Functions at Adelaide Zoo

ADELAIDE ZOO





Host with purpose, celebrate with impact.

Step into a world where nature meets extraordinary events. Adelaide Zoo, one of Australia's most historic and cherished venues, has been bringing people together since 1883.

More than just a breathtaking venue, Adelaide Zoo is part of Zoos SA, a not-for-profit conservation charity dedicated to saving species from extinction.

When you host your corporate function, gala, or private event here, you're giving your guests a truly unique experience while supporting critical conservation efforts that protect wildlife and their habitats. Every event helps fund education, rescue programs, and global initiatives, ensuring that future generations can continue to connect with nature.

Let's create an event that makes a lasting impact.

Bamboo Forest

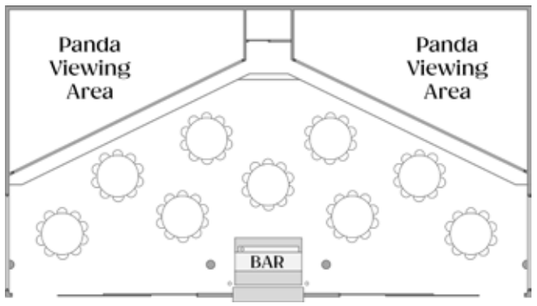
Dine with pandas.

Create an event like no other with an exclusive breakfast, pre-dinner drinks, or dinner alongside Xing Qui and Yi Lan the only giant pandas in the Southern Hemisphere. This rare and remarkable setting offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to wine and dine in the presence of these incredible animals, leaving your guests with memories they'll talk about for years to come.



Features

- All-weather suitability with fixed infrastructure for year-round events
- Permanent lighting for visibility and ambience, day or night
- Built-in bar for efficient beverage service
- Power access for an acoustic musician or a personal speaker system. (Not suitable for bands or DJs)
- Level ground throughout, suitable and accessible for all attendees



Included Experience

Venue hire includes a welcome from one of our dedicated keeper team members, shared while Xing Qui and Yi-Lan enjoy their favourite treats or enrichment activities.

Capacities

Undercover Venue:
150 Cocktail | 90 Seated

Bamboo Forest Habitat (Undercover Included):
500 Cocktail | 200 Seated

Pricing

Pre-dinner hire:	$2200 (1hr)
Exclusive event hire:	$3,200 (for up to 5hrs)

Availability

Monday to Sunday
5:00pm to 10:00pm

Giraffe Courtyard

Truly unforgettable.

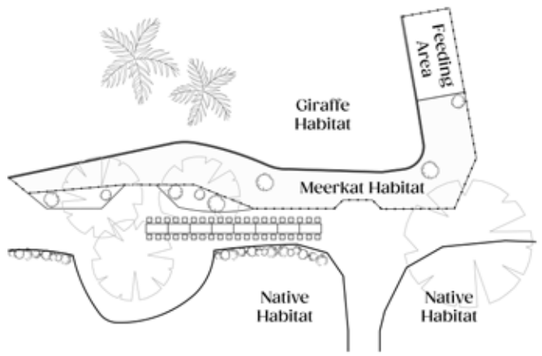
Imagine hosting your event just metres from giant giraffes and the mob of meerkats. The courtyard stretches along the habitat, offering your guests breathtaking views as they mingle, sip fine wine, and dine beneath the stars with these gentle giants as their backdrop. This open-air setting is ideal for creating magical moments for pre-dinner events, cocktail gatherings, or intimate dinners.



Features

- Even, level terrain ensures easy movement and full accessibility for all guests
- Natural shade provided by tree canopies
- Ideal for acoustic sets, with power available for portable speaker use (DJs and bands are not permitted)
- Exclusive use of the courtyard and adjacent meerkat habitat for a truly unique setting





Capacities

150 Cocktail | 50 Seated

Pricing

Pre-dinner hire:	$1,000 (1hr)
Exclusive event hire:	$2,000 (for up to 6hrs)
*Giraffe Feed:	$750 (for up to 25 guests)

Availability

Monday to Sunday
5:00 pm to 11:00pm

Optional Experience

Add an extraordinary touch to your event with a giraffe hand-feed*. Available for up to 25 guests, this exclusive add-on delivers a memorable moment your guests will never forget.

