



# 2024 CONFERENCING & EVENTS GUIDE

## OAKS CYPRESS LAKES RESORT



*Experiences*



# Welcome to Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort.

## START PLANNING YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH OAKS.

So close to Sydney yet truly a world away, the Hunter Valley is the birthplace of Australian wine. With over 150 premium wine producers in the region, they hold a very special place in the world's wine industry. Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort is proud to have been a part of this historic wine region from the beginning.

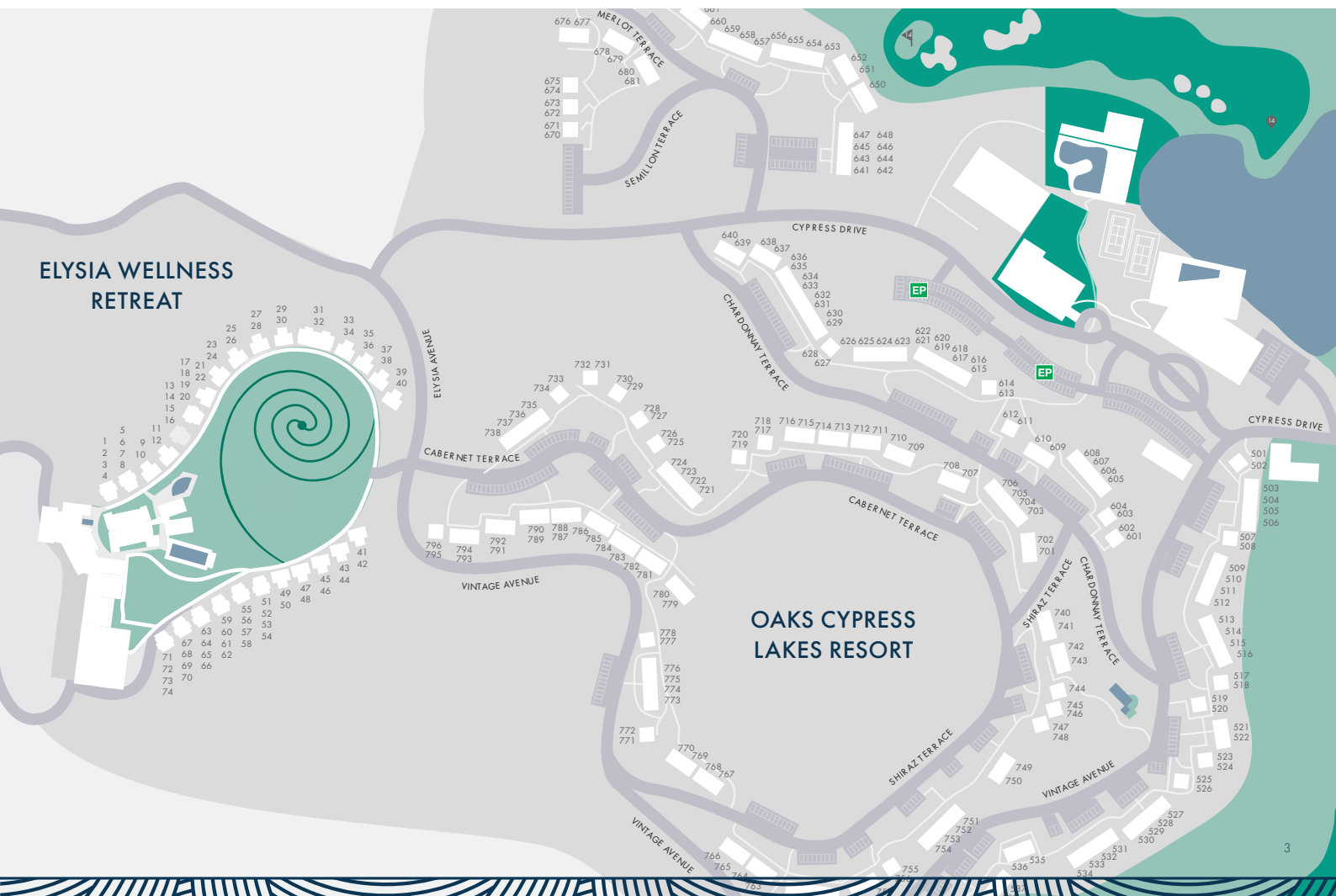
A leisurely two-hour drive from Sydney or one hour from Newcastle Airport, the resort is located in the heart of the Hunter Valley region, showcasing world-class wineries, boutique breweries, and gourmet local produce.

