

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG - CREATIVE SPACES FOR HIRE/USE

Venue Name	Short description	Address	Facilities	Available for	Booking process	Website	Venue Manager
Geelong West Town Hall	The town hall is an historic building that features a stage and performance space and a large room for meetings/workshops	153 Pakington Street West Geelong	Stage, changerooms, PA, projector and screen, commercial kitchen wifi, seating capacity is 250, standing 400	Music and theatre performance space, workshops.	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gwtownhall/article/item/8d643c6da238aa2.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Geelong Botanic Gardens	The gardens feature a number of spaces, structures and rooms for hire. The gardens are closed each evening, meaning that outdoor activations can remain in-situ. There is an outdoor stage and large grassed area for performance.	Eastern Park Circuit, East Geelong	Outdoor stage with power, conservatory (glasshouse), Cabman's shelter, historic Customs House and Pelargonium House, workshop and meeting rooms, storage and general office/work space.	Outdoor and undercover art installation and activation, workshops and meeting spaces, possible artist residency, music and theatre performance.	Contact the Arts and Culture team artsculture@geelongcity.vic.gov.au	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/default.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Barwon Heads Arts Hub	Opened in 2022, the Barwon Heads Arts and Community Hub features a large exhibition space, meeting rooms, kitchenette and separate	5 Clifford Parade Barwon Heads	Exhibition space with lighting and hanging system, workshop/maker's shed with wet facilities, meeting rooms and kitchenette	Arts exhibitions, art workshops	Book via website. Or phone 0457 263 455	https://bhac.org.au/barwon-heads-arts-community-hub/	Barwon Heads Arts Council

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	workshop space/maker's shed suitable for classes						
Ceres Temperance Hall	The Ceres Temperance Hall is a sandstone building built for the Barrabool Hills Total Abstinence Society in 1862. It is located in the semi rural village of Ceres, overlooking the beautiful landscape of the Barrabool Hills with commanding views to Geelong. It is managed by the Ceres Community Association and is available for events, workshops, classes, performances and rehearsals	McCann Street, Ceres	The hall is a large and light open space with timber floor and ceiling and white walls. It has a sandstone exterior and internally it has a stage, two dressing rooms, and a storeroom. Trestle tables and timber chairs are also available. Large external grassed area.	Music and theatre performance, art installation, activation and exhibition, workshops.	Book via website.	https://cereshall.com.au/	Ceres Community Association
Cobbin Homestead and Chapel	Cobbin Chapel and homestead is an early 20 th century timber home and chapel that could	231 Grove Road, Grovedale (on Waurm Ponds Creek)	Large outdoor lawn space, timber chapel that seats 70 (85 standing);	Workshops, performance.	Book via website listing.	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/cobbinfarm/article/item/8d643c88970999f.aspx	City of Greater Geelong

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	be used for unique performance and workshops. Available for hire on holidays and over weekends.		homestead with kitchen facilities and several large rooms for use as a meeting or workshop space.				
Cobradah Homestead	Large open spaces in refurbished homestead for use as workshop, rehearsal or exhibition space.	7-13 Beauford Avenue, Bell Post Hill	Main hall, meeting room, large open clean spaces with kitchen facilities	Workshop, performance, exhibition (temporary walls needed)	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/cobradah/article/item/8d643dfa805bd90.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
The Paper Mill Gallery Fyansford	This Gallery sits within the historic Fyansford Paper Mill complex, about 3km from central Geelong and close to a ring road exit. Completed in 1878, the site has had a recent resurrection as a centre for visual arts, music and fine wines.	100 Lower Paper Mills Road, Fyansford	Refurbished mill with exhibition and workshop spaces	Exhibition, workshops	Contact Papermill Gallery direct via email.	thepapermillgallery@gmail.com	John Hughson, Gallery Manager
Lara Hall	Lara Hall includes a stage, change rooms, kitchen, a smart TV, heating, fans, tables and	1A Flinders Ave, Lara	Medium sized hall with stage that holds up to 200 ppl with commercial kitchen and	Rehearsals, workshops, music and theatre performance.	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/larahall/article/item/8d643db88097d86.aspx	City of Greater Geelong