Immersion Longhouse

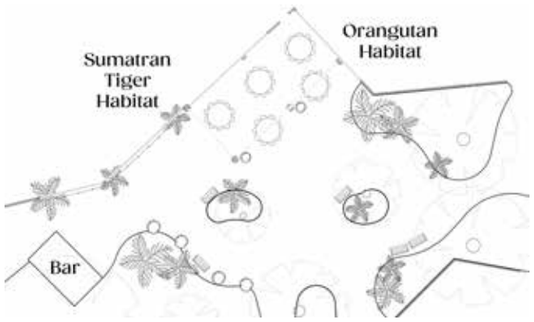
A rainforest escape.

Surrounded by the lush, tranquil beauty of an Asian rainforest, the Immersion Longhouse offers a one-of-a-kind setting for your next event. Crafted from natural materials to blend seamlessly with its rainforest surrounds, this impressive venue features floor-to-ceiling glass panels that bring guests within a whisker of the majestic Sumatran Tigers for an experience like no other.



Features

- Permanent infrastructure ensures the venue is suitable for events in all seasons
- Fixed lighting provides reliable illumination for evening and low-light events
- Purpose-built service hut for catering and bar operations, located beside the habitat
- Power is available for personal speaker systems, or an acoustic performer (Not suitable for bands or DJs)
- Positioned adjacent to the Orangutan habitat, offering a unique and engaging backdrop



Included Experience

Venue hire includes a welcome from one of our dedicated keepers. Watch as they engage the Sumatran Tigers using their favourite enrichment activities and tasty treats.

Capacities

Open-sided structure:
60 Cocktail | 50 Seated

Structure and Immersion habitat gardens:
140 Cocktail | 80 Seated

Pricing

Pre-dinner hire:	$1,850 (1hr)
Exclusive event hire:	$2,850 (for up to 6hrs)

Availability

Monday to Sunday
5:00pm to 11:00pm

Jewels of Asia

A tranquil oasis.

Nestled within one of Adelaide Zoo's most picturesque garden precincts, Jewels of Asia offers a unique outdoor setting surrounded by lush Asian-inspired gardens, nearby animal habitats and the gentle sounds of birds. Perfect for cocktail functions, intimate celebrations and corporate gatherings, this peaceful venue provides an unforgettable backdrop for any occasion.



Features

- Beautiful outdoor garden setting surrounded by lush landscaping
- Multiple aviaries featuring a diverse range of bird species
- Nearby animal habitats, including Southern Cassowary, Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Brazilian Tapir and Squirrel Monkey
- Suitable for acoustic entertainment or low-level background music via a portable speaker system (DJs and live bands are not permitted)
- Level, even pathways providing easy access for guests of all ages and accessibility needs
- Located near the Rotunda Restrooms



Optional Experience

Want to make it extra special? Enjoy a special welcome from a member of our dedicated keeping team, including a keeper-led enrichment opportunity with Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys.

Capacities

150 Cocktail | 50 Seated

Pricing

Pre-dinner hire:	$850 (1hr)
Exclusive event hire:	$1,250 (for up to 5hrs)
Animal experience:	$500 (optional add-on))

Availability

Monday to Sunday
5:00pm to 10:00pm





Alligator Lawns

Room to roam.

Spacious and versatile, Alligator Lawns is ideal for larger gatherings, with plenty of room for guests to mingle, explore and relax. Surrounded by a variety of animal habitats, the lawns offer a unique Zoo setting while still feeling private and relaxed. With plenty of flexibility, the space can be tailored to suit a range of events, from casual celebrations to larger corporate functions.