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort's idyllic natural setting is complemented by a multi-functional conference facility that can host any event - from a small corporate retreat, meeting or networking event to a major brand launch, gala or conference. Providing a breathtaking backdrop for your next event, our venue environment is conducive to active delegate participation that includes; natural light, healthy food options, access to private breakout space, a myriad of on-site leisure activities and an extensive range of venue facilities.

The 25 acre Oaks Cypress Lakes resort offers premium facilities including a Golf & Country Club, Elysia Wellness Retreat, restaurants, bars, pools, tennis courts and a range of well appointed on-site accommodation options. The thoughtfully appointed one, two and three-bedroom villas are set against a stunning backdrop of the rolling golf greens, vineyards and the spectacular Brokenback Mountain Range. The resort allows guests access to a variety of leisure activities including hot air balloon rides, world class golfing, gourmet cooking classes, spa retreats and of course local wineries and restaurants. Elysia Wellness Retreat can also offer spa treatments, wellness workshops, and team activities including yoga or Tai Chi.

We have 24 unique event spaces with the capacity to host 10 through to over 3500 delegates. Each are flexible in design with setups available to meet your requirements, with each boasting natural light, open space and spectacular views over the property, through to bespoke marquee builds on our expansive resort grounds. Our tailored event menus are designed by our locally renowned Executive Chef is paired perfectly to the best wines in the region. Our Executive Chef is available to consult with you and design a creative menu that caters to your specific requirements.

The impeccable Oaks hospitality will ensure every detail of your event is planned and executed successfully, to ensure your event is filled with impactful experiences.



# MEETINGS & EVENTS *Made Easy*



## LIVE BOOKING TOOL

Make instant bookings with our live booking tool. Browse floor plans and order food & beverage, AV, theming with just a few clicks.



## LEADING REGIONAL PARTNER

As a leading regional events partner, Oaks boasts 10+ versatile and unique conferencing and events facilities throughout Australia & New Zealand. Across picturesque settings, the locations lend themselves to suit intimate cocktail parties, engaging delegate events or extravagant gala dinners.



## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Our diverse range of flexible accommodation is what sets us apart. With spacious hotel rooms, 1,2 and 3 bedroom suites and villas across various locations, your guests will feel at home throughout their stay, with a comfortable space to retreat.



## CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

We pride ourselves on our exceptional service and experienced onsite events team, who will assist you every step of the way to ensure your event is memorable for all the right reasons.



# Our Hotel and Facilities.

Our dedicated events team can assist with a range of services including:

- Onsite accommodation requirements
- Pre and post function events
- Customised menu and beverage package options
- Event theming
- Audio visual support
- Team building events
- Wellness meetings
- Hybrid meetings

## PROXIMITY INFORMATION

- Sydney Airport - 185km
- Newcastle Airport - 70km
- Hunter Valley Gardens - 1.9km
- Balloon Aloft Hunter Valley - 5km
- Hunter Vineyard Tours - 5.9km
- Hunter Valley Zoo - 8.6km
- Township of Cessnock - 12km
- Hunter Valley Horse Riding and Adventures - 19km

## HOTEL FEATURES

- 24 hour reception
- Onsite shuttle service
- Complimentary car parking
- 18-hole championship golf course and Golf Driving Range
- Two on-site restaurants and bars - Oak & Vine and Cypress Lakes Bistro & Bar
- Conference and event facilities
- Two outdoor swimming pools
- Jacuzzi and gymnasium
- Elysia Wellness Retreat located onsite

