

**NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
Smoky Cape Lighthouse Precinct
Wedding Ceremonies – Information Sheet**



General Information

Smoky Cape Lighthouse precinct is managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), which has issued a commercial license to private operators to run the bed and breakfast and self-catered accommodation.

The conditions of the commercial license allows the operation of the accommodation facilities only, any additional activities require an *Activity Consent* approval from the NPWS.

An activity includes weddings, events or functions. The issuing of the *Activity Consent* enables the NPWS to monitor the use of area to ensure that natural and cultural heritage and recreation values are protected. This information sheet explains the procedures involved in conducting a wedding ceremony with the Smoky Cape Lighthouse historic heritage precinct.

For weddings in other national park areas including Trail Bay Gaol, Little Bay and Captain Cook Lookout, please contact NPWS on 02 6566 6168.

Standard conditions apply to all wedding ceremonies conducted on NPWS estate, and these are outlined below. Special conditions may also apply to some wedding ceremonies and these will be determined following the receipt of the wedding application form.

Standard Conditions

Indemnity

The applicant is required to indemnify and keep indemnified the Minister, the Director-General, the Government of New South Wales and their agents, servants, contractors and employees against all actions, suits, claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses in respect of any death or injury to a person or property or any loss or damage by reason of anything done or omitted by the applicant in connection with the applicants activities or any of the provisions of the wedding consent.

Review of Consent Agreements

The NPWS reserves the right to review wedding consent approvals, associated conditions and arrangements if circumstances change or require it. Some examples may include periods of extreme fire danger, where there are concerns regarding a cultural or environmentally sensitive area or where unforeseen circumstances arise which present immediate threats to habitat, wildlife or public safety.

Use of Location

In accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, wedding ceremonies are not granted exclusive use of the wedding location and at times other visitors may be present at the wedding location. Most visitors enjoy seeing weddings and respect your special day.

No marquee, tent or other temporary structure is to be erected and used in the wedding ceremony unless authorised in writing by the Area Manager prior to the ceremony.

If it is necessary for the applicant to change the location of the wedding ceremony due to unfavourable weather, the nominated NPWS Officer is required to be notified as soon as possible.

Confetti

There is to be no throwing of confetti or rice because it is considered a form of littering and cannot be easily removed. You may use flower petals.

Additional responsibilities of the applicant

Please note that these are standard conditions for all wedding ceremonies conducted in national parks, and additional conditions will apply to the Smoky Cape precinct.

The applicant must:

- comply with any special conditions imposed by the NPWS or the Commercial operators of Smoky Cape Lighthouse Accommodation (CO SCL) Copies of any special conditions if applicable will be provided by NPWS at the time approval is granted;
- obey any reasonable directions of any NPWS Officer or CO SCL relating to the wedding in the precinct area and accept that in the event of a dispute the decision of the authorised NPWS Officer will be final;
- ensure that no flora, fauna, natural or cultural features, or public or recreational facilities and developments are disturbed or damaged;
- ensure that vehicles only use the roads and parking areas normally available to the public;

- ensure that no structure, fixtures or signs are erected within the national park, or no permanent marking is made to any tree, plant or rock in the reserve without the prior written consent of the Area Manager;
- ensure no equipment or material is used within the park without the prior written consent of the Area Manager;
- ensure that no animals are brought into the national park; and
- ensure that the location is returned to its former state after the completion of the wedding.

Special Conditions

The conditions apply to the weddings ceremonies conducted within the yards of the Cottages and the Lighthouse Tower.

- Private vehicles are not permitted to drive on-site, arrangements must be made with the CL SCL for transportation from the car park to the Cottages or Lighthouse.
- Parking on-site (at the garages) is provided for overnight guests only, all other vehicles must be parked in the Captain Cook Lookout carpark.
- There is only 10 people permitted in the Lighthouse tower at any-one-time, this will include an NPWS or CL SCL representative there fore only 9 people can be present for ceremonies in the Tower.

Fees

A NON REFUNDABLE consent fee of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) inclusive of GST applies to wedding ceremonies conducted on NPWS estate within Arakoon State Conservation Area and Hat Head National Park (which includes Smoky Cape Lighthouse precinct).

An additional security deposit of a Cheque for ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) made out to Little Smoky Pty Ltd also applies to the wedding ceremony. This cheque will be held and destroyed after the event providing the consent conditions are adhered to.

For weddings in the Lighthouse Tower, an additional NON REFUNDABLE fee of \$250.00 is required because an NPWS officer or CR SCL is required to be present under Occupational Health and Safety and Risk Management laws.

Granting of Approval

Approval for a wedding ceremony to take place is granted when all relevant fees are paid, and the Wedding Ceremony Consent has been signed by an authorised NPWS Officer and the applicant.

A consent is forwarded following receipt of the Wedding Application.

Please sign and return the last page of the consent form with payment and bond to:

Little Smoky Pty Ltd
PO Box 304
South West Rocks NSW 2431

Additional enquiries: Smoky Cape Lighthouse 02 6566 6301

National Parks 02 6566 6621 or 6566 6168