

Nobbys Lighthouse Public Access Information



Public access:

The Nobbys Lighthouse grounds is available for free public access on the first and third Sunday of each month between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available on site. Please note that there are limited toilet facilities at the site. There is no parking available on site. The site can only be accessed by an 800m walk with a steep climb at the end. Disabled persons requiring access by motor vehicle is permitted but by prior arrangement only.

Private hire

The site is available to hire for the purposes of small weddings, wedding photographs, special occasions and corporate functions. See fee schedule below for pricing information. **See table 1.**

Community groups

The site is available to community groups as an exhibition space with access to one of the lightkeepers cottages available. **See table 1.**

Event hire

The site is available for both ticketed and non-ticketed events. **See table 1.**

Filming and photography

Free private filming and photography is permitted on site at any time during the public access days of the first and third Sundays of each month on a non exclusive basis.

Filming and photography at other times or on an exclusive basis will incur the hire charges listed in the fee schedule below. **See table 1.**

Site inspection

Free site inspection is available every Tuesday between 09.00am and 10.00am or during the public access days of the first and third Sunday of each month. Site inspections outside these times can be arranged but will incur a callout fee of \$100 in addition to any site hire charge.

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Smoking and alcohol

Smoking is **NOT** permitted inside the grounds and only in a designated area outside the grounds. Alcohol is not permitted to be brought onto the site other than by the preferred caterer who must hold the relevant liquor license.

Table 1 - Nobbys Site Management Fee Structure

Activity	Daily Rate or part thereof	Weekend or part thereof	Weekly or part thereof
Community	\$100 per day plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$200 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$600 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)
Wedding photographs	\$350 + site supervisor cost \$160		
Private hire: wedding ceremonies, special occasions.	\$750 per hire plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$1500 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$4000 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)
Commercial hire: launches, functions, event viewing, conferences	\$2000 per day plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$3500 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)	\$12000 plus any recoverable costs (listed below)
Filming Still photography Film Shoot	<p>\$300 –up to 4 hours (between 8am and 5pm) \$500 –4 to 8 hours (between 8am and 5pm) \$100 – per hour overtime (before 8am and after 5pm)</p> <p>\$500 –up to 4 hours (before 8am and after 5pm) \$700 up to 8 hours (before 8am and after 5pm) \$150 – per hour overtime (before 8am and after 5pm)</p> <p>Plus any recoverable costs (listed below)</p>	POA	POA
City of Newcastle activity including L!vesites	Cost recovery	Cost recovery	Cost recovery

Recoverable costs:

includes but not limited to: site supervision, security, traffic control, toilet maintenance, catering –food and beverage associated costs, vehicle hire for disabled persons, marquees, tables/chairs, umbrellas, event ticketing, waste bins/site cleanup, first aid personnel.

Nobbys Site hire – terms and conditions

Definitions

1. Definitions

L!vesites is a business unit of the Council of the City of Newcastle (Council) and are the site managers for the Nobbys Lighthouse grounds and cottage.

Hirer means the entity or person named in the Nobbys Site application and referred to as the hirer in these Conditions.

1. No booking is confirmed until payment has been received in full.
2. The hirer will be responsible for any recoverable costs relating to the hire which will be quoted and paid for at the time of booking.
3. Site access visits prior to the booking date will be each Tuesday at 10.00am. Any additional site visits must be arranged through L!vesites and will incur a call out fee of \$100 for each visit which must be paid prior to the said visit/s.
4. All hirers agents (wedding photographers, hire vehicles etc) must have public liability insurance (event hirers must have The City of Newcastle and Crown Lands Management identified as interested parties on the Certificate of Currency).
5. All hirers must complete the relevant Risk Assessment Analysis and submit to L!vesites at least 7 days prior to the booking date otherwise the booking will be cancelled.
6. All hirers agree to abide by the conditions relating to the motor vehicle access. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed (these details will be checked prior to entry).
7. There is no general parking available at the site. The transporting of event patrons by mini bus or similar to the Nobbys site is permitted and is at the hirers expense. Vehicle movements must be kept to an absolute minimum.
8. All vehicles must not exceed 5km per hour, have hazard flashing lights or headlights on and give way to all pedestrians and cyclists.
9. No alcohol is permitted to be brought on to the site by the hirer.
10. The hirer is liable for the costs of any damage caused by them to the Nobbys lighthouse buildings, grounds or access road.
11. No person is permitted to enter unauthorised entry areas for any reason.
12. The hirer will be responsible for any recoverable costs relating to the hire which will be quoted and paid for at the time of booking.
13. Disabled access –the site is unsuitable for disabled access but special arrangements may be made at the time of the booking. The hirer will be responsible for any additional cost incurred.
14. Catering and events: The Nobbys Site Management has a list of preferred suppliers listed with The City of Newcastle for catering and event infrastructure purposes. The hirer is able to choose only from any of the companies on this list. Alcohol and food for events is to be provided by the preferred caterer only. The grounds and any buildings used in the event of a hire must be left in a neat and tidy condition by the hirer.
15. The Nobbys Site Management is not responsible for the protection of any of the hirers equipment or possessions whilst they are on the premises or lands owned or controlled by them.

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16. Cancellation fee structure:

Within 7 days	No refund
7-31 days	50% of hire fee plus any recoverable costs paid for at time of booking.
31-90 days plus	15% of booking fee plus any recoverable costs paid for at time of booking.

Frequently Asked Questions

What events/functions can the venue be used for?

The venue is able to be used for small wedding ceremonies, wedding photographs, corporate launches, events, filming, musical concerts etc to name a few. Each application will be assessed on merit.

What facilities are available on the site?

The site whilst being one of Newcastle's most spectacular does have it's limitations. These being:

- There is no general public parking or public vehicular access permitted
- There is only one portable toilet on site
- The site is an 800m walk from the nearest car parking with the last part being quite steep
- The site capacity is 220 persons at any one time
- There is no electricity available for events or running water
- No alcohol is to be brought onto or consumed on site unless provided by our preferred caterers.
- There is no smoking permitted on site and only in a designated area outside the lighthouse grounds.
- Disabled access must be arranged prior to the event so as to keep vehicular movements along the shared walkway to a minimum.

What costs are involved in the hire of the venue?

In addition to the venue hire (see table above) the hirer is also required to pay any recoverable costs including but not limited to: site supervision, security, traffic control, toilet maintenance, catering –food and beverage associated costs, vehicle hire for disabled persons, marquees, tables/chairs, umbrellas, event ticketing, waste bins/site cleanup, first aid personnel.

Depending on the type of hire a security deposit may also be required to cover clean up and potential damage to the site.

Can I use my own caterer for events?

We do have available a list of preferred suppliers for the site but other caterers may be used providing they meet our requirements for Public Liability insurance. Also if alcohol is to be served the caterer must hold a liquor license and their staff are all required to hold RSA certification.

What happens if I hire the site for wedding photographs and it is raining?

As we will still incur costs we will refund 50% of the hiring fee.