



STAGE 88 : COMMONWEALTH PARK

Introduction

1. Stage 88 is situated in the western sector of Commonwealth Park, on the northern foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin. The Stage is so-named because it was originally a Bicentennial gift from the Commonwealth Government to the Australian Capital Territory in 1988.
2. The Stage is suitable for a wide variety of events, ranging from folk dancing demonstrations to concerts and theatre. Use of the Stage's facilities is limited to staged public events (eg. concerts, festivals, plays, shows, etc).
3. The lawn in front of the Stage occupies an area of approximately 9,500 square meters.

Booking the Stage

4. Application forms for the booking of the Stage, and its surrounding area, may be obtained from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.
5. Use of the Stage incurs a licence fee of \$220 per day (including GST); this includes the use of electricity.

Licence Agreement

6. Successful applicants are required to sign an Authority Licence Agreement and make full payment of the licence fee before approval to use the Stage will be granted.

The Stage and Facilities

7. The stage dimensions are as follows:
 - a. stage: 19.7 meters wide, and varies between 13.5 meters deep (in the centre) and 11.5 m deep (at the sides);
 - b. acoustic wall: 4 meters high and a curved length of 14.5 meters;
 - c. floor to lighting grid: 6.5 meters;
 - d. stage height above ground level: 1.2 meters;
 - e. two flanking walls, each 3 meters wide and 3.2 metres high; and
 - f. front concrete apron: 4 metres deep.
8. Facilities associated with the Stage are as follows:
 - a. a utility room/kitchenette;
 - b. two adjoining dressing rooms;
 - c. two toilets (one male, one female);
 - d. a crush space; and
 - e. a store room.

9. Keys for access to the Stage and its power sources are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer (02) 6272 2919. A bond of \$25 is levied on the keys and the bond is refunded when they are returned to the Authority by the agreed time.

Structures

10. Temporary structures (works) may be erected around the Stage, within Commonwealth Park, in association with an event. However, any such structures require the prior approval, in writing, of the National Capital Authority. An Application for Works Approval for an Event, accompanied with a detailed map showing the proposed locations of the works, is to be submitted to the Authority at least 21 days prior to the commencement of the event set-up.

11. Structures (works) include marquees, tents, sun-shelters, fencing, barricades, amusements (eg. jumping castles), stages, dais's, signs, banners, port-a-loos, etc. Chairs, tables, and decorations are permitted and do not require a works approval; however, they must be removed immediately following the event. An Application for Works Approval usually attracts a modest fee.

12. Application forms for a temporary works approval may be obtained from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.

Power

13. The Stage's power supply is as follows:

Area	Power Type	Qty
Crush Space	1 x 3 phase 150 amp (Note: 1)	1
Across the rear of the stage (in-floor)	2 x 10 amp (Notes: 2 & 3)	3
Across the front of the stage (in-floor)	2 x 10 amp	8
Set-back from front of stage (in-floor)	2 x 10 amp (Notes: 2 & 3)	2
Store Room	1 x 3 phase 32 amp	1
At the rear of the left veranda	4 x 10 amp	1
On the front-left side wall of the stage	4 x 10 amp	1
Utility Room (under the lighting patch panel)	8 x 3 phase 32 amp	1

Notes:

1. The event organisers will need to supply their own connections.
2. Each bay also contains 4 x dimmer circuits.
3. The power points are out-of-sight **under** the switches.

14. The grassed area in front of the Stage has 13 power boxes, each housing the following:

- a. 3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v outlets.

15. There are a number of 10 amp power points scattered throughout the rooms within the complex.

16. There is no charge for the use of the outlets and access keys are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919. A bond of \$25 is levied on keys issued by the Authority and the bond is refunded when keys are returned to the Authority by the agreed time.

Public Address / Sound Systems

17. Event organisers are responsible for supplying their own public address/sound systems.

Telephones

18. There is a Telstra telephone connection located inside the Stage Door area. Organisers are responsible for arranging their own connection with Telstra.

Stage Lighting

19. The patch bay for the stage lighting system is located in the Stage's utility room.

20. Event organisers are responsible for:
- a. supplying, connecting and disconnecting their own stage lights; and
 - b. supplying their own dimmers and control boards.

Security Lighting

21. The Stage has two exterior security lights; they are positioned to the front left and right flanks of the Stage and come-on automatically at dusk. There are also four security lights positioned up in the above stage-area lighting racks. The on/off switch for these lights is on the right-hand side wall of the Utility Room.

Vehicle Access

22. Vehicles may be granted permission to enter the Park to deliver or pick-up equipment, however, vehicles are not to remain in the Park; all vehicles are to be parked in the formal parking areas. Vehicles are required to keep to the formal roads and tracks and the maximum speed limit for vehicles within the Park is 10 kph.

23. The vehicle entry point into Commonwealth Park, in the vicinity of the Stage, is through a boom gate running-off the eastern side of Regatta Place. The gate is operated by a remote control.

24. The remote control device is available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer (02) 6272 2919 (the code to the boom gate is not made available to the public). A bond of \$25 is levied on the remote and the bond is refunded when it is returned to the Authority by the agreed time.

Car Parking

25. Car parking facilities in the western area of Commonwealth Park are as follows:
- a. Regatta Place: 247 vehicles (at the far western side of Commonwealth Park); and
 - b. Barrine Drive: 22 vehicles (below Commonwealth Avenue Bridge).

26. For large events organizers may need to consider using additional parking at the Lakeside Arena (on the western side of Commonwealth Avenue) and the installation of traffic lights on Commonwealth Avenue. The Arena is controlled by ACT Urban Services ((02) 6207 2313) and the lights are arranged through Roads ACT ((02) 6207 5223).

Water

27. There is fresh water access in the Stage's utility room/kitchenette and at the rear of the Stage's eastern Planter. There are also a number of water outlets in the general vicinity of the Stage. There is no charge for the use of these outlets.

Public Toilets

28. The nearest public toilets to the Stage are at the following locations:
- a. on the western side of the Stage, and
 - b. near the Picnic Shelter (adjacent to the National Capital Exhibition).

29. The toilets in the vicinity of the Picnic Shelter (adjacent to the National Capital Exhibition) are not designed for use by large numbers of event participants or spectators.

30. The public toilets are open from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm daily (closing at 9.00 pm during daylight saving). Arrangements can be made to have the toilets opened earlier or closed later, however, a fee may be charged for this service.

Camping

31. Camping in the Stage and/or within the Park is not permitted at anytime.