## ROOM FEATURES

- 2 and 3 bedroom villas with fully equipped kitchen
- 1 bedroom villa with kitchenette
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Spacious lounge and dining area
- Private balcony
- Air conditioning
- TV



# Cypress Lakes Golf & Country Club.

Cypress Lakes Golf & Country Club is a picturesque, 18-hole championship golf course ranked among the best Hunter Valley golf courses and proudly ranked as Australia's Best Golf Hotel, thanks to its pristine fairways, manicured greens and unique layout. Unveiled in 1992, Cypress Lakes was designed by Steve Smyers of Florida. From the black championship markers, the layout is a length of 6,467m par 72, but reduces to 5,520m from the men's white tees with the ladies facing a distance of 5,216m.

Each tee and green offers stunning panoramic views of the Hunter Valley's famous vineyards and the surrounding Brokenback Mountain Range. This Championship layout boasts dramatic fairways shapes and elevation changes, 60 strategically located bunkers and generous greens that are in superb condition year round. Significant golf course infrastructure investment by Oaks Hotels, Resorts & Suites is quickly catapulting Cypress Lakes to the top 100 of the must play resort destinations in Oceania.

Cypress Lakes is a stunning public golf course open to all offering daily rounds through to full annual membership.



# ELYSIA

## WELLNESS RETREAT

HUNTER VALLEY



Our all-inclusive health and wellness programs have been developed to motivate change and give you the tools you need for lasting results.

Located on the same property as Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort, is Elysia Wellness Retreat. The Retreat is a great place for you to take time to reset your mind and body, and gain a wealth of knowledge to create a healthier, happier and more motivated you. Perfect for your next management retreat or if you're after a wellness and wellbeing programme to add onto your next event. We offer carefully tailored experiences to meet a great range of personal situations or goals. Whether you're in need of peaceful sleep, detox from the hum of work emails and app notifications, nutrition advice, energising activities and fitness, weight management or relaxing meditation for refocusing and clarity – Elysia Wellness Retreat will help you create a life changing journey of wellbeing tailored to your needs.

The day spa is a haven of rest and restorative practices and sits in the centre of the property. With a range of treatments, therapies and facilities on offer, the Day Spa and Wellness Centre at Elysia provides an exceptional spa experience. Take time for yourself to experience relaxing treatments, or new restorative therapies, all provided at our wellness centre, conveniently located at the retreat, providing easy access for both day visitors, retreat program guests or corporate group programmes.