Features

- Beautiful outdoor setting with unique succulent gardens and intimate open lawn spaces
- Located amongst multiple animal habitats, including the American Alligator, Maned Wolf, Meerkats and Capybaras
- Private and secluded setting, offering an exclusive atmosphere for your event
- Suitable for acoustic entertainment or speaker music (not suitable for DJs or live bands)
- Level pathways and ramps providing easy access for guests with accessibility needs
- Ideal for cocktail functions, children's parties, family fun nights and interactive events





Optional Experience

Add a keeper talk and animal enrichment experience, featuring one of the unique species that calls Alligator Lawns home.

Capacities

250 Cocktail

Pricing

Pre-dinner hire:	$550 (1hr)
Exclusive event hire:	$1,000 (for up to 3hrs)
Animal experience:	$500 (optional add-on))

Availability

Monday to Sunday (October - March only)
5:00pm to 8:00pm

Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda

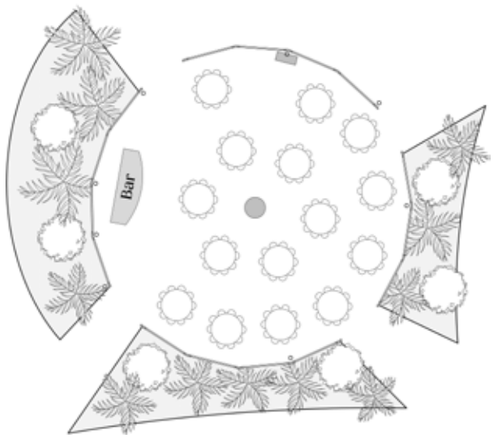
Historic elegance.

Set within the lush grounds of Adelaide Zoo, the Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda is one of the city's most iconic and unique event spaces. Offering 360-degree views of the picturesque gardens and the enchanting sounds of the zoo at night, this elegant outdoor venue provides an unforgettable setting for celebrations, corporate dinners, cocktail events, Christmas parties, and family gatherings.



Features

- Level flooring throughout, providing smooth access and full accessibility for all guests
- Solid roofing structure, ensuring protection and comfort in all seasons
- Open sides allowing 360 degree views
- Retractable clear blinds for versatile use
- Hard-wired ceiling lighting
- Additional side pole down-lights offering soft, atmospheric lighting options
- Audio system with wireless microphone
- 90-decibel sound limit, suitable for DJs and most live entertainment. (Excluding bands)
- Convenient access to amenities, including nearby restrooms and parents' room



Capacities

250 Cocktail

150 Seated | 130 Seated with dance floor

Pricing

Venue Hire: $850

Availability

Monday to Sunday
7:00am to Midnight

Central Lawns

Under the open sky.

Nestled within lush, green surroundings, the Central Lawns offer a spacious, adaptable, and picturesque setting for any occasion. Framed by natural beauty and the ambient sounds of nearby wildlife, this expansive outdoor venue is ideal for breakfast functions, cocktail gatherings, gala dinners, marquee events, outdoor cinemas, and wedding ceremonies or receptions.

Features

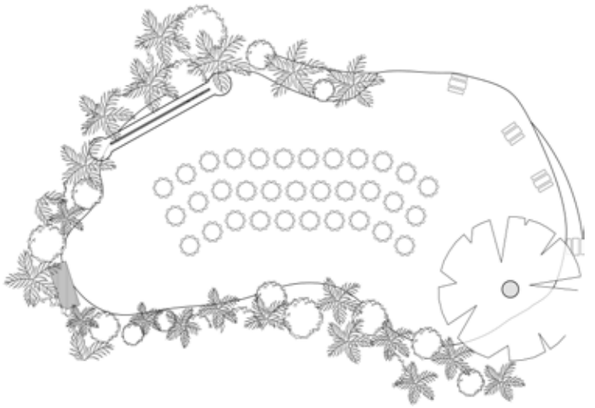
- Open-air venue with manicured gardens and a peaceful setting away from city noise
- Garden uplighting for evening events
- Flexible layout for various setups
- DJ and live entertainment-friendly (bands excluded)
- Easy access to restrooms and parents' room



Capacities

1,000 Cocktail | 500 Seated





Pricing

- During Zoo opening hours: $2,750
- Outside Zoo opening hours: $2,000

Availability

Monday to Sunday
7:00am to Midnight

Natures Playground

Fun-filled for all ages.

