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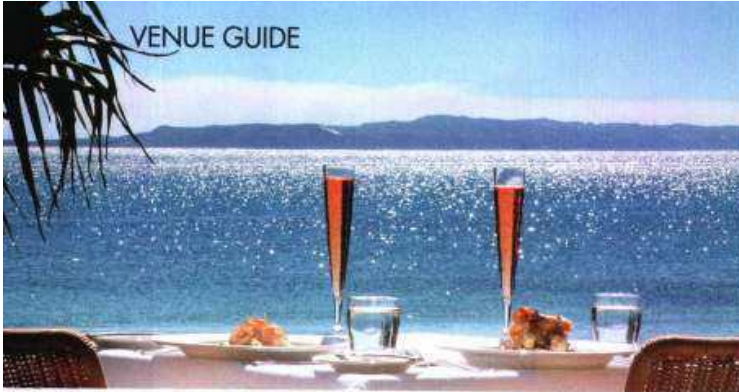
*The right venue for your day captures your theme and personality all in one. These places are all amazing in their own special way, and we have more online, too*



**THE GLEN DAVIS BOUTIQUE HOTEL,  
CAPERTEE VALLEY, NSW**

Situated in the spectacular Capertee Valley just three hours' drive from Sydney, The Glen Davis Boutique Hotel is a wonderful sight to behold. The Art Deco mansion captures 360-degree vistas of the Wollemi National Park and hosts charming banquets for up to 80 guests or cocktail receptions for 150 guests. Packages include BYO alcohol and exclusive use of the entire property. Onsite accommodation for 110 people is also available. [glendavishotel.com.au](http://glendavishotel.com.au)

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**SAILS RESTAURANT, NOOSA, QLD**

With uninterrupted water views, fresh and seasonal cuisine, and attentive service, there's no question that Sails Restaurant offers the very best in beachfront dining. Soak up your stunning surroundings with a pre-dinner drink on the deck, followed by a stylish sit-down reception for up to 128 guests or a cocktail do for up to 190 guests. Best of all, the restaurant's events coordinator will ensure your day runs to plan. [sailsnoosa.com.au](http://sailsnoosa.com.au)

**THE AMERICAN CLUB, SYDNEY, NSW**

Boasting an elevated position on level 14 with enviable views across The Royal Botanic Gardens and Sydney Harbour, The American Club has been an integral part of the city's social scene since 1947. Now members and non-members have the opportunity to host weddings of up to 180 guests in this exclusive venue, with first-class food, wine and excellent service reminiscent of eras past. [theamericanclub.com.au](http://theamericanclub.com.au)



**JONAHS, WHALE BEACH, NSW**

Perched high above Whale Beach, with thrilling ocean views, you can't go past Jonah's spectacular cliff top garden as the setting for your ceremony, pre-dinner drinks, canapés and a memorable photo shoot. