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WEDDINGS on the Water!

-A completely unique wedding experience combining spectacular Blue Mountains Scenery, Classic Cruise Boats & Award Winning Hospitality.

“... I would just like to thank all the staff for making it a Wonderful day. All the guests had a great day and have raved about the service, menu and scenery....”

Gale & Phil Horsley – Reception 19/04/08.

Imagine if you could have a completely unique Wedding Day. Something a little different from all other functions. A reception that really does put the “unforgettable” into your Special Day.

Wouldn't it be nice to know that none of your guests were bored or felt indifferent about your Wedding venue? Or that they were being attended to only by experienced professional staff?

What if during your reception you and your guests could experience the old-world style, nostalgia and romance of a true paddlewheel showboat with stained timber interiors? Or relive the excitement of the glory days of Australia's riverboat pioneers?

How interesting would it be to hold your reception on a modern cruise boat, designed specifically for functions, fitted out with light open interiors, reflecting a stylish ambiance and with large windows and a number of viewing decks providing your guests with wonderful views of the spectacular ever-changing scenery?

Often the most difficult aspect of planning a wedding is getting the right mix of many different elements, and satisfying the desires of a number of well-intentioned family & friends.

For over 25 years, the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler and more recently the Penrith Platypus Cruiser have been delighting bridal parties. You and your guests will always remember your special day onboard the Nepean Belle or Penrith Platypus. Offering an experience combining our classic vessels, a cruise on the calm and tranquil waters of the largest East coast river system in Australia- the mighty Nepean -Hawkesbury, the best river gorge and mountain landscape views in NSW, friendly experienced staff to assist you in planning a reception that works without any hiccups and the comforting knowledge that you are dealing with an award winning company that has been in continual operation with the same owners for 25 years. Can any other venue even claim to offer you all this?

A wedding package onboard the Nepean Belle or Penrith Platypus offers you the following benefits:

- Classic, well presented and maintained cruise boats offering you the choice of either a traditional and nostalgic atmosphere or alternatively a modern contemporary style.
- Wedding packages designed to meet varying individual requirements. Choose from a number of packages ranging from informal or casual styles such as an afternoon or lunch-time cocktail reception, through to a formal sit down three (or more) course served dinner cruise.
- A spectacular cruise visiting wilderness areas of the Blue Mountains National Park and the Nepean Gorge, sunlit by day or floodlit from the vessel by night, the sandstone peaks of the Nepean Gorge towering up to 150 meters above the water and forming a striking backdrop to your function, providing great photo opportunities and delighting and entertaining your guests in a manner simply not possible in a stationary, windowless function hall or club.
- A Range of inclusions that other venues charge as optional extras included at no extra cost – such as bridal cloths and chair coverings on the bridal table and our onboard DJ who can also act as your MC.
- Access to experienced staff who can help you plan your function and offer advice and recommendations including referrals for quality and reliable local service providers such as celebrants, photographers, car hire, accommodation, florists and wedding cake suppliers.
- The comfort of dealing with a family operated business where we always have at least one family member onboard overseeing your function, providing a personal contact and ensuring our standards.
- A venue that understands that the menu and the quality of the food is one of the biggest influences on your guest's satisfaction. The Nepean Belle and Penrith Platypus are renowned for their exceptional fresh, wholesome and hearty food and welcoming atmosphere. Our range of Cocktail, Buffet, Banquet and Served menus allow you to choose the menu style that suits your preference. A combination of a Banquet main course with served entrée and desserts allow your guests their own individual choice for their main course while you can set your own theme with the two served courses. We invite you and your fiancé to take a dinner cruise with us to try our food and our service. We know you won't be disappointed and it's the perfect way for you to trial our services before you make your final decision on venues. Vegetarian and Gluten free options are available for those individuals in your party with such requirements.

Over the years, the responses that we have received from our Brides, Grooms and their families from hundreds of weddings that we have conducted have been so personally satisfying. Here's what some of our more recent happy couples have written to say thank you:

"...thank you for making both our wedding day and our first anniversary such an enjoyable day! We were married on the 10th Feb 2007. On both of these occasions, the food that was served and the level of service was exceptional... We look forward to seeing you again – no later than our 2nd Anniversary." Darren & Lorena Butler. Reception 10/02/07. 1st Anniversary Feb 08.

"We would also like to thank the crew and staff on the Platypus that afternoon for their wonderful and friendly service..... Personally this is the best wedding reception that I have ever attended even though it was my own...." Peter & Carmen Downie- Reception 26/07/08.

*"...the food was fantastic and the waiters and waitresses did a wonderful job. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and our guests commented on the quality of the food and the service.
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL, FOR AN EXCELLENT DAY."*

Karen & Ken Anderson. Reception 17/02/08

Prices and Packages

You may be wondering what such a unique, wedding experience with memories to last a lifetime will actually cost. We offer our wedding clients a range of packages at various price points.

No doubt you have seen in the news that some reception operators in Sydney will charge up to \$25,000 or \$30,000 for their wedding packages. This pricing is difficult to justify unless you are completely designing, customising and organising an extensive wedding package from the ground up. **Our most extensive January to October reception package with 120 guests comes in at a little under \$10000 plus drinks. However you may choose to have a smaller intimate or less extravagant reception. Our least costly wedding package offers you a small day-time cocktail reception from as little as \$2500 plus drinks. There are a number of packages that fit between these two options.** We also have an extremely cost effective option for small wedding groups that hold their reception onboard part of the vessel on a regular lunch or dinner cruise, rather than privately hiring the whole boat.

How is it we can offer a quality experience at such value prices? There are a number of reasons. **We have refined our packages over the years** so that they appeal to a wide range of tastes and needs without having the costly exercise of customising the whole event for every function. If you wish, we can customise everything and spend many hours with you planning all the details and effectively become your personal wedding planner - at an additional hourly cost. What we suggest however, is in the first instance to look at our standard packages which we know already work well for most couples and which still offer you some scope for personalising your function with menu choice, table decorations, place cards, cake, flowers and music choices. It's all about understanding what works from our experience of hundreds of previous weddings and choosing the right option for you.

The second reason our pricing offers such value for money is that **we stick to what we are good at** and recommend quality local suppliers in the other areas. Where other wedding venues will organise such things as flowers, cakes and cars for you, they will only offer you limited options and one way or another will be paid for their time in doing so. In contrast we recommend businesses that have proven to us that they know what they are doing – and put you in direct contact with them so that you are speaking with the experts about what you require.

Our various packages, offer you an absolutely unique reception, a relaxing cruise on a classic vessel, breathtakingly beautiful scenery, great food and service and the experience of 25 years in organising successful functions. Our prices already represent excellent value. In addition we have arranged the following bonus items.

Bonus # 1.

A discount on the retail price for services provided by our preferred suppliers for your wedding cake, celebrant, photographer, accommodation including bridal suite and car hire. We do not accept a commission simply for referring your business. Instead, we have arranged for our commission to be returned to you as a discount with these preferred suppliers so that you receive additional value from dealing with us. You can literally save hundreds of dollars on the regular cost of all these suppliers – and have peace of mind that comes from knowing that we only recommend proven, local quality suppliers.

Bonus # 2.

Wouldn't it be great to try out your reception venue prior to confirming your reception with that venue? We are offering our prospective Bride and Grooms a trial lunch or dinner cruise for only \$20 each within 3 weeks from the date of this letter. What's more, if you confirm your reception booking with us we will reimburse you for the trial cruise tickets so the trial is absolutely free. This will give you a first hand experience of our boats, food, scenery and service. Please note we charge the \$20 per person on these trial cruises so that we create more time to service our legitimately interested clients rather than diluting our service among those only interested in a free trial.

Bonus # 3.

Hold your wedding ceremony onboard within your chartered timeframe at no extra cost. This means that you and your guests only have to access one location on your Wedding Day and you do not need to be organising a separate Ceremony venue. Alternatively talk to us about the nearby park locations to hold a garden ceremony including the park adjacent to our boarding Jetty on the banks of the Nepean River or local Churches for your ceremony.

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The Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler & Penrith Platypus Cruises has operated as a family business organising function cruises on the beautiful Nepean River for 25 years. We have won numerous tourism and hospitality awards including most recently the 2007 Cumberland Newspapers True-local Business Awards for Hotels, Clubs & Entertainment Venue as well as the award for Tourism and Travel in both 2007 and 2008. We are proud of our reputation. When you consider all the individual elements that our Functions offer, our unique cruise packages offer terrific value for money. We look forward to combining all the essential elements for you and your guests so that your special day is truly an unforgettable experience.

If your idea of the unforgettable wedding day is to provide a unique experience, a day so different from all other receptions that it reflects upon you as an individual, then you have found a venue that offers precisely that style of reception. **Call our office now to ensure our availability on your preferred Wedding Date**, book your reception on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler or Penrith Platypus Cruiser and let us begin the preparation and planning of your unique Wedding Reception.

Best Regards

David Wakeling
Manager - Cruises.

PS. Remember - The unique combination of our Classic Cruise Boats, Spectacular Blue Mountains Scenery, Great Food and Service will ensure your Wedding Reception is an unforgettable experience for all concerned. Your wedding day will stand out in the minds of your Wedding Guests as something very individual and special – unlike any other reception they have ever attended. To take advantage of our great value for money packages and our exclusive value adding bonuses including our trial cruise offer and further discounts with our preferred wedding suppliers, call our office today.

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NEPEAN BELLE PADDLEWHEELER & PENRITH PLATYPUS WEDDING PRICE LIST. Jan 2009 - December 2009.

Saturday nights January to October & Sunday to Thursday nights November & December.

There is a Minimum number of guests charged for at each price level.					
Menu / Hours	Vessel	50	60	80	100
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$106	\$96	\$80	\$68
2 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$87	\$79	\$67	\$62
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$112	\$102	\$85	\$74
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$93	\$85	\$73	\$67
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$119	\$107	\$90	\$78
3 course Banquet	Penrith Platypus	\$99	\$90	\$78	\$72
4 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$121	\$110	\$91	\$79
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$101	\$92	\$78	\$72
4 Hour 3 course	Nepean Belle	\$128	\$115	\$96	\$83
Banquet or Served	Penrith Platypus	\$108	\$97	\$83	\$77
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$101	\$91	\$75	\$63
Cocktail	Penrith Platypus	\$82	\$74	\$62	\$57

Day time prices January to December and Sunday to Friday Nights January to October.

Day time functions on Saturday Jan - Dec and Friday Nov - Dec are to be completed by 4:00pm.

There is a Minimum number of guests charged for at each price level.					
Menu / Hours	Vessel	50	60	80	100
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$89	\$82	\$69	\$60
2 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$77	\$71	\$61	\$56
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$95	\$88	\$75	\$65
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$83	\$77	\$66	\$61
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$101	\$94	\$80	\$69
3 course Banquet	Penrith Platypus	\$89	\$82	\$71	\$65
4 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$105	\$95	\$81	\$70
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus	\$91	\$84	\$71	\$65
4 Hour 3 course	Nepean Belle	\$111	\$102	\$86	\$74
Banquet or Served	Penrith Platypus	\$98	\$89	\$77	\$70
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$84	\$77	\$64	\$55
Cocktail	Penrith Platypus	\$72	\$66	\$56	\$51

Friday and Saturday Nights during November & December. (Peak period price - NA New Years Eve)

There is a Minimum number of guests charged for at each price level.					
Menu / Hours	Vessel	50	60	80	100
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$127	\$113	\$93	\$79
2 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus				
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$133	\$119	\$99	\$84
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus				
3 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$139	\$125	\$103	\$88
3 course Banquet	Penrith Platypus				
4 Hour	Nepean Belle	\$143	\$127	\$104	\$89
3 course Buffet	Penrith Platypus				
4 Hour 3 course	Nepean Belle	\$149	\$133	\$109	\$93
Banquet or Served	Penrith Platypus				

Please Note that drinks are charged extra. You may operate a drinks account and set a limit to which the account can accrue and select the types of drinks to be included. E.g. you may wish to provide Beer, House-wine and Soft-drink. A cash bar may also operate whereby guests may purchase additional spirits. As a guide, for a 4 hour function you could expect your guests to consume \$20-\$25 pp of beer, wine & soft-drink.

Upgrades to above options— For an extra hours charter time add \$500.

NOTES *Confirmation requires a \$25 per person deposit. Tentative bookings will only be guaranteed for 10 days without confirmation, after that time should another group wish to book your date you will generally have 24 hours to confirm before the charter period becomes available to others. In any event, if a tentative booking is not confirmed within one month it will be assumed to be no longer required. Note: The above prices are guaranteed for bookings made 2 months from the date of quotation. When a booking is made and confirmed with the relevant deposit, the price quoted for that booking is exempt from any price increases for functions to be held prior to the 30th December 2009. Note: For Wedding charter terms & conditions refer to our charter agreement.