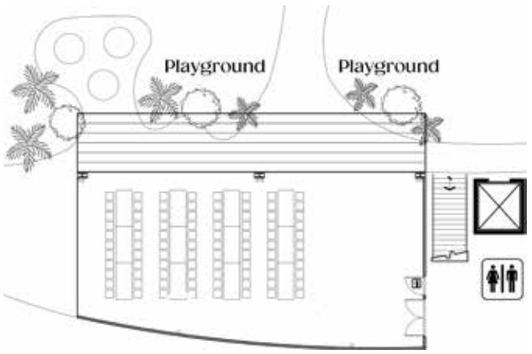
A vibrant, family-friendly venue designed to delight both children and adults. It's a popular choice for corporate family fun days, birthday parties, education programs, and community events.

The space offers sheltered seating and direct, uninterrupted views of our expansive playground, ensuring everyone stays connected to the fun.



Features

- Undercover structure with lighting and fans for all year-round versatility
- Overhead spotlighting above the playground for twilight and evening events
- Inbuilt speakers within the undercover structure for ambient music
- Parents' room conveniently located next to Nature's Playground
- Accessible bathrooms nearby
- Includes use of tables and chairs, arranged to suit your event needs



Capacities

150 Cocktail (Undercover) | 90 Seated

Pricing

- Sheltered Seating Pavilion: $750

Availability

Monday to Sunday
9:30am to 5:00pm

Plane Tree Centre

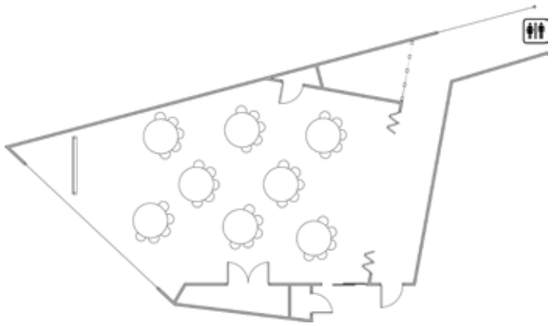
Versatile & impactful.

Conveniently located near the zoo entrance, this venue offers easy access via Plane Tree Drive and public transport. Architecturally designed with versatility in mind, the space is filled with natural light with a professional atmosphere. Its adaptable layout makes it suitable for everything from seminars to networking functions and receptions.



Features

- Data projector and screen
- Wireless microphone and lectern
- Whiteboard and flip-chart
- Unisex restrooms conveniently located nearby
- Bi-fold doors for walkway separation
- Integrated heating and cooling throughout
- Floor-to-ceiling window with an electric privacy blind for adjustable lighting and views
- Full furniture setup and pack-down provided
- Kitchenette available for basic food and beverage preparation



Capacities

Cocktail 150 | Seated 64
Cabaret 48 | Boardroom 30
Classroom 32 | Theatre 80

Pricing

- Standard hire: $750
- Discounted hire (see left): $500

Availability

Monday to Sunday
8:00am to Midnight

Get a Discounted Rate

When booked in conjunction with a conference catering package or when our discounted conference admissions to Adelaide Zoo are included within your booking. (Min 20 guests)



Fig Tree Function Room

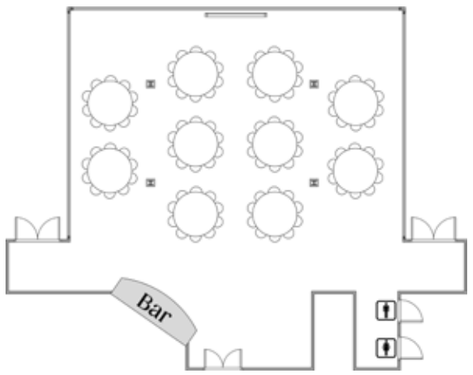
In the heart of nature.