# Conference Rooms and Capacities.

TOTAL FUNCTION ROOMS: 24

FUNCTION CAPACITY: 800

ACCOMMODATION ROOMS: 154

ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY: 427

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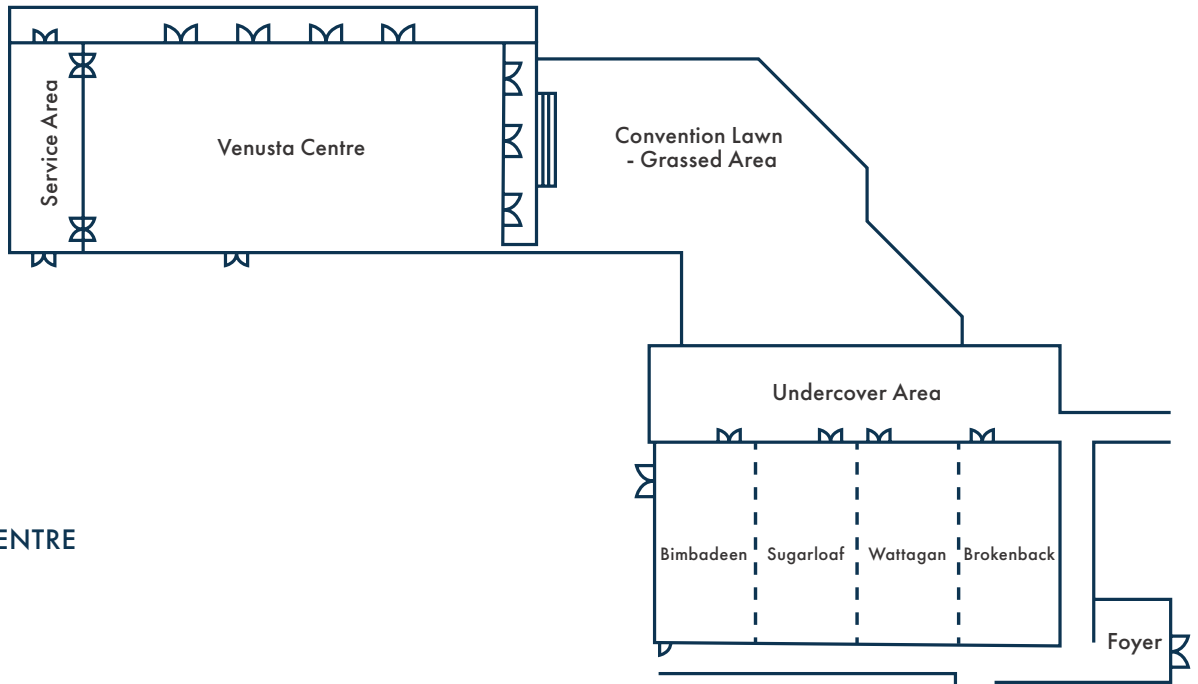
Room	Dimensions	Room Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Theatre	Classroom	Boardroom	U-Shape	Cabaret	Seated dining	Cocktail
The Convention Centre	28m x 13m x 4m	364	400	216	-	-	224	260	400
Brokenback	7m x 13m x 4m	91	100	51	32	30	48	60	70
Wattagan	7m x 13m x 4m	91	100	51	32	30	48	60	70
Sugarloaf	7m x 13m x 4m	91	100	51	32	30	48	60	70
Bimbadeen	7m x 13m x 4m	91	100	51	32	30	48	60	70
Brokenback & Wattagan	14m x 13m x 4m	182	200	102	-	60	96	120	140
Wattagan & Sugarloaf	14m x 13m x 4m	182	200	102	-	60	96	120	140
Sugarloaf & Bimbadeen	14m x 13m x 4m	182	200	102	-	60	96	120	140
Brokenback, Wattagan & Sugarloaf	21m x 13m x 4m	273	300	153	-	-	144	180	210
Wattagan, Sugarloaf & Bimbadeen	21m x 13m x 4m	273	300	153	-	-	144	180	210
Venusta Centre	30m x 14.5m	435	450	252	-	-	240	300	450
Koda	7m x 10m x 3.5m	70	50	36	18	18	40	50	50
Kanuka	10.5m x 11m x 3.5m	115	112	69	24	27	56	70	70
Cassine	7m x 8.5m x 3.5m	59	63	36	23	24	32	40	-
Lacebark	9.5m x 5m x 3.5m	47	56	30	24	21	24	30	-
Senna	7.5m x 7.5m x 3.5m	56	44	30	18	18	32	40	-
Koda & Kanuka	16.5m x 10.5m x 3.5m	173	140	96	44	51	96	120	270
Lakeside Marquee	40m x 20m	800	672	-	-	-	376	470	800
Member's Lounge	10.2m x 9.9m	100	-	-	-	-	38	38	80
Conference Lawn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	400
Bistro Lawn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	115
Oak & Vine Restaurant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	120
Cypress Bistro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
<p>The Range 30,000 m<sup>2</sup>, 250m x 120m, Max Pax Capacity 3500 Great for outdoor concerts, events and festivals</p>									

