

Functions and Events package

THE
VAN GUARD

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WELCOME

The Vanguard is a live music venue and celebration space with over 20 years of history. We've hosted hundreds of performances and private events across every shape and size. Whatever you're planning, it starts with a conversation about what you actually want.

There's no venue hire fee, and we have all the production and AV you could need already on site. This guide covers our standard options, but we're always happy to tailor something to suit your event and make it one to remember.

Get in touch at team@thevanguard.com.au.



THE SPACE

The Vanguard is a purpose-built, three-level venue that transforms seamlessly depending on what you need. The main floor and stage flex between standing, theatre, cabaret, and seated dinner configurations, so the same room can host a gritty late-night dance party, an intimate three-course dinner, or a daytime conference with projection and full PA.

The stage works just as well for a keynote speaker or a film screening as it does for a seven-piece band, and can be closed off entirely with the curtains repurposed from the set of Baz Luhrmann's *Moulin Rouge*. Upstairs, the mezzanine features banquette seating and intimate tables with a clear view of the stage and dance floor, alongside a stone-topped bar service area.

Reimagined in 2024 by designer Michael Delany, the space has been described as having a "grungy elegance": blood-red carpet, plush velvet, warm lighting, high ceilings, and booth seating throughout. It's sophisticated and welcoming without being precious, and the sightlines are good from every spot in the room.

WHAT WORKS HERE

Birthdays, engagements, weddings, wrap parties, album launches, brand activations, cultural events, team celebrations, private screenings, comedy nights, panel discussions, memorial gatherings, fundraisers, book launches, long lunches, small conferences, and daytime workshops.

We can commission performers, DJs, or live acts to match the mood of your event, drawing on deep connections across Sydney's music scene.



HIRE OPTIONS

EXCLUSIVE USE VENUE HIRE

All levels, full bar, stage, kitchen, green room, and production facilities. Available from 11am for daytime events or evening hire.

Capacity: 200 standing / 130 theatre / 110 cabaret / 80 seated dinner

MEZZANINE LEVEL HIRE

The mezzanine works well for smaller groups who want their own space, particularly on nights when there's a live show downstairs. Your guests get a private area with a view of the performance.

Capacity: 40

If there's a live show on, an additional per-head fee covers the ticket price for the entertainment.



CANAPE MENU

Minimum Quantities Apply

STANDARD CANAPÉ PACKAGE / 2 HOURS / \$65PP

Smoked Mushroom & Leek Tart, Manchego Custard (v)

Buffalo Cauliflower Popcorn (v, gf)

Vanguard Pork Sausage Roll, Smoked Tomato Relish

Spiced Lamb Backstrap, Beet Tahini, Sourdough

Charred Miso Eggplant, Pickled Shallot, Seeded Crisp (vg, gf)

Chicken Satay Skewer, Peanut, Lime & Coconut (gf)

PREMIUM CANAPÉ PACKAGE / 3 HOURS / \$80PP

Smoked Mushroom & Leek Tart, Manchego Custard (v)

Three Cheese Arancini, Basil Aioli (v)

Pork & Prawn Pot Stickers, Zing Soy

Vanguard Pork Sausage Roll, Smoked Tomato Relish

Spiced Lamb Backstrap, Beet Tahini, Sourdough

Prawn & Sweet Potato Taco, Avocado & Corn Salsa

Slow Braised Beef Croquette, Horseraddish Cream

Charred Miso Eggplant, Pickled Shallot, Seeded Crisp (vg, gf)

Cherry Tomato Confit, Basil Olive Oil Bruschetta (vg)



DINNER MENU

TWO COURSE DINNER / \$75PP

THREE COURSE DINNER / \$85PP

*All menus are seasonal and subject to change.
Custom options are available on request.*



ENTREES

Prawn & sweet potato taco, avocado & corn salsa, lime aioli

Grape tomato confit, charred eggplant, stracciatella bruschetta (v)

Cured ocean trout, pickled fennel, potato rosti, horseradish (gf)

MAINS

Miso-glazed barramundi, baby potato, caper olive butter (gf)

Celeriac & truffle pithivier, wilted greens, madeira jus (v)

Chicken Maryland fillet, tarragon creamed leeks, Dutch carrots (gf)

DESSERT

Poached saffron stone fruit compote, almond cream, biscotti

Lemon posset, shortbread crumb, raspberries

GRAZING TABLE

A curated spread of cheese, charcuterie, and accompaniments from Marani Deli in Newtown, available as a standalone option for cocktail events or as a pre-dinner addition for seated gatherings. Price on request.

DRINKS

RED PACKAGE

2 Hours - \$60 per person
3 Hours - \$70 per person
4 Hours - \$80 per person

TAP BEERS

Philter Super Cool Lager
Grifter Pale Ale
Grifter 'Demon Fizz' Hard Soda
Yulli's 'Amanda' Mandarin IPA

subject to change

WINES BY THE GLASS

Moments of Clarity Chardonnay
The Gathering Shiraz
The Gathering Prosecco NV

All soft drinks and juices included.

GOLD PACKAGE

2 Hours - \$80 per person
3 Hours - \$90 per person
4 Hours - \$100 per person

RED PACKAGE PLUS

WINES BY THE GLASS

BC Wines Pinot Noir
The Gathering Pinot Grigio
BC Wines Blanc De Noir
Everlasting Happiness Rose

HOUSE SPIRITS

Eirstoff Vodka
Bombay Sapphire Gin
Cazadores Tequila
Bacardi Rum
Bacardi Spiced Rum
Jim Beam
Dewars White Scotch





PRODUCTION

WHAT'S ALREADY HERE

- State-of-the-art D&B Audiotechnik Sound System
- Extensive Lighting Package
- Epson 7000 Lumen Projector and Motorised Screen
- In-House Backline incl. Drum Kit, Bass/Guitar Amps, Microphones etc.
- DJ Equipment (2x CDJ3000x, DJM-A9 Mixer)

STAFFING

An in-house audio and lighting engineer is required for events that use any stage audio or lighting. These are charged at \$55 + GST per hour (6 hour minimum call).

Security can be arranged at \$60 + GST per hour (4 hour minimum call) and is recommended for larger and late night events.

VENUE DETAILS

Bump-In & Logistics

Bump-in is available on the day of your event, and bump-out is the following morning. Loading access for suppliers and equipment is through the front door loading zone on King Street.

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible via the laneway entrance on King Street. All bathrooms are gender-neutral with wheelchair-accessible facilities on the ground floor. Companion cards accepted. The stage has 4 steps and is not currently accessible.

Green Room

A private, lockable room with direct stage access, makeup mirrors, fridge, and tea and coffee. Available for performers, speakers, or bridal parties.

Location & Transport

42 King Street, Newtown NSW 2042. Short walk from Newtown Station, with buses along King Street. Rideshare pickup and drop-off is easy.

Licence

3am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Extended hours may incur additional charges.

Booking & Payment

A 50% deposit is required to hold your date, with the balance settled prior to the event. Spaces fill up well in advance, particularly for Friday and Saturday nights, so we recommend getting in touch early.

External Vendors

We're happy to work with your preferred florists, decorators, stylists, and other external vendors. All food and beverage is provided in-house.

Cloakroom

The green room and office can be used for guest coat and bag storage during your event.

Air Conditioning

The venue is fully air conditioned.

What's Included & What's Extra

The venue, bar, stage, kitchen, full production equipment, and Wi-Fi are all included with your booking. You pay for food, drinks, and staffing. Security and additional technicians are available at the rates listed above and arranged based on the needs of your event.

COSTINGS

In summary, the venue hire costs will be determined with the selection of the following packages and production costs:

CANAPE

Standard Canapé Package / 2 Hours / \$65pp
Premium Canapé Package / 3 Hours / \$80pp

OR

DINNER SERVICE

Two Course Dinner / \$75pp
Three Course Dinner / \$85pp

DRINKS

RED PACKAGE

2 Hours - \$60 per person
3 Hours - \$70 per person
4 Hours - \$80 per person

GOLD PACKAGE

2 Hours - \$80 per person
3 Hours - \$90 per person
4 Hours - \$100 per person

In-house Audio/Lighting Engineer - \$330 +GST



To secure the event and availability of the requested date, we will require a deposit fee determined upon package costings.

Get in touch!

We'd love to hear what you're planning.

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The Vanguard acknowledges the traditional owners of the land we conduct our business on, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

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