

Day Schedule Example

- Ceremony

Your day schedule will usually begin & flow from when your ceremony was to begin, which is followed by an hour of Canapés being served in the gardens, to then continue in the Barn for the beginning of your reception. The time in which this all starts is completely up to you! To give you an idea of how it is usually planned out is; (taking in consideration all times give or take)

For example, if you were to have your ceremony at 3pm which will usually go for half an hour/45 minutes, (we always give an hour for your ceremony, congratulations & group photos) this will bring the beginning of your canapés to be served in the gardens along with beer & sparkling from 4pm. Canapés will go for an hour, leading you to 5pm (the beginning of your 5-hour drinks package) Allow half an hour for guests to make their way in to The Barn, find their seats, get a drink etc before the beginning Entrees & so on.

If you were to begin your drinks package (which is when you enter the Barn/Reception) at 5.00pm, this will bring you to 10.00pm end of your drinks package.

If you would to extend your night passed 10.00pm you can either add an additional hour at the end of the night or add extended time during canapés. The other options at the end of your night are, to run a bar TAB or guests can buy their own.

We are licensed until midnight, though we do ask if you could allow at least half an hour for your guests to leave the property, or arrange transport to be there from 11.30pm at the latest, so all guests are off the property by midnight. Taxi's need to be pre-booked. This should be announced by your MC at the beginning of the night to prevent potentially waiting an hour or more for a taxi.

- Winter

During winter, we recommend your ceremony to begin at 2pm/2.30pm. It will start to get very cold from 4pm, with the sun setting from 5pm, sometimes earlier.

With an earlier ceremony, will be an earlier reception, though again, you can add additional time at the end of your night if you wish. We don't recommend adding additional canapé time during Winter.

- Daylight Savings

Day Light savings is always a great opportunity to add additional time during your canapés! Or opt for a later ceremony start time, so you're not in the heat. Daylight savings usually begins the first Sunday in October until the first weekend in April.

- Sunsets

Remember always to take in consideration the time of sunset when deciding your ceremony start time. In the warmer months, you don't want to be completely sweating, or in the cooler months, be freezing cold!

During daylight savings, the sun will set between 7pm-7.30pm Summer is always later.

Winter months around 5pm.

If you are planning on sunset photos, make sure you factor this in, whether that will be while your guests are making their way in to the barn, or if you need to sneak away while your guests are having their entree.

Check out <https://sunrise-sunset.org/au/hartley-vale> for sunset times

- *Reception / The Barn*

Food services will roughly flow for around 2 & a half hours. That's including the cutting of the cake, with speeches in-between & short breaks after meals or speeches. It is difficult to put an exact time on the flow of the meals as it is always hard to predict how long a speech will go for, or how long people are outside mingling after say, the entrees or going to the bathroom Etc Meaning the times could be faster or slower for us to serve or clear meals. Therefore, we like to run the night on order of events rather than times.

This is an example/suggestion only, you can tweak it however you please (add more/less speeches) though, this flow has worked wonderfully well in the past. The one thing we do like to stick to, is the serving, then clearing of meals, before a speech. There is nothing worse than trying to listen to a speech whilst trying to eat or trying to say your speech with not everyone's attention. Food will end up getting cold. Or on the other hand, us trying to clear, which we need to do before the next meal can even be dished up, while speeches are on. We don't want to be making that noise or getting in the way. This will result in us falling behind & chasing our tails, losing the flow of your Wedding.

- The Formalities

The usual flow would be something like;

- Bridal party introduction
- Entrees served
- Entrees cleared

First lot of speeches – Parents

- Short Break

You could add more speeches here if you had a few to get through

- Mains served
- Mains cleared

Short break

Second lot of Speeches – Bridesmaid/Groomsmen

- Cutting of the cake – desserts will be put out around this time too

The Newly Weds speech

- First Dance

End of formalities

Party Time!