

Tweed Shire has many beautiful parks and beaches that are desirable locations to have a wedding ceremony. The following fact sheet is to assist you with your planning as there are a few things you need to consider when having a wedding outdoors to ensure your wedding is a day to remember.

Where can I get married?

The majority of parks and beaches that are Council owned or managed are available for ceremonies with the exception of a few locations that are strictly prohibited as they are designated for emergency services only. Check out Council's website for the map of popular locations.

How to apply

Call Council to check the availability of your chosen location and make a tentative Booking. Complete the Casual Park Hire - Wedding Ceremonies application form. This must be signed that you understand and agree to the conditions on the application form and any other conditions thereafter that may apply. Payment does not constitute approval. An approval letter will be issued upon review of the application.

How much does it cost?

Check the Fees and Charges page on Council's website for the current rate. The non-refundable fee is payable upon application by cheque or money order made payable to Tweed Shire Council. Cash and credit card payments can be made in person at a Civic Centre.

How long will the application take to process?

An application with all fields completed and accompanying payment usually take about 10 working days. If a tentative booking was not made and there is a conflict, Council will contact you. Applications that are emailed are required a minimum of 10 weeks prior to the event and will be invoiced. Invoices can take up to 30 days to receive. The submission of an application indicates that you agree to the terms and conditions and agree to pay all associated fees.

Things to consider

- All parks and beaches are shared use. Other users may be playing, exercising, picnicking or walking dogs. Your approval confirms your date, time and location so no other booking can be made. This does not entitle exclusive use of the area and/or its facilities.
- Mowing is on a maintenance schedule and approval for use does not mean a park will be mown for your ceremony. Maintenance schedules vary due to location, general usage and weather conditions. Leaf and branch debris following inclement weather or other users prior to your ceremony are out of Council's control. Park maintenance cannot be carried out by members of the public.
- Can your bridal party and guests easily access the area safely? Can the area be accessed for the set-up of the ceremony? Vehicle access on parks and beaches are not permitted and locked gates will not be opened. Beach wheelchairs are available for hire. Please refer to People with Disabilities page of Council's website for further information.
- It is advisable to have a wet weather option. Your wedding planner or reception venue should be able to provide assistance. Coastal areas can experience strong winds and beaches are affected by high and low tides. When considering the comfort of your guest, some areas are more exposed to the elements than others.
- Have you read the conditions and restrictions regarding casual park hire? You will need to be aware of these when submitting your application. For further information visit Council's website <https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ParksAndGardens>