Nestled within the stunning grounds of Adelaide Zoo, the Fig Tree Function Room is a breathtaking indoor venue where elegance meets nature. Boasting abundant natural light and lush garden views, this versatile space is perfect for any occasion—from sophisticated dinners and lively cocktail parties to corporate conferences and unforgettable weddings and social gatherings.



Features

- Central Adelaide Zoo location with floor-to-ceiling windows and stunning views
- Contemporary and modern interior styling
- Sound-dampening interior with privacy blinds, climate control, and adjustable lighting
- Private indoor bar
- Private indoor restrooms
- Built-in AV: projector, screen, microphone, and ceiling speakers
- White linen tablecloths and napery included
- All-inclusive staffing for seamless service
- Ducted heating and cooling throughout
- Full furniture setup and pack down included



Capacities

Cocktail 150 | Cabaret 70 | Boardroom 40
Seated 120 | Seated with dance floor 80

Pricing

- Monday to Thursday: $ 500
- Friday to Sunday: $ 750

Availability

Monday to Sunday
6:00am to Midnight

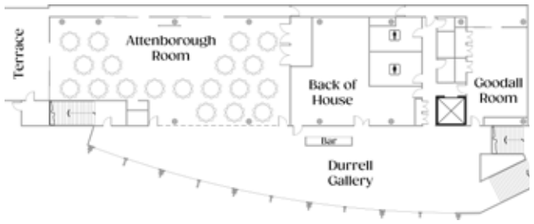
Fig Tree Function Room is run exclusively by Quality Events Catering.

Sanctuary Function Centre

Modern with views.

The Sanctuary Function Centre at Adelaide Zoo is a state-of-the-art event space designed to accommodate a variety of functions. Located on the first floor of the zoo's entrance precinct, this award-winning venue offers a flexible, sophisticated and versatile venue in an unforgettable location ideal for exhibitions, conferences, gala dinners, and special celebrations.





Features

- Floor-to-ceiling windows with scenic views
- Polished concrete floors (Durrell Gallery) and plush carpet (Attenborough Room)
- Projector, lectern, and integrated sound system
- Ducted heating and cooling throughout
- Lift access for full accessibility
- Stylish male, female, and accessible restrooms
- Private outdoor terrace and configurable room dividers for flexible layouts
- Tranquil indoor water feature
- Premium linen and napery included
- Full event staffing, setup, and pack-down service included for every event

Capacities

Attenborough Room: 280 Cocktail | 260 Banquet
200 Theatre | 180 Cabaret

Durrell Gallery:
250 Cocktail | 100 Banquet

Goodall Room:
60 Cocktail | 50 Theatre | 40 Banquet | 28 Cabaret

This venue is run exclusively by Blanco Catering and Events.

Pricing

- Goodall Room: $600
- Durrell Gallery: $800
- Attenborough Room: $1,200
  (Includes all above spaces)

Availability

Monday to Sunday
6:00am to Midnight

Corporate Family Fun





Capacities

Minimum: 20
Maximum: 3000

Create your day.

Build a Family Fun Day that works for your team and their families. Start with discounted Zoo admission, choose your event space, then add catering, animal experiences or activities to make the day your own.

Inclusions

- Admission from 9:30am - 5:00pm
- Guests are free to explore at their own pace
- Enjoy the zoo before and after your function

Choose your venue

Choose from our unique event spaces as the home base for your Family Fun Day, where your guests can gather and enjoy your chosen catering.

Pricing

- Admission: $25 pp
- Venue hire applies

Optional Add-ons

Wild Show | $10 pp
Meet some of our animal ambassadors during an engaging presentation with our keeping team.

Wild Walk | $10 pp
Explore the Zoo on a guided wildlife walk led by one of our knowledgeable team members.

