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The National Trust of Australia (NSW)

National Trust Venue Hire | **Experiment Farm Cottage**

Harris Park

DESCRIPTION

Experiment Farm Cottage stands on the site of the first land grant in Australia, made in 1789 by Governor Phillip to the former convict, James Ruse. The Indian-style bungalow there today was built by Surgeon John Harris, who purchased the land from Ruse in 1793 for £40. It is thought to have been built by c1835. It is one of Australia's oldest standing properties, and features in an 1837 sketch and subsequent watercolour by Conrad Martens.

The venue's romantic veranda and gardens are a pleasant venue for wedding photography or small groups looking for an atmosphere of character and historic significance.

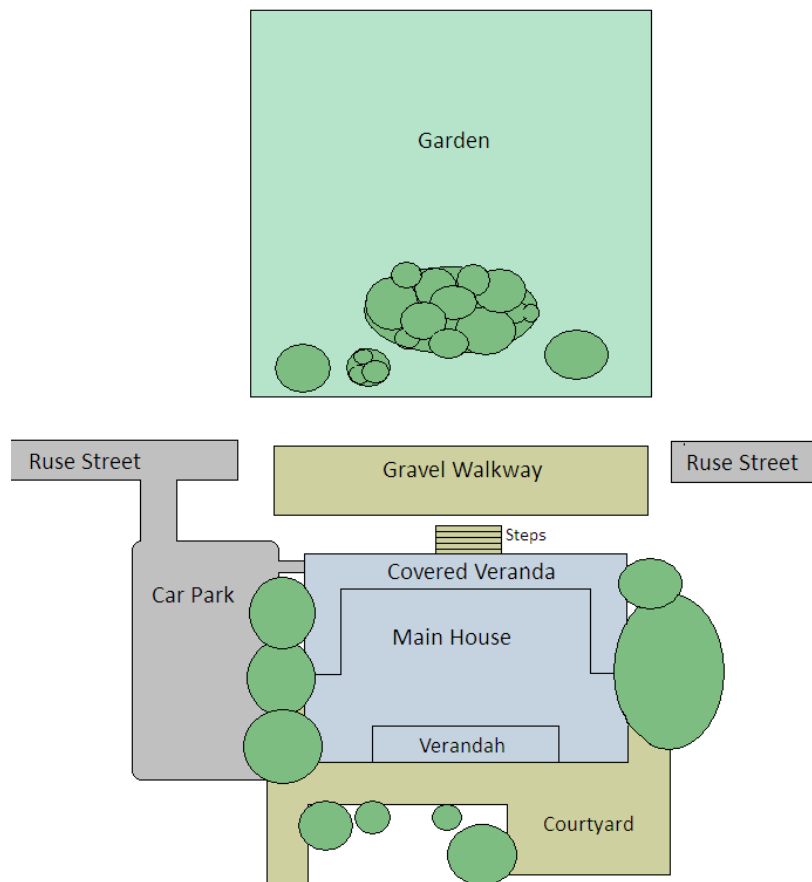
The veranda and gardens make a nice setting for a stand-up cocktail party, or alternatively an intimate wedding breakfast or lunch can be accommodated on the veranda or forecourt. If the weather is bad, the dining room is available for use.



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Venue Option	Location	Capacity	Hours	Cost
Photography Only	Exterior	40	1	220.00
	Exterior/Interior	ext 40, int 4	1	275.00
Cocktail party / Reception	Courtyard or Front Garden	40	Avail. 9am-6 pm	110.00 p/hr** <i>Minimum period : 2 hrs</i>
Meeting / Room Hire	Dining Room	10	Avail. 9am-6pm	110.00 p/hr** <i>Minimum period : 2 hrs</i>
Wedding Ceremony Only	Grounds, Veranda or Courtyard	40	1	220.00
Wedding and Photography	Exterior/Interior	ext 40, int 4	1	275.00
	Exterior/Interior	ext 40, int 4	1.5	357.00
	Exterior/Interior	ext 40, int 4	2	440.00
Supervision Fee per staff member required	(before 9am & after 4pm)			27.50 p/hr

SITE PLAN



(Please Note this drawing is not to scale and is to be used as a rough guide only)



CATERING & EQUIPMENT HIRE

Experiment Farm Cottage venue hire does not include catering; approved outdoor caterers or self-caterers can be used. We can provide up to 30 chairs and 3 tables. Audio-visual equipment may be available upon request.

Please note that due to conservation requirements to prevent permanent damage to the original sandstone paving, red wine cannot be served or consumed on the verandas and a designated smoking area will be organised for your guests.

DISABLED ACCESS

Entry to the house is through the side gate to the courtyard. Portable ramp access to the ground floor of the house through to the front veranda is available. Electric wheelchairs may not gain access due to narrow doorways. The two toilets on site are not accessible for wheelchairs due to narrow doorways.

BOOKING & PAYMENT

To book this venue please call to check availability, then complete a booking enquiry form and return it to the property. Upon confirmation of booking you will need to pay a deposit, and the full balance must be paid at least one week before the function.

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