



Workshop venues – The best of regional Victoria

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Finding the right venue for your workshop or conference is a critical piece of your event organising puzzle.

It can be quite the headache! Does the venue fit the number of people you have? Is there sufficient breakout spaces? Is accommodation available for out-of-towners? Is there natural light? and the list goes on...

At Strategic Facilitators we are often asked for venue recommendations, so to expedite your searching process, we have outlined some of our favourite venues from regional Victoria.

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Strategic Facilitators recommends: Regional Victoria's top 10 workshop venues

	Drive from Melbourne airport (mins)	Drive from Melbourne CBD (mins)	Number of accommodation rooms	Number of conference spaces	Maximum capacity (delegates)
AITKEN HILL	10	30	124	5	300
BALGOWNIE ESTATE	60	60	70	4	120
FLINDERS HOTEL	90	75	40	3	100
LINDENDERRY AT RED HILL	80	60	40	4	75
OAKRIDGE	80	60	—*	5	120
RACV CAPE SCHANCK	90	75	204	10	450
RACV HEALESVILLE	60	50	80	14	220
THE VIBE HOTEL MARYSVILLE	90	90	101	5	300
THE MANSION HOTEL WERRIBEE	30	30	91	6	200
YARRA VALLEY LODGE	50	50	102	8	400

* For residential conferences, Oakridge has partnered up with several luxury private homes for boutique retreats for up to 10 guests or alternatively, Oakridge can arrange transfers for a range of larger accommodation options within 10-20 minutes drive.

AITKEN HILL

20 Dunhelen Lane, Yuroke, 3063

aitkenhill.com.au

Aitken Hill is conveniently located just ten minutes from Melbourne's international Airport and only thirty minutes from Melbourne CBD.

Designed by award winning architects Peddle Thorpe, Aitken Hill is a purpose built, dedicated conferencing and events venue that leads the way in cutting edge and state of the art technology.

With 6000 square metres of conferencing space, extensive accommodation, first class recreational facilities, Aitken Hill is set on a spectacular 170 acre private property, where native Australian flora and fauna co-exist peacefully amongst the breathtaking surrounds.



- Five star accommodation facilities designed to blend in with the native Australian landscape – each room has been considered to maximise space and functionality
- 124 accommodation rooms

- Five large seminar rooms holding up to 300 people
- 14 small syndicate rooms for smaller meetings or useful for breakout spaces



'Purpose built workshop facility that runs like clockwork' – Zoe Pappas, Strategic Facilitators

'Comfortable meeting rooms and plenty of natural light' – Marc Levy, Strategic Facilitators

BALGOWNIE ESTATE

1309 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen, 3775

balgownieestate.com.au/conference/yarra-valley-conference-venue/

Balgownie is a 60min drive from Melbourne located in the lovely vineyards of the Yarra Valley. With a number of meeting room options and breakout spaces, this makes Balgownie Estate the perfect conference venue with a capacity up to 120 persons. Encompassing floor to ceiling windows, offering an abundance of natural daylight, the views make for an outstanding backdrop for tailored meetings and events.



Balgownie Estate also has an Executive Boardroom for smaller groups and a variety of breakout spaces, all-encompassing inspiring outlooks. The variety of purpose-designed flexible meeting facilities can be tailored to suit your individual requirements and include the latest technology and presentation equipment.

- Soundproof walls
- Breakout lounges

- 70 accommodation rooms

FLINDERS HOTEL

Corner Cook & Wood Streets, Flinders, 3929

flindershotel.com.au

Set in the picturesque former fishing town of Flinders in Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, Flinders Hotel provides a great all-in-one destination and boutique accommodation for your delegates to get away from the hustle and bustle only 75 minutes from Melbourne CBD.



- Flexible conference and function space for up to 100 delegates theatre style, divisible into three separate areas plus two separate private dining spaces, Terminus Terrace for up to 25 delegates and Terminus Restaurant for up to 40 delegates

- 40 guestrooms up to 80 people
- Two onsite dining options
- Range of onsite and offsite activities

LINDENDERRY AT RED HILL

142 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill, 3937

lancemore.com.au/lindenderry/conferences

Located just 60 minutes from Melbourne CBD, here is a place where delegates will be free of distraction while energised by the sheer beauty of their tranquil surrounds. Featuring 40 elegantly designed guest rooms and spacious lounges, together with 5 highly adaptable and purpose-built meeting areas, Lindenderry can satisfy just about any event brief - from a large scale conference to a quiet executive retreat.



- Dedicated onsite conference coordinator
- Four flexible event spaces, catering for between 6 - 75+ delegates
- High quality AV and natural lighting
- 40 guest rooms

- Critically acclaimed Linden Tree Restaurant
- Secure, complimentary onsite parking
- Day spa and indoor pool
- Lindenderry Wines – winery and cellar door
- Team building activities

OAKRIDGE

864 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream, 3770
oakridgewines.com.au/functions/corporate-functions/#corporate

Oakridge is located in the heart of the Yarra Valley, one hour's drive from Melbourne CBD and 80 minutes from Melbourne Airport. Constructed in 2013, the Denton Corker Marshall architecturally designed venue offers a number of multi-purpose spaces to suit your event requirements. A versatile facility offering a range of meeting, dining and interactive activity spaces.