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	chairs and parking.		adjoining room that can be used as a change room/rehearsal room.				
Marcus Hill Memorial Hall	Medium-sized hall located at Marcus Hill Reserve.	1862-1880 Bellarine Hwy, Marcus Hill	The main hall is a medium sized open space with adjacent kitchenette.	Workshops, rehearsals.	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/halls/article/item/8d85413f6ca6bd2.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Mt Duneed Hall	Small hall for hire in Mount Duneed for approximately 40 people.	40 Mt Duneed Rd Mt Duneed	Small hall with kitchenette, heating, colling, seats and tables.	Workshops, rehearsals.	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/mtduneedhall/article/item/8d643e243e50e53.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Newcomb Hall	Newcomb Hall has an overall capacity of 200 with a main hall with stage and adjacent meeting/workshop space.	82-84 Wilsons Rod Newcomb	The venue includes change rooms, PA system, kitchen, heating, fans, a projector, tables and chairs and on site parking. The kitchen can service both rooms via a servery. A music curfew applies – no music after 7pm weekdays and 9pm weekends.	Performances, workshops, rehearsals.	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/newcombhall/article/item/8d643d761650c30.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Portarlington Parks Hall	Parks Hall includes a large civic hall	87 Newcombe St, Portarlington	The main hall can hosts theatre and	Music and theatre performance,	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com .	City of Greater Geelong

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	with stage for up to 350 patrons with two adjoining meeting/function rooms also available.		musical performance, with adjacent rooms available for workshops. Change rooms exist off the main stage and the large commercial kitchen is equipped for self-catering. There is also a bar area in the Parkview Room.	rehearsal space and workshops.		au/parkshall/article/item/8d655ee797ccbd8.aspx	
St Leonards Reserve Hall	St Leonards Reserve Hall is a medium sized hall suitable for bookings up to 100 patrons.	2 Cole Street, St Leonards	The main hall can accommodate 80-100 ppl, table and chairs available. Small kitchen and heating.	Workshops. Rehearsal space (no stage)	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/stleonardshall/article/item/8d65450e2470b4b.aspx	City of Greater Geelong
Virginia Todd Hall	This hall is available to hire for quiet functions and can accommodate up to 100 people theatre style seating, and 80 people in a cabaret style set up.	9 Clarence St, Geelong West (adjacent to Geelong West Town Hall)	The hall has a carpet floor, small kitchen, heating, cooling and tables and chairs are provided for the hirer to set up and pack away. It has recently been fitted out with a smart TV for presentations	Workshops, rehearsal space (no stage)	Book via website listing	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/virginiatodd/article/item/8d643e6bbe2d1a4.aspx	City of Greater Geelong

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Platform Arts Performance space	The performance space is an adaptable and generous space with retractable seating bank, high ceilings and art deco features.	Old Court House, Little Malop Street Geelong	Stage (10.45m wide), Retractable seating bank, high ceilings and art deco features, seated capacity 128ppl, standing 200ppl., dressing rooms, full theatrical lighting console, projector, elevated work platform and professional PA system.	Presentations, rehearsals, music theatre, dance performance), screenings, conferences	Book via website	https://platformarts.org.au/venue-hire	Platform Arts
Platform Arts Rehearsal Space	The rehearsal space is suitable for rehearsals, workshops, movement/dance classes and corporate events.	Old Court House, Little Malop Street Geelong	Kitchenette, data projector, wall-mounted speakers, dance mirrors available, upright piano	Rehearsals, warm-up room, costume or set storage or standalone performance space	Book via website	https://platformarts.org.au/venue-hire	Platform Arts
Geelong Art Centre	Geelong Arts Centre offers a number of its spaces for community hire. GAC is passionate about supporting community hirers and can provide significantly reduced rates, with discounts of up to 40% on the	Ryrie Street and Little Malop Street, Geelong	Theatres, rehearsal and function spaces with contemporary, premium back-of-house facilities.	Music, dance and theatre performance, rehearsal and function spaces	Book via website.	https://geelongartcentre.org.au/venue-hire/	Geelong Arts Centre