Interactive Games
Turn Adelaide Zoo into your game board with a fun group activity, suitable for all ages and customisable to your group.

See page 30 for more information.



Twilight Zoo Packages





Availability

Monday to Sunday
5:00m to 8:00pm

Only available during day light saving months

Looking for a remarkable corporate event that blends entertainment with purpose? Host a Twilight Zoo event at Adelaide Zoo! A private, after-hours experience designed for your team, clients, or partners. By hosting your event with us, you're giving your guests an exclusive experience while also supporting vital conservation efforts.

All packages include:

- Private after-hours access to animal habitats
- Exclusive keeper talks and feeding sessions
- Zoo Shop open exclusively for your guests
- Selected on-site cafe open
- Wheelchairs and accessibility support available†
- Dedicated event staff, security and volunteers to ensure a seamless experience
- Option to choose from two onsite caterers*

*Additional costs apply
† Contact the team for more information

Twilight Zoo

Experience the entire Adelaide Zoo after hours with exclusive access to all habitats and venues within the Adelaide Zoo. This premium package offers the space and flexibility for larger bookings to gather and celebrate.

Capacities and Pricing

Up to 3,000 Guests | $27,000

Central Lawns

Ideal for all ages, Central Lawns Twilight features exclusive use of the expansive greenery of the Central Lawns and the elegant Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda. It's located near the Fig Tree Café, which includes restrooms and baby change.

Nearby habitats include the Tasmanian Devil, natives area, meerkats, giraffes, as well as the popular Pelican Talk and Free Flight Bird Show.

Capacities and Pricing

Up to 1,500 Guests | $15,000

Natures Playground

Nature's Playground Twilight is a sheltered venue that offers access to the zoo's playground.
It features two versatile lawn areas, ideal for gatherings, and is conveniently located near the Wisteria Café, restrooms, and a parent room.

Guests also have access to several popular attractions within the zoo, including the Variety Children's Zoo, Reptile House, Komodo Dragon Habitat, Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby Habitat, and the Nature Theatre, which hosts daily Wild Shows.

Capacities and Pricing

Up to 800 Guests | $8,800



Add a Little Friendly Competition





Transform Adelaide Zoo into your game board with a choice of interactive game adventures. Each experience runs for approximately 1.5 hours and is designed to encourage exploration, teamwork, and a little friendly competition.

Suitable for all ages and knowledge levels.

Game inclusions:

- Adelaide Zoo admission, 9:30am–5:00pm
- All game materials
- Full game planning and coordination
- Dedicated on-the-day game hosts to explain, facilitate and manage the experience

Add-on prizes:

- **Giraffe Feed: +$750**
  Add up to 25 winners to experience a hand Giraffe Feed, hosted on the day of your event.
- **Retail Gift: +$30 pp**
  Award all game winners as you choose with a prize from the retail gift shop.
- **Something for everyone: +$10 pp**
  Give a gift to everyone participating .

Speak to the functions team for the full list options and availability.

Availability

Monday to Sunday
From 9:00am to 5:00pm*

*Extended availability offered during daylight savings months
Additional fees apply for games played after 5pm.

Capacities

Minimum: 30 | Maximum: 300

Choose your venue

Choose from a range of unique Adelaide Zoo spaces to host your event, enjoy your selected game and add catering for your guests.

Venue fees apply.

Zoo Bingo | $35pp

Grab your team and experience a wild twist on the classic game of Bingo! Work together to solve the questions on your Bingo Card, race to complete rows, unlock bonus points and outsmart the competition. Teams will battle it out to achieve the highest score in the fastest time to claim the ultimate Bingo victory.

Your dedicated game host will guide the action from start to finish, keeping the excitement, teamwork and friendly competition alive.

Zoo Treasure Hunt | $40pp

Embark on a thrilling treasure hunt through Adelaide Zoo as your team follows a trail of clues, solves riddles and searches for hidden treasures. Teams will be required to divide and conquer to uncover the next location, unlock challenges and collect their treasures.

