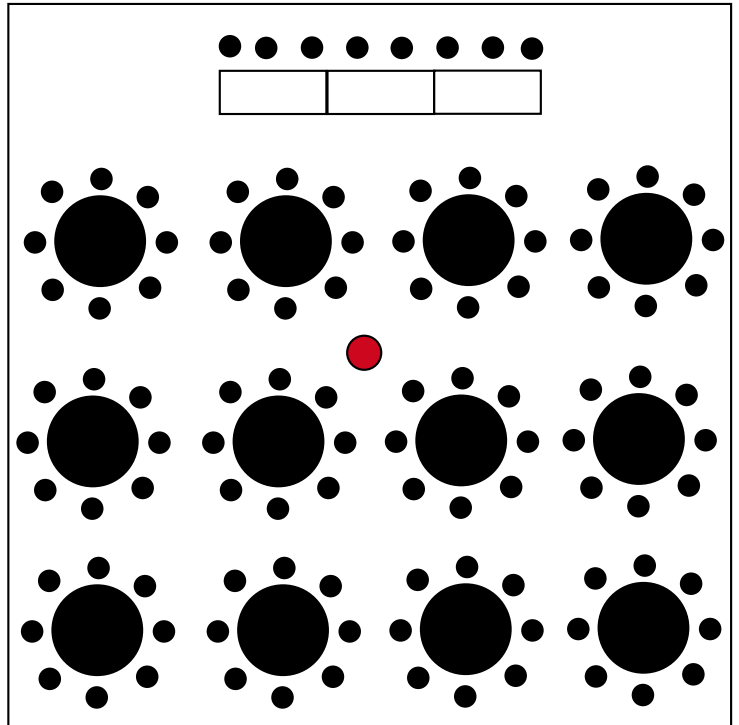


Estimated costs include marquee, silk ceilings, chairs, tables, table cloths, napkins, lighting, delivery, labour and permits where necessary. Chair covers and bows are an extra \$6.50 per person. Clear or French Window walls are an additional cost.

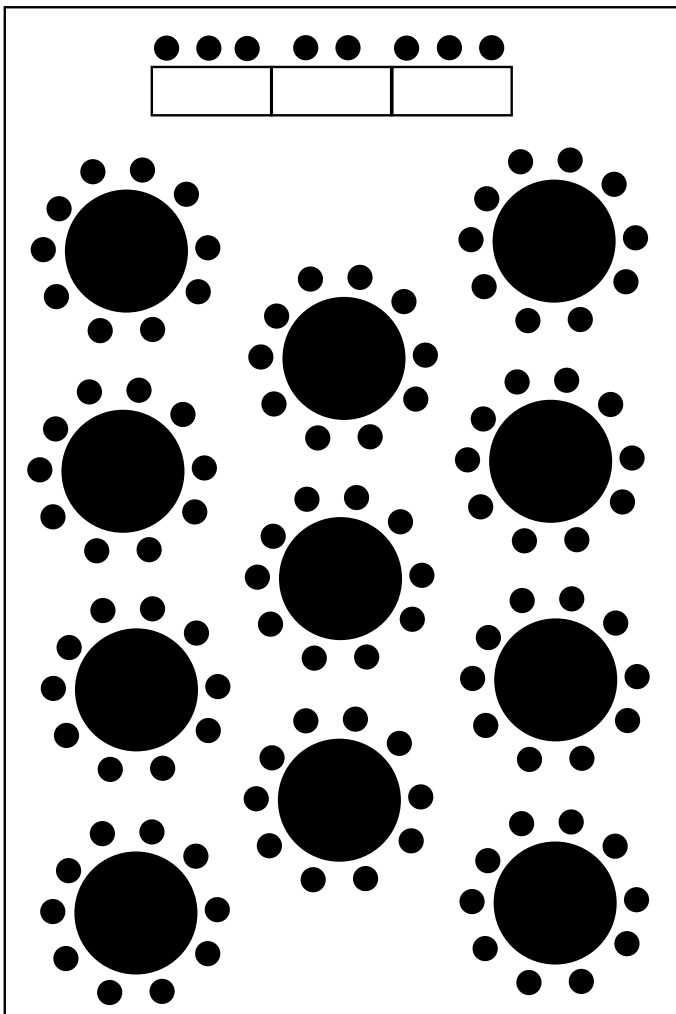
10 x 10 clip frame marquee (seat up to 120) \$3044



12 x 12 Rope & Pole Marquee (seat up to 100) \$4343



10 x 15 clip frame marquee (seat up to 120) \$5160



10 x 15 clip frame marquee (seat up to 150) \$4788

