2026-2027 Hire Rates and Charges

PERFORMANCES: COMMERCIAL HIRERS

Applicable from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, all prices GST inclusive

Bendigo Venues & Events reserves the right to change hire charges as necessary. The hire charges will be costed to the hirer according to the financial year in which the booking occurs, as fees may increase with the next financial year. Please consider this if your booking occurs in the next financial year.

Ulumbarra Theatre	
Performance Rental (maximum 5 hours)	$ 2540
Additional Performance on Same Day	$ 1270 per performance
Rental for Bump In/Out and Rehearsals	$ 175 per hour
Rental for Dark Day	$ 1400 per day
Capital Theatre	
Performance Rental (maximum 5 hours)	$ 1680
Additional Performance on Same Day	$ 840 per performance
Rental for Bump In/Out and Rehearsals	$ 117 per hour
Rental for Dark Day	$ 935 per day
Banquet Room / Bendigo Bank Theatre	
Performance Rental (maximum 5 hours)	$ 550
Additional Hours	$ 63 per hour
The Engine Room (Old Fire Station)	
Drama Studio or Dance Studio	$ 170 up to 4 hours $ 284 a day $ 1590 a week

Pre-rig or technical set up and back to standard might be necessary depending on the size and scope of your event. Staff and venues cost will apply and will be the full responsibility of the hirer.

If the hirer remains in the venue for more than twelve (12) consecutive hours, for each additional hour beyond the initial twelve-hour period, the venue rental will be charged at double the standard hourly rate. This surcharge is applied to cover the operational costs associated with extended venue use.

Box Office Charges	
Inside Charge when average ticket price is $50 or less (inc GST)	$ 5 per ticket
Inside Charge when average ticket price is more than $50 (inc GST)	10% of total ticket sales inc GST
Booking Fee per Complimentary Ticket Issued	$ 2.10 per ticket
Merchandise Charges	10% of gross sales

Venue Staff (can charge at 30min increments)	(min 3 hr call)
Standard rate – up to 9 hours	$ 64 p/hr ($192 minimum call)
1.25 x Weekend rate (Saturdays and Sundays)	$ 80 p/hr ($240 minimum call)
1.5 x Overtime rate – longer than 9 hrs worked	$ 96 p/hr
2 x Overtime rate – longer than 11 hrs worked - After midnight, prior to 7am - No 10 hour break between shifts - Public holidays	$128 p/hr
Missed Meal Break	$ 52

Staffing Requirements
All BV&E venues have minimum staffing requirements in order to operate safely. Your individual requirements will be used to determine the number and duration of staff needed to run your event.

- For Capital Theatre and Ulumbarra Theatre 1 x Supervising Technician and 2 x General Technicians + 1 x Front of House Supervisor and 1 x Box Office attendant are mandatory (not included in venue hire charge)
- Supervising Technician begins shift 30 minutes prior to hirer's arrival and concludes 30 minutes after hirer's departure.
- Technical crew commence up to 30 minutes prior to the hirer's arrival in order to undertake necessary safety checks and briefings.
- All set up, pack down, pre-rig and back to standard labour hours are charged to the hirer.
- Staff are required to take a meal break between the 3rd and 5th hour, and between the 8th and 10th hour of work. A fee is charged for missed meal breaks after each 5 hours. Meal breaks cannot be taken whilst the hirer is in the venue.

Equipment and Services	
Steinway Grand Piano (Capital)	$ 525 hire and tune
Concert Grand Piano (Ulumbarra)	$ 300 hire plus tuning fees (at market rate)
Orchestral equipment (Ulumbarra)	$ 350 per day (any or all equipment)
Steinway Baby Grand (Capital)	$ 490 hire and tune
Kawai Baby Grand/Kawai Upright Piano	$ 490 hire and tune
Audio Package per event	$ 379 Bendigo Bank Theatre or Engine Room
Data Projector, in-house equipment	$ 240 per day at Capital and Ulumbarra
Data Projector, in-house equipment	$ 120 per day at The Engine Room
Follow Spot	$ 76 each
Hazer	$ 145 each
Headset Microphone	$ 48 each
Laptop	$ 120 per day
Drapes kit 4m high x 10 m (3 sides)	$ 253
Rechargeable LED lighting set	$ 212
Gaffer Tape	$ 33 per roll
Electrical Tape	$ 2.60 per roll
Mark Up Tape	$ 5 per roll
Batteries	$ 3.30 each
Electronic Direct Mail (EDM)	$ 120
Additional Cleaning Additional Technical Equipment	By Negotiation By Negotiation

Industry Services Fee		
Venue Size	*Rate*	*Venue*
0 - 250 seats	$ 45 per performance	The Engine Room & Bendigo Bank Theatre
251 – 500 seats	$ 91 per performance	Capital Theatre
501 – 1000 seats	$ 135 per performance	Ulumbarra Theatre

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