- Fine dining restaurant incorporating three private function spaces or full exclusive use
- Executive board room plus larger conference rooms
- Coach parking, helicopter landing, full disability access
- Cellar door featuring 12m long service area
- Bocce court, large chess and Jenga
- Barrel hall space available for exclusive events and team building activities
- Winery experiences
- Awarded One Chefs Hat - 2018, 2019 Good Food Awards
- Winemaker of the Year - 2017 Gourmet Traveller Wine

RACV CAPE SCHANCK RESORT

Trent Jones Drive, Cape Schanck, 3939
racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-resorts/our-destinations/cape-schanck-resort/conferences-and-events.html

Located on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula and only 75 minutes from the Melbourne CBD, the new RACV Cape Schanck Resort is unlike anything you've ever seen. Providing extensive conference and event facilities with flexible event spaces and breakout areas, this state of the art facility is the perfect location for a conference or event.



- Flexible event capacity ranging from 10 to 450 guests
- 10 conference rooms with natural light
- 204 guest rooms; 16 two and three bedroom villas
- Two pre-function areas; Green room; Breakout areas
- Wi-Fi; High-quality AV equipment
- Restaurant, all day dining and cafe
- In-house activities can be run on the championship golf course, in group fitness room and 25m indoor pool
- Nearby attractions and offsite activities



'Fantastic venue for workshops with peaceful views; rooms are equipped with modern facilities, and the facilities management team is highly responsive' – Simon Chuah, Strategic Facilitators

RACV HEALESVILLE COUNTRY CLUB



122 Healesville-Kinglake Rd, Healesville, 3777

racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-club/healesville/conferences

Just over 50 minutes from Melbourne's CBD, RACV Healesville Country Club offers a selection of breathtaking and versatile conference and event choices, backed up by unique facilities and a brilliant location in Victoria's picturesque Yarra Valley.

The country club offers a selection of conference and event possibilities. These include intimate spaces ideal for small gatherings right through to elaborate rooms designed for groups of up to 220 – all showcasing the magnificent mountain views.

- Pre-functions areas and breakout room
- Latest audio-visual technologies
- 80 accommodation rooms offer glorious views from their balcony or patio
- Restaurants and bar on site
- Leisure facilities (Spa, fitness centre, games room and swimming pool)

THE VIBE HOTEL MARYSVILLE



32-42 Murchison St, Marysville, 3779

tfehotels.com/brands/vibe-hotels/vibe-hotel-Marysville

Vibe Hotel Marysville and Conference Centre is offering state-of-the-art purpose-built conference and events facilities with sweeping views of the Yarra Ranges National Park and Cathedral Ranges. You'll have superb service and flexible floor space bathed in an abundance of natural light thanks to spectacular floor to ceiling glass windows. All just a 90 minute drive from Melbourne's CBD.

Whether it's a brainstorming afternoon getaway or a multi-day corporate conference, they can take care of you. The hotel's quiet location is perfect for big decisions, team building or creative activities.

- 101 rooms and suites
- Flexible, functional floor space for up to 480 guests
- Five conference spaces suitable for groups of 25 people u-shaped or 300 people theatre style
- State of the art audio visual technology and complimentary high speed internet
- Rustic and communal catering

THE MANSION HOTEL, WERRIBEE PARK

K Rd, Werribee, 3030

lancemore.com.au/mansion-hotel-and-spa/conferences

Only 30 minutes from Melbourne's CBD and 15 minutes from Avalon airport, coupling contemporary style and purpose-designed meeting facilities, the Mansion Hotel's state-of-the-art technical resources, gourmet menus and adaptability of services, creates an extremely versatile, customised and desirable conference and professional retreat destination.



The Mansion Hotel offers numerous flexible meeting spaces. With a dedicated conference team, consultants work with you to ensure a successful outcome for your meeting or conference.

- Six workshop/conference spaces with a capacity from 10 to more than 200 people
- Rooms adaptable to all meeting styles and set-ups
- The property can accommodate up to 130 guests, with twin and single combinations



'Excellent facility and great staff' – Jo Bradley, Strategic Facilitators

YARRA VALLEY LODGE

2 Heritage Ave, Chirnside Park, 3116

yarravalleylodge.com/en-gb/conferences

Yarra Valley Lodge is the perfect Yarra Valley conference centre to host a truly memorable conference, meeting or event. The conference centres suit a wide variety of requirements and can be customised to suit any theme.

A perfect location for your next corporate get together, or team-building event. The stunning Yarra Ranges and golf course views make this a splendid location for all types of events.



- Choose from eight flexible spaces, with the capacity to cater for up to 400 guests or delegates
- All styles of set up with extensive break-out and pre-function areas
- State-of-the-art audio-visual facilities
- Stylish surroundings and natural light
- Over 40 different indoor and outdoor team building, group activities and entertainment options provided by onsite partner Time Out Adventures
- 102 guest rooms



'Fantastic wall space for interactive and immersive sessions; also appreciate the responsive and attentive staff' – Jess Cossens, Strategic Facilitators

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