

RALEIGH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DP No. 270003

HOLDING OF WEDDINGS IN RALEIGH PARK

AS AT 6 FEBRUARY, 2018

POLICY & RULES MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BY-LAW 55 OF THE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

**Introduction**

The open space areas ("the Grounds") in the Raleigh Park estate are private property maintained by the Raleigh Park Community Association ("the RPCA"). Members of the public are entitled to use the Grounds for the purpose of passive recreation – see By-law 68 of the RPCA Community Management Statement.

Randwick Council has acknowledged that the Grounds are controlled by RPCA and not the Council and it has also acknowledged that the conduct of a wedding in the Grounds does not constitute passive recreation.

RPCA is entitled to determine whether or not to permit weddings to be held in the Grounds and, if so, then on such terms as it thinks appropriate.


**Governing Principles**

The governing principles behind the RPCA policy regarding weddings in the Grounds are as follows:

- The Grounds are primarily to be used by residents of the estate and members of the public for passive recreation.
- All of the Grounds should be available for such use to the maximum extent possible.
- Visitors' vehicles should not place undue strain on the limited parking available on the roads and parking areas within the estate.
- Use of the Grounds must not cause damage to the Grounds including the lawns, gardens, shrubs, trees, children's playground area, fixtures and fittings, or any other RPCA property.

**Policy and Rules**

1. Only a resident of Raleigh Park may apply to hold that resident's wedding in the Grounds. "Resident" means a lot owner or a tenant actually residing in the estate both at the time of application and at the time of the wedding. "Resident" does not include any members of the family of that person.
2. An enquiry should be made in the first instance to the Caretaker who will pass on the contact details of the applicant to the Chair of the Garden and Grounds Sub-Committee ("the GGSC Chair").

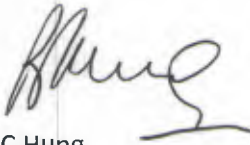


3. The GGSC Chair shall determine whether to allow any application on a case-by-case basis and the fact that it has allowed a particular application will not serve as a precedent for any other application.
4. No fee shall be charged for the use of the Grounds. However, the applicant will be required to provide a bond of \$1,500 to guarantee that the Grounds and any facilities (such as toilets) used by guests are left in a tidy and undamaged state at the conclusion of the wedding and that there has not been a breach of this policy and rules or any conditions imposed by the GGSC Chair. Any amount to be deducted from the bond shall be in the absolute discretion of the GGSC Chair.
5. The Grounds may only be used for the conduct of the wedding ceremony itself and, except with the written permission of the GGSC Chair, which permission may be granted in the absolute discretion of the GGSC Chair and on such conditions as the GGSC Chair considers appropriate, no food or beverages are to be consumed in the Grounds before or after the wedding ceremony.
6. No animals may be brought into the Grounds by members of the wedding party or their guests, with the exception of assistance animals as defined by the relevant legislation.
7. The GGSC Chair may allow or reject an application in its absolute discretion. In allowing an application, the GGSC Chair may impose such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate including (but not limited to):
  - Evidence that the applicant is a resident in the estate; and/or
  - Public liability insurance of at least \$20 million in the event that the GGSC Chair considers, in its absolute discretion, that the public liability insurance held by the RPCA does not cover the proposed wedding, with the necessary waiver of rights of subrogation against the RPCA; and/or
  - The areas where wedding guests are to park their vehicles, noting that guests are only permitted to park in areas authorised for visitors' parking and will be encouraged to park outside the estate; and/or
  - The kind of seating to be used for wedding guests, having regard to the need to prevent the lawns in the estate from damage from unsuitable seating.
8. Temporary structures and sound amplification systems intended to be used for the purposes of the ceremony must be approved by the GGSC Chair. Amplification levels must not be such as to intrude on the quiet enjoyment of the estate by residents.
9. No rice or confetti or the like are to be thrown.



10. The GGSC Chair may, in its absolute discretion, take into account any, any of the following factors in determining an application, without limiting the GGSC's discretion to take other matters into account:
- Size of wedding – as a guide, no more than 40 guests; and/or
  - Duration and proposed timing of the wedding.

**APPROVED** at Executive Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018



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Chair  
For and on behalf of Executive Committee  
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