\*Maximum venue capacities for each room setup option



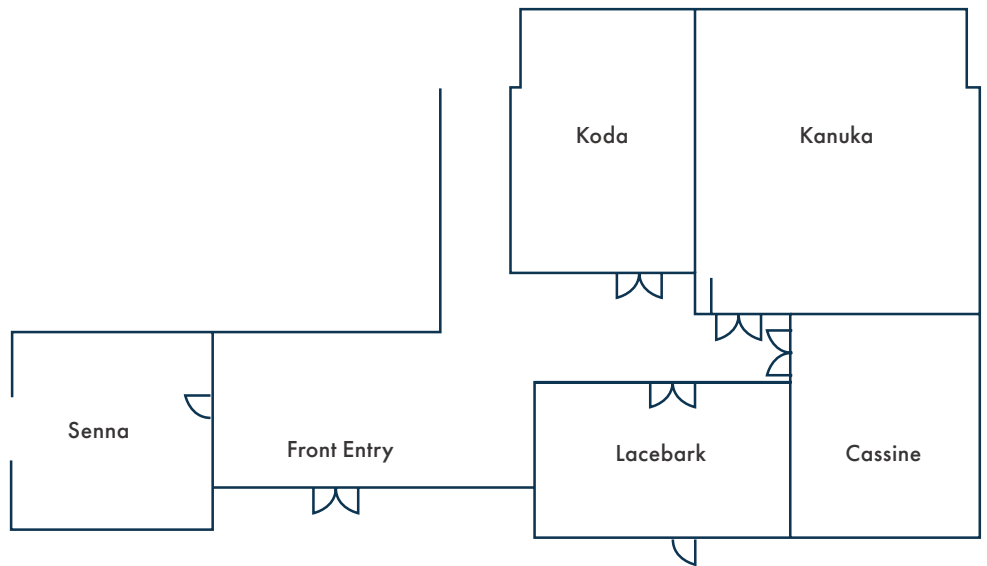
# Venue Floor Plans.

VENUSTA  
CENTRE  
GROUND LEVEL

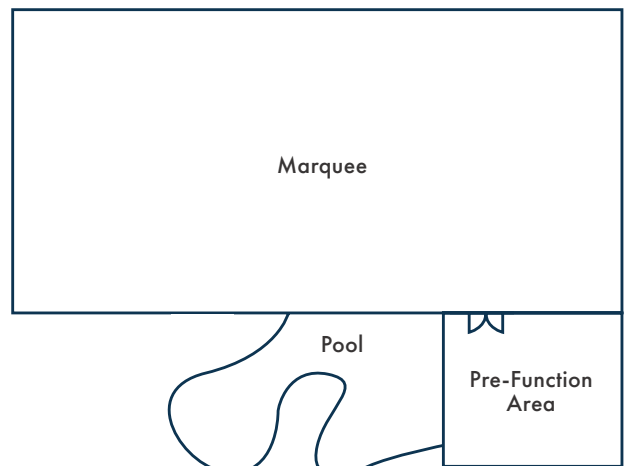


CONVENTION CENTRE  
GROUND LEVEL

YELLOW WOOD CENTRE  
LEVEL 1



CYPRESS LAKESIDE  
MARQUEE



Floor plans are a guideline only and not to scale.

# Signature Event Experiences.

Centrally located in Pokolbin, and surrounded by century old vineyards in Australia's premier and oldest wine region, there is no better place in Australia to completely immerse and indulge your delegates in a unique and experiential environment. At Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort you can expect that the fine art of presenting our range of signature experiences has been crafted and perfected by years of experience. Our on-site events professionals will provide you and your team with the expert support you need!

Some of our signature event experiences include:

- Our world renowned championship golf course is regularly rated highly by top professionals and provides a stunning backdrop to any event. Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort is the only property located in the Valley that provides minimal restrictions to the use of our golf course as a feature accent to complement your event.
- With a heritage steeped in European viticulture, our unique winter 'Burning of the Vines' experience is a stunning, if not literal, expression that will help to evoke a sense of accomplishment and renewal. In a homage to the century old tradition, vine cuttings are ritualistically burnt in a fire pit to symbolise growth and renewal. Presenting a fantastic opportunity to round out any corporate event.



# Onsite Restaurants.

When you are in Australia's premier and oldest wine region, you can expect that the art of presenting gourmet experiences has been perfected by years of experience. Here is where your taste buds will be tantalised by over 150 wineries and cellar doors, numerous cheese factories and olive grove farms and a sumptuous selection of restaurants set in the lush vineyards of the Hunter Valley region. Should you wish to include a gourmet excursion in your event programme's activities, our well-connected events team will be able to coordinate the details for you.

At Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort, our highly experienced and passionate Executive Chef, proudly features local produce throughout event menus. Over the years, we have built a strong reputation for consistently creating tantalising cuisine; whether it be a paddock to plate dégustation, a chef-guided food trail or an extravagant market-stall cocktail reception.

The resort features 2 gourmet restaurants and bars.

## OAK & VINE RESTAURANT

The bespoke menu has been designed by our locally renowned Executive Sous Chef, focusing on a stunning fusion of modern Sri Lankan flavours prepared with traditional European techniques all of which is paired perfectly to the best wines in the region. A 'smart dining' experience where one can enjoy a sense of place and an evening quintessentially Hunter Valley.

## CYPRESS LAKES BISTRO & BAR

Casual dining and a social bar where resort guests, shire locals and golf members celebrate long afternoons simply enjoying time with family and good friends, whilst sitting lakeside overlooking the stunning golf course. Head to the bar and relax in the earthy, timbered decor and enjoy one of the many different beverage options on our menu sourced locally in the Hunter Valley, plus cocktails and delicious gins.

## ELYSIA WELLNESS RETREAT - THE RESTAURANT

As leaders in the health and wellness industry the Restaurant at Elysia Wellness Retreat lead by our Executive Chef delivers incredible nutritional, balanced and healthy paddock to plate dining experiences. Showcasing delicious, health focused meals with a leaning towards educating guests and delegates on how to appreciate food to benefit your wellbeing.



# Day Delegate Packages.

## FULL DAY DELEGATE PACKAGE

### Package includes:

- Continuous offering of a variety of herbal tea and coffee
- Morning and afternoon tea with a Touch of Elysia infused water
- Lunch
- Stationery including white board, flip chart, pads and pens
- Delegate refreshments of mints and a selection of Moda still or sparkling water
- Wi-Fi inclusive
- Complimentary digital signage display
- Complimentary table setting
- Complimentary parking
- Experienced event concierge

## HALF DAY DELEGATE PACKAGE

### Package includes:

- Continuous offering of a variety of herbal tea and coffee
- Morning tea or afternoon tea with a Touch of Elysia infused water
- Lunch
- Stationery including white board, flip chart, pads and pens
- Delegate refreshments of mints and a selection of Moda still or sparkling water
- Wi-Fi inclusive
- Complimentary digital signage display
- Complimentary table setting
- Complimentary parking
- Experienced event concierge

## MINDFUL MEETINGS - FULL DAY DELEGATE PACKAGE

### Package includes:

- Continuous offering of a variety of herbal tea and coffee
- Elysia Wellness Mindful Meetings morning and afternoon tea menu with a Touch of Elysia infused water
- Elysia Wellness Mindful Lunch
- Stationery including white board, flip chart, pads and pens
- Delegate refreshments of mints and a selection of Moda still or sparkling water
- Wi-Fi inclusive
- Complimentary digital signage display
- Complimentary table setting
- Complimentary parking
- Experienced event concierge

\*Terms & conditions apply. Minimum 20 pax, room hire fees may apply.



# Accommodation Options.

Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort features a range of one, two and three bedroom, Standard and Premier villas featuring kitchens, spacious living areas and private balconies allowing freedom for independent travellers to design their own ways to stay. The full-service resort provides 24 hour reception, casual dining options, elegant dining, a variety of swimming pools, tennis courts and a Golf Pro Shop. Terraced into the natural bushland surroundings is the villa accommodation, providing guests with extraordinary views over the golf course fairways, Brokenback Mountain Range and the resort's own vineyards. If you are lucky, guests can be treated to a morning visit from the resident kangaroos, kookaburras and koalas in the private accommodation setting.

## Our range of spacious apartment style accommodation includes;

- One Bedroom Villa
- One Bedroom Premier Villa
- Two Bedroom Villa
- Two Bedroom Premier Villa
- Three Bedroom Villa
- Three Bedroom Premier Villa

## Elysia Wellness Retreat;

- One Bedroom Valley View Suites
- Two Bedroom Valley View Suites



# Preferred Partners.

There is no better approach to solving challenges than the famous saying "two heads are better than one." That's why at Oaks we rely on the expertise of our preferred partners:

## AUDIO VISUAL

Avisual Productions are event production specialists. They are able to bring your event to life, enabling your capabilities. Their technical directors can manage your event for you from start to finish. Through their in-house hotel services, special events division or integration specialists, they will connect you with your audiences.



## TEAM BUILDING

Create energy and motivate your employees with corporate team building activities from Pinnacle Team Events. Pinnacle Team Events offers a completely mobile service designed to ensure the success of your next conference, team day, training session or company celebration - wherever it may be. Pinnacle has a unique approach to corporate team building activities: "We don't do group hugs". All programs are designed to be entertaining, engaging and rewarding.



## PHOTOGRAPHY

A unique collective of exceptional photographic talent with a 20+ year history of immortalising events across Australia that has won them an enviable blue-chip client list.



## THEMING

This Space creates remarkable brand and event experiences through event management and execution, event styling, digital design, graphics, and 3D technology. Their diverse team at This Space has delivered local and internationally recognised events for over 15 years. Focusing on innovation, creativity and effective communication, This Space brings brands and events to life. With their combined experience, they have managed and executed over 1000 events, have worked with a range of budgets from \$10,000 to \$1M, and are known for engaging, immersive and award-winning events.



## MARQUEE EVENTS

Nordic Tipis (or Katas) & Sail Cloth Sperry Tents are perfect for all occasions including corporate incentives, entertainment, conferencing, brand activations, gala events or any outdoor celebrations

Samikata events love to inspire all things unique and alternative with an obsessive attention to detail. The friendly team will help you plan, discover new trends, find stunning locations, suggest decorative ideas, inspirations, provide advice & support from first inquiry until we pack up from your event.



Contact us today for more information on our preferred suppliers and how they can help you.

# Mindful Meetings

## WELLNESS DELEGATE PACKAGES

Introducing Mindful Meetings. Presented in partnership with Elysia Wellness Retreat, the new wellness delegate packages have been designed to integrate health and wellbeing experiences into your itinerary.

### FULL DAY PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Workshop experiences are presented by Elysia Wellness Retreat
- Inspired space & tools for collaboration
- Bottled mineral water, refreshing mints & trail mix
  - Healthy wellness menu
- Timeout sessions & exercise balls\*
  - Local area walking maps\*
    - Room hire
- Wifi inclusive for delegates

### ADDITIONAL UPGRADE:

- Add a custom wellness experience to your event itinerary
- Workshops can be done virtually to suit event needs.





# HYBRID MEETING *Experiences*

Connect, engage and interact with your audience with Oaks Hotels, Resorts & Suites hybrid meeting experiences.

Leveraging off our regional portfolio of conferencing and event venue's, our hybrid meeting experiences allow for flexible hub-and-spoke set up. Connect regionally or globally without compromising on the total number of delegates from your event with our enhanced hybrid solutions delivered in a safe environment.

Our solutions allow for adjustable seating configurations, experienced technical set-up, high-definition streaming and dedicated WiFi connection to provide seamless versatility only Oaks can offer for your next event.





# Minor Hotels

## Your Global Events Partner.

One of the most exciting benefits of hosting your conference or event with Oaks Hotels, Resorts and Suites is that you get access to our amazing network of brands within the Minor Hotel Group.

Minor Hotels is an international hotel owner, trusted operator and investor currently with more than 520 hotels in operation across 6 continents. Minor Hotels passionately explores new possibilities in hospitality with a diverse portfolio of properties designed intelligently to appeal to different kinds of travellers. Through 8 brands; Anantara, AVANI, Oaks, NH Hotels, NH Collection, nhow Hotels, Elewana and Tivoli properties, Minor Hotels operates in 52 countries across Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Europe and South America.

Whether you are considering an overseas conference, meeting, event or incentive trip, Minor Hotels offers a myriad of solutions to fit every budget and requirement. Head to [minorhotels.com](http://minorhotels.com) to explore the world of amazing opportunities for your next event.



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