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	venue rental component when compared to commercial venue hire rates. Customised support packages for community hirers are also available.						
The Heights	The Heights is a mid-nineteenth century homestead and grounds managed by the National Trust. The property includes a large open air performance space, homestead, stables, water tower, groom's cottage and dovecote all suitable for art display and installation.	140 Aphrasia Street, Newtown 3220	Homestead; expansive mown grounds; water tower; cottage and stables; dovecote. Toilets. Limited kitchen facilities.	Music and theatre performance space, Spaces for art installations and exhibition, festival venue	Contact venue manager via email claudette.brennan@natrust.com.au	https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/the-heights-heritage-house-and-garden/	National Trust – contact Claudette Brennan email: claudette.brennan@natrust.com.au
Geelong Library Community Exhibition spaces	Artists and makers, community artists and artist collectives are	Geelong Library and Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong	Ki-kirri-ngitj (kee-kirri-nich) – Ground Floor - easels can be set up in the reading	Space for art installation and exhibition.	Via expressions of interest.	https://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/glhc/exhibition-application-form	Geelong Regional Libraries

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	invited to apply to exhibit their work at Geelong Library and Heritage Centre (GL&HC), located on its ground floor. We support a broad range of visual art practices and exhibition types including painting, printmaking, photography and some installations.		nook to display up to 15 framed art or photographs, and some self-standing installations can be accommodated in the central space of Ground Floor. Kim barne thaliyu (kim bani tal-ee-you) – Level 3 (Heritage Centre) - limited space for heritage displays				
Geelong Library Wurdi Youang Room	Located on level 5 of Geelong Library's Dome building, Wurdi Youang, is a unique, under-the-dome space with inspiring architecture, intuitive technology and a north-facing balcony with scene-stealing views over Geelong, Corio Bay and the You Yangs.	Geelong Library and Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong	Powered lectern, data projections, wireless microphone, capacity 300 ppl.	Workshops, performance, events.	Contact Venue Hire team	venuehire@grlc.vic.gov.au	Geelong Regional Libraries

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The Gordon Gallery	The Gallery hosts a vibrant schedule of temporary exhibitions, public programs and events, as well as annual exhibitions featuring work from Gordon students. It is available for hire for touring exhibitions, group and solo shows, workshops and seminars, and as a prestigious location for your next event.	The Gordon's City Campus, C Building, Cnr Fenwick St and Gordon Ave, Geelong	The Gordon Gallery provides a well equipped, flexible exhibition space. Lighting, sound and projection equipment is included in the hire. Moveable wall panels make for great versatility, enabling the space to be transformed into white cube, black box or open aired space. Large windows provide ample natural light and a view of the historic Geelong train station	Exhibition, projections, performance.	Contact the gallery.	Email gallery@gordontafe.edu.au or call 5225 0851	The Gordon TAFE

IMPORTANT

It is recommended that you get in touch with the venue manager to discuss any limitations or specific requirements in relation to use of the space as part of your project planning.

Community-managed venues throughout Geelong

In addition to the halls which are managed by the City, there are also several halls operated by independent committees and community groups that are available for hire and use by creatives. Details of these halls can be found at [this link](#). A listing of the halls is below:

- Abe Wood Hall, Lovely Banks
- Anakie-Staughtonvale Hall
- Barwon Heads Community Hall
- Batesford Hall
- Belmont Park Pavilion
- Ceres Hall
- Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall
- Hendy Street Hall
- Indented Head Hall
- Leopold Hall
- Pettitt Park Hall
- Sparrow Park Hall (Fairley Lodge), Geelong West
- St Leonards Memorial Hall
- The Ballroom, Hamlyn Heights
- Wallington Recreation Reserve
- Wandana Heights Hall
- Waurm Ponds Hall

This information is correct as at 1 June 2023.