With multiple treasures to discover, this fast-paced adventure will test teamwork, problem-solving and exploration skills from start to finish.



Proposal Packages





Make your proposal truly unforgettable at Adelaide Zoo. Choose from a range of unique locations surrounded by beautiful gardens and iconic animal habitats, creating a one-of-a-kind backdrop for your special moment. Whether shared privately or in front of some of the Zoo's most remarkable residents, your proposal will be a memory to treasure, with stunning photo opportunities to capture the occasion forever.

All packages include:

- Personalised consultation with your Event Manager to create a tailored surprise plan, complete with a crafted backstory to keep the proposal secret until the perfect moment
- Dedicated Zoo Host to coordinate your experience on the day
- Exclusive animal experience for two
- Ambient music and AV system
- Beautifully dressed table for two, with a bottle of sparkling to celebrate your special moment
- Two tickets to enjoy a personal animal experience at Adelaide Zoo or Monarto Safari Park on your one-year anniversary.

Pricing

- For the Love Birds: $2,000
- A Roaring Romance: $3,000
- A Love to Look Up To: $3,500
- A Giant Proposal: $3,700

Dinner for two

Complete your experience with a specially crafted dinner for two or a beautifully prepared picnic hamper. Speak with our Functions Manager to explore menu options and pricing.

For the Love Birds

Create a romantic proposal surrounded by lush gardens and the sounds of bird life in our unique aviary setting. Perfect for both daytime and evening celebrations during daylight savings, this enchanting location offers a beautiful backdrop under the sun or beneath the stars, creating a memorable moment to share together.

A Roaring Romance

Propose in the heart of Immersion surrounded by manicured Asian-inspired gardens and overlooking our magnificent tiger habitat. Perfect all year round, Immersion offers a truly unique setting for an unforgettable proposal, with the comfort of a covered pavilion allowing your special moment to be enjoyed in any season.

A Love to Look Up To

The Giraffe Courtyard offers a truly memorable setting where you and your partner can hand feed the Giraffes trio, creating an unforgettable experience and the perfect photo opportunity to capture your special moment.

A Giant Proposal

Create a truly memorable proposal in our Bamboo Forest, home to the only two Giant Pandas in the Southern Hemisphere. Nestled amongst tranquil bamboo gardens, this unique, all-season location offers a private and elegant setting for a proposal unlike any other.



Meet the Team



Karen Guelen
Functions Manager



Emma Hueppauff
Functions Coordinator



Tamika Darrell
Functions Assistant

Meet your dedicated Functions team, bringing more than 15 years of experience creating and delivering memorable functions and events, from intimate celebrations to large-scale occasions.

Booking Information

Zoo Admissions

For functions held during Adelaide Zoo's opening hours, zoo admission is required unless stated otherwise. A discounted entry rate applies and will be included in your function quote.

Catering Options

Catering is available from either Quality Events or Blanco Catering, depending on your chosen venue within the zoo.

- Fig Tree Function Room is exclusively serviced by Quality Events.
- Sanctuary Function Centre is exclusively serviced by Blanco Catering.
- All other venues are open to either caterer. Catering quotes will be provided upon request directly from your selected provider.

Zoo Host

A Zoo Host may be required to oversee your function and ensure smooth operation on the day. Charges are based on the duration of your event and will be included in your quote.

Security

Security may be required for functions outside Zoo hours or where alcohol is served. Costs will be included in your quote, with all security provided by a Zoos SA-approved supplier.

Zoo Map

Scan to view the Adelaide Zoo map.





Let’s get started.

Whether you’re planning an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, our team is here to bring your vision to life. Let us help you create an unforgettable event in one of our stunning and unique venues at Adelaide Zoo.

Our event specialists are ready to guide you through our versatile spaces, tailored experiences, and exciting animal encounters, ensuring every detail is just right.

To find out more about the full selection of venues and experiences contact our friendly staff in the Venue and Functions team at:

(08) 8230 1365 or at adelaidezoo.com.au/venues

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