

Function & Events Pack





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Welcome

Ascot Park Hotel has the largest and most comprehensive function facilities in Southland.

We pride ourselves on the scale and flexibility of our venue and our eight dedicated conference rooms can host anything, whether it's a simple meeting, wedding or large conference.

Our versatile layout gives you flexibility with options, boardroom meetings for 10 to banquet dinners for 400 people, theatre seating for up to 650 and everything in between!

In addition, our large foyer area is perfect for trade stands and equipment displays.

Our vast landscaped grounds offer ample complimentary parking.

With 116 accommodation rooms and a variety of room types, there is an option for budgets of all sizes.

Our renowned EMBERZ Restaurant features local produce cooked to perfection. EMBERZ Bar and Ascot Sports Bar give you somewhere to relax with a cold drink in hand.

We also welcome you to enjoy our garden courtyards, gym and pool facilities.

Everything you need for a successful event is right here!

Our professional and experienced function team will assist in planning your function or event from start to finish, and have it tailored to meet your every need.

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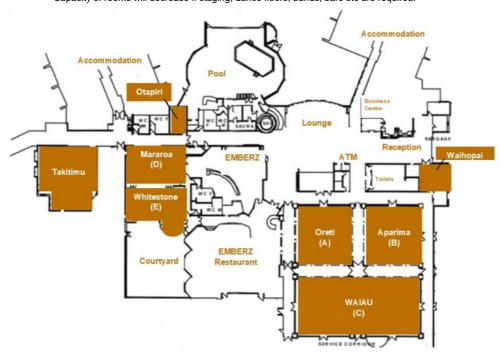
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Venue Map

Room	Size (m)	Theatre	Classroom	U shape	Cabaret	Boardroom	Buffet	Served	Cocktails
ORETI (A)	11.5 x 12	100	50	30	48	32	70	90	100
APARIMA (B)	11.5 x 12	100	50	30	48	32	70	90	100
WAIAU (C)	26 x 12	300	140	N/A	160	N/A	150	200	300
ABC Combined	26 x 25	650	250	N/A	240	N/A	350	450	650
TAKITIMU	12 x 11.5	100	40	24	48	32	60	70	100
MARAROA (D)	11.9 x 7.4	40	24	24	32	24	40	40	50
WHITESTONE (E)	11.9 x 6.15	24	16	16	24	24	30	30	40
D & E Combined	11.9 x 13.5	100	40	28	64	32	80	80	120
POOL AREA	19.5 x 14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	90
WAIHOPAI	7 x 5	20	8	12	6	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
OTAPIRI	5.6 x 3.4	Suitable f	Suitable for interviews or small meetings of up to 10 people						
FOYER		Suitable f	Suitable for trade stand & display use, or for pre dinner drinks						
COURTYARD		Suitable f	or 30 pax seat	ed & 10—1	5 pax standi	ng			

Additional space is gained when sound proof dividers are pulled back in main conference area. Capacity of rooms will decrease if staging, dance floors, bands, bars etc are required.





Equipment

Inclusions

FREE Wi-Fi for all rooms - 5GHz & 2.4GHz frequencies

Water and mints

Large drop down screen/s

Furniture - tables and chairs

Table linen

Onsite car parking



General

Data projector (ceiling mounted) Laptop	\$80.00 \$55.00
Whiteboard and markers	\$15.00
Flipchart and markers	\$40.00
Conference phone	\$35.00
Electronic whiteboard	\$45.00
46" TV screen	\$55.00
Pointer/clicker	\$15.00
Pads and pens	\$4.00pp
66" AV communication Unit	\$130.00



Sound equipment

In house system with 1 x microphone \$65.00

Choose from below:

- > Lapel microphone
- > Handheld microphone
- > Lectern and microphone
- > Table microphone
- > Headset

Additional microphones \$20.00 each
> Hearing augmentation (Conference area) Complimentary



Staging/dancefloor

Built to size required:

Stage low dais: height 30cm: 1m x 2mStage high dias: height 60cm: 1m x 2mParquet dance floor sections: 1m x 1m

^{**} Please note that the hotel does not provide a AV technician **



Breakfast

Continental buffet \$22.00pp

3 assorted cereals
Poached and fresh fruit
Natural yoghurt
Assorted Danish pastries, croissants and muffins
Assortment of breads for toasting with jams and preserves
Tea, coffee and orange juice

Cooked buffet

\$30.00pp

minimum of 20 people

Your preferred items from the continental selection above plus:

Crispy bacon

Baked beans

Golden hash browns

Scrambled eggs

Grilled breakfast sausages

Roasted tomatoes

Sautéed mushrooms

Tea, coffee and orange juice

Express buffet

\$25.00pp

minimum of 20 people

Crispy bacon
Baked beans
Scrambled eggs
Toast and spreads
Tea, coffee and orange juice









Breakfast

Plated

\$32.50pp

Platters of Danishes and seasonal fresh fruit slices Served plated to each guest:

Crispy bacon

Golden hash browns

Scrambled Eggs

Grilled breakfast sausages

Roasted tomatoes

Tea, coffee and orange juice available from buffet



Finger food

Ham and Swiss cheese croissant \$9.50 Coconut bircher muesli cup, blueberries and honey \$5.50 Open English muffin with bacon and egg 1pp \$8.50 Sweet corn fritter with crispy bacon and caramelised onion 1pp \$7.50



Add on beverages

Orange juice \$4.00pp
Freshly brewed coffee and tea \$4.00pp
Barista coffees pre- ordered maximum of 15 people





Coffee breaks

Savoury

Club sandwiches with assorted fillings 2pp	\$6.00
Assorted savouries 2pp	\$6.00
Aged cheddar scones and soft butter	\$6.00
Sausage rolls with tomato compote 1pp	\$3.00
Gourmet mousetraps 1/2pp	\$3.00
Southland cheese rolls with butter 1pp	\$3.00
Spinach caramelised onion and parmesan cups V	\$7.00
Sundried tomato pesto and feta scrolls V	\$7.00
Smoked chicken, cranberry, brie tartlets 2pp	\$7.00
Bagel with smoked salmon rocket and	\$7.00
preserved lemon cream cheese	



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Beverages

Orange juice	\$4.00
Tea and coffee	\$4.00

On consumption

Tea and coffee 3L	\$49.00 each
Tea and coffee 5L	\$59.00 each











Lunch

Option 1

\$24.00pp

minimum of 10 people

Choice of: club sandwiches / wraps / rolls

Assorted savouries 2pp Gourmet mousetraps

Chocolate and raspberry brownie GF on request

Tea and coffee

Option 2

\$26.00pp

minimum of 10 people

Choice of : club sandwiches / wraps / rolls

Tandoori chicken drums 2pp

Chickpea, spinach and roast pumpkin salad V

Honey and ginger pannacottas GF,V

Tea and coffee

Option 3

\$29.00pp

minimum of 20 people

The Ascot sub station:

Create your own filled roll with carved meat, buns, salads and assorted condiments

Chefs selection of cakes and slices

Tea and coffee

Option 4

\$35.00pp

minimum of 20 people

Choice of : club sandwiches / wraps / rolls Pulled pork with chuckwagon rice pilaf

Malaysian satay marinated chicken kebabs 1pp

Quinoa, orange, and coriander salad

Chocolate pots with hazelnuts and praline crumble GF

Tea and coffee

- Club sandwiches/rolls can be made GF/V on request
- Add orange juice to any menu above \$4.00pp
- · Tailored menus available on request











Build your own lunch

minimum of 20 people

Example:

1 x hot | 1 x savoury | 1 x salad | tea and coffee = \$28.00pp

Hot dishes \$11.00 per item

Crumbed fish goujons with lemon wedges and tartare sauce 3pp Sweet corn and streaky bacon baked potatoes

Southern chicken tenders with spiced plum sauce $\ensuremath{\text{2pp}}$

Penne aribiatta bake V

Beef lasagne

Butter chicken with steamed jasmine rice

Beef bourguignon with parmesan pomme puree

Crushed potatoes and chorizo sausage with caramelised onion and cheddar cheese melt

Savoury \$7.00 per item

Club sandwiches with assorted fillings 2pp
Wraps with assorted fillings
Rolls with assorted fillings
Chicken, cress, apricot and capsicum chutney baguette
Spinach caramelised onion and parmesan cups V

Smoked chicken, cranberry, brie tartlets 2pp

Sundried tomato pesto and feta scrolls V

Bagel with smoked salmon rocket and preserved lemon cream cheese

Add fresh bread rolls and butter \$2.00 pp









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Build your own lunch

minimum of 20 people

Salads

\$6.00 per item

Sweet and sour orzo salad DF,V

Creamy potato and crispy chorizo crumb salad GF

Caesar salad with all the trimmings

Broccoli, bacon, cashew, red onion and arugula salad GF

Seasonal garden salad with house dressing DF,GF,V

Traditional Greek salad GF,V

Grilled vegetable salad tossed through mesclun with toasted almond flakes and chimichurri DF,GF,V

Panzanella salad – ciabatta bread, capsicum, tomato, basil and capers DF,V

Roast beetroot, caramelised pear, rocket and goats cheese salad with toasted pecans GF,V

Chickpea, roast pumpkin, and baby spinach salad with green goddess dressing GF,V



\$6.00 per item

Freshly baked muffins

Berry friands DF,GF,V

Scones with jam and cream

Chocolate and raspberry brownie GF on request

Mini carrot cake with cream cheese icing

Chia seed pudding pots with berries GF,K,V

Assorted bliss balls DF, GF, V, VEG

Chocolate pots with hazelnuts and praline crumble GF,V

Fruit bowl 15 pieces \$35.00

Seasonal fresh fruit slices platter 10 people \$45.00



Orange juice \$4.00pp
Tea and coffee \$4.00pp











Packed lunches

Option 1

\$18.00pp

Club sandwich GF,V on request Sweet muffin with butter Piece of whole seasonal fruit Fruit Juice Serviette



Option 2

\$21.00pp

Filled roll GF,V on request Cheese and crackers Piece of cake Pieces of whole seasonal fruit Fruit juice



Option 3

Serviette

\$26.00pp

Club sandwich GF,V on request Chicken drumstick Side salad Sweet slice Pieces of whole seasonal fruit

Fruit juice Serviette

After dinner mint

Salt and pepper sachets

Knife and fork





Buffets

minimum of 30 people

Option 1 \$50.00

1 Carvery | 1 Hot | 2 Vegetables 2 Salads | 2 Desserts Option 2 \$60.00

1 Carvery | 2 Hot | 2 Vegetables 2 Salads | 3 Desserts **Option 3 \$70.00**

1 Carvery | 3 Hot | 3 Vegetables 3 Salads | 3 Desserts

Includes fresh bread rolls with butter and tea and coffee

Add a starter

Breads and dips	\$6.00pp
Soup of the day GF,V on request	\$7.00pp
Seafood chowder	\$10.00pp
Antipasto platter GF,V on request	\$12.50pp

Carvery

Champagne ham glazed in apricot and seeded mustard DF,GF
Roast pork loin marinated in chimichurri DF,GF
Roast lamb leg with thyme and confit garlic DF,GF
Beef sirloin with rosemary and dijon mustard rub DF,GF

Hot dishes

Sauté chicken breast with seeded mustard and thyme crème and fried shallots GF

South Island salmon on green pea and saffron pilaf and vermouth crème GF

Lamb cassoulet with fenugreek and confit garlic DF,GF Baked spinach and ricotta cannelloni in a smoked tomato,

caper, and basil sauce V
Pulled pork shoulder with hearty cannellini bean ragout DF,GF
Braised lamb leg with aged balsamic and mint on cumin pumpkin puree DF,GF

Chicken pot pie topped with shallot, and parmesan crumble Gnocchi tossed through salsa Verde with portobello mushroom and baby spinach V

Beef striploin with caramelised onions and horseradish gremolata DF Braised pork belly with char sui glaze DF,GF

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Buffets

Vegetables

Roast Agria potato wedges tossed in fresh rosemary and garlic infused olive oil DF,GF,V,VEG

Steamed seasonal vegetable medley tossed with fresh herbs and butter GF,V

Roast vegetable medley with confit garlic and balsamic glaze DF,GF,V,VEG

Baked cauliflower and three cheese mornay V

Crushed potatoes with caramelised onion jam a grilled cheddar cheese GF,V

Roast beetroot and orange with tarragon and hazelnut crumble DF,GF,V,VEG

Creamy potato gratin with parmesan crust GF,V Maple ginger glazed carrots with pistachio crumb



Sweet and sour orzo DF,V

Creamy potato and crispy chorizo crumb GF

Panzanella-ciabatta bread, capsicum, tomato, basil and capers DF,V Caesar with all the trimmings

Roast beetroot, caramelised pear, rocket and goats cheese with toasted pecans GF,V

Broccoli, bacon, cashew, red onion and arugula GF

Seasonal garden with house dressing DF,GF,V

Chickpea, roast pumpkin, and baby spinach with green goddess dressing GF,V

Traditional Greek GF,V









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Buffets

Desserts

Baked New York cheese cake with three berry compote

Bread and butter pudding laced with dark chocolate and sultanas

Ascot ambrosia crushed meringue folded through Chantilly crème

and Greek yoghurt with berries and rhubarb GF

Seasonal fresh fruit salad DF,GF,V,VEG

Triple chocolate layer cake with raspberry textures

Pavlova with whipped cream topped with seasonal fruit and passionfruit glaze GF

Poached apples with a cinnamon, almond, and oat crumble served with vanilla custard

Self-saucing chocolate pudding with Chantilly crème

Add vanilla ice cream \$2.00pp









Due to Food Safety Regulations, food from buffet cannot be removed from premise





Straight Drop 2 Course \$48.00 / 3 Course \$60.00

Alternate Drop 2 Course \$60.00 / 3 Course \$78.00

Add an additional menu choice to any course for \$6.00pp Includes fresh bread rolls with butter and tea & coffee. Add a re-fresher sorbet \$4.00 per person | per serve

Entree

Confit salmon/pickled cucumber salad/ radishes/ toasted sesame/ soy and Star anise reduction GF

Espresso rub beef filet carpaccio / devilled crème fraiche / parsnip crisp / micro greens GF Blue cod lka mata salad / coconut and citrus textures / sourdough crisps DF Pear salad / caramelised walnut / arugula / double cream blue / munro honey vinaigrette GF,V Duck breast / baby cos / beetroot gel / black garlic crème fraiche / truffle snow GF House smoked salmon / preserved lemon mascarpone / toasted brioche Caprese tart / tomatoes / mozzarella / basil / crisp butter puff crust / aged balsamic V



Main

Beef porterhouse / potatoes / honey glazed carrots / greens / port wine jus GF
Baked salmon supreme / crushed salted potatoes /wilted greens / citrus beurre blanc GF
Chicken breast / harissa pumpkin moon / cauliflower skordalia / lemon thyme jus GF
Lamb rack (4rib) / potato gratin / wilted greens / mint gel GF
Slow cooked pork belly / black truffle pomme puree / buttered greens / cider jus
Beef fillet / Mediterranean ratatouille / pomme dauphine / pinot jus GF
Roast chicken breast / chorizo and thyme pilaf/ sweet corn puree / chicken jus GF
Lamb backstrap / French onion potato / pumpkin puree / rosemary jus GF
Venison shortloin / roast agria / broccolini/ almond flake / blackberry jus GF

Pumpkin risotto / parmesan wafer / arugula / smoked paprika crème fraiche





Dessert

Crème caramel / lavender crème / almond biscotti

Baked cheesecake / raspberry textures / white chocolate snow / golden crumb GF

Bittersweet chocolate tart / citrus textures / Chambord gel / crème fraiche GF

Crushed meringue / berries / crème anglaise / white chocolate / raspberry compote GF

Citrus cheesecake / coconut accents / mandarin textures / limoncello gel GF

Triple chocolate brownie / caramelised pear / dulche de leche / Chantilly crème GF

Salted caramel panna cotta / amaretto poached pear / almond crumb / mascarpone GF



Alternate Drop - Your selection of two or more dishes from each course to be served alternately to guests.

Straight Drop - Your selection of one dish from each course to be served to all guests.



Canapes

minimum of 20 people Includes tray service

Option 1 \$19.00pp

1 hour - 4 items 2 Hot | 2 Cold

Option 2 \$24.00pp

1.5 hours - 5 items 2 Hot | 3 Cold

Option 3 \$29.00pp

2 hours - 6 items 3 Hot | 3 Cold

Hot

Country chicken vol au vent

Honey bourbon pork belly squares GF

Salt and pepper squid with a lime, chilli and palm sugar dipping sauce
Roast cauliflower bhaji bites with a tamarind yoghurt DF,GF,V,VEG

Malaysian style marinated tiger tail prawns with a lime dip GF

Lamb, feta and herb kofta with pomegranate molasses

Beef and onion spring rolls with soy dipping sauce DF

Mixed mushroom and goats cheese vol au vent V

Cold

Golden sweet corn fritters with caramelised red onion V
Sun Blushed tomato with mozzarella and basil on crostini V
Beetroot and vodka cured salmon on horseradish crème fraiche bilini
Fish ceviche with coconut, lime, pepper DF,GF
Carpaccio of beef on crostini with a green peppercorn mascarpone
Cocktail chicken roll DF
Crispy duck with hoisin and cucumber in a wonton basket DF
Spiced tomato and basil salsa on garlic crostini DF,V

Sweet

Char-grilled pineapple kebabs with mascarpone GF,V
Chocolate raspberry profiteroles V
Whipped double cream blue with caramelised pear on crostini V
Strawberries dipped in rich chocolate seasonal GF,V

Hot smoked salmon on kumara rosti with popped caper DF,GF







Platters

Grazing Platter Pickled vegetables, continental meats, cheeses, smoked salmon, breads and crackers GF on request 10 people	\$96.00
Assorted sushi Chicken, salmon, and vegetarian, wasabi & soy GF 20 piece	\$60.00
Breads and dips Selection of 3 dips and assortment of breads for 10 people	\$48.00
Tender Chicken kebabs Satay marinated chicken kebabs GF 20 piece	\$90.00
Chicken wings Tossed in a smokey bbq sauce GF 20 piece	\$70.00
Club sandwiches Sandwich quarters of assorted fillings GF on request 20 piece	\$60.00
Cakes and slices Chefs selection for 10 people	\$58.00
Deep fried goodness Chicken bites, samosas & spring rolls with fries	\$58.00
Fruit kebabs Seasonal fruit with honeyed yoghurt dipping sauce GF 20 piece	\$70.00
Mini beef burgers With onion jam, cheddar cheese and ketchup 20 piece	\$110.00
Party savouries Assortment of savouries and sausage rolls 30 piece	\$60.00
Southern cheeseboard New Zealand cheeses, fruit paste, breads and crackers 8 people	\$96.00
Chunky Wedges With sour cream and sweet chilli sauce (V)	\$48.00
Fries (V)	\$38.00







^{**}Gluten Free options available on request. POA**



Beverage

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\$12.50

Our full EMBERZ restaurant wine list & selection of craft beers is available on request Beverage prices are subject to change. Additional beverages available on request Function bar: \$35.00 per hour unless sales are over \$300.00 then the fee is waived.



Terms and conditions

Tentative bookings

Will be held on a first option basis indefinitely. If another client requests this space then we will contact you to ask for immediate confirmation.

Confirmation Cancellation

Confirmation of all bookings must be in writing. A deposit is required for large events.

All cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations within 14 days of the event will be subject to a cancellation fee.

Price variations

All prices are current at the time of quotation and every effort is made to maintain prices. However food and beverage prices are subject to change. In the unlikely event that quoted prices change, we will notify you prior to your event. If you have received a firm and final quotation which has been accepted this will be becaused.

Confirmed numbers

All final details, menus, beverages, room set up, AV requirements and timings must be confirmed 14 days prior to the event. A guaranteed minimum number is required 14 days prior, with a final number to be advised 5 working days prior. Charges will be based on this number, or the final head count – which ever is greater.

Surcharges

Extra charges may apply for functions scheduled on Public Holidays. Extra labour charges may apply if your event extends beyond midnight prior to a Public Holiday.

Payment

Credit facilities may be available upon completion and approval of a credit application form. Unless credit terms have been arranged, full payment by cash, direct credit or credit card is required immediately following the event. A 7-day invoice may be arranged, with credit card details required to guarantee payment for any outstanding charges.

Food and beverage

Only food and beverages purchased from the Ascot Park Hotel can be consumed on the hotel premises. Licensing and food safety regulations prevent the removal of food and beverages from the hotel premises. In special circumstances clients may be able to provide sponsored food as long as a written application is confirmed and signed off by the Executive Chef.

Dietary Requirements

We will make every effort to cater to guests with special dietary requirements, i.e. vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free, or medically diagnosed food allergy anaphylaxis at no extra charge. Any other additional special meal requests will incur a \$10 surcharge per person. Although every possible precaution has been taken to ensure that these menu items are allergen free, certain items may still contain traces of allergic ingredients as they are prepared in facilities that also process milk, egg, gluten, lupin, fish, crustacean, soybean, sesame seeds and nut products.

Deliveries

The hotel is to be notified of any deliveries. The Hotel will not be responsible for packages, parcels or equipment that arrive without prior notification. All deliveries must clearly state the company or function name and the date of the function.

Insurance

It is the client's responsibility to be insured for all items belonging to them for the period these items are in the hotel. While the hotel will take all necessary care, it will not accept responsibility for the loss of any property left in the Hotel prior to, during or after the event unless specific arrangements have been made with hotel management. Clients are responsible for any damage sustained to hotel property by them or their attendees.

Compliance

Clients will be responsible to ensure orderly behaviour of their guests and the hotel reserves the right to intervene and eject any objectionable person from the function off the hotel premises without liability. The Hotel accepts this responsibility with guidelines set by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act. The hotel retains the right to adjust any set up to ensure fire and safety codes are not breached. Particular attention will be paid to the accessibility of fire exits during trade shows where partitioning is erected. Floor Plans must be approved by Hotel management prior to set up.

Function rooms

We reserve the right to reallocate function rooms due to circumstances beyond our control. If final numbers increase or decrease significantly from those advised at the time of reservation, we may substitute a more appropriate room. We will discuss changes with you when the decision is made.

If you wish to guarantee set up and access the day before the event then an additional full day room hire fee is charged

Unauthorised extras

Unless otherwise instructed in writing, the client will be liable for all charges incurred by the client or his agents during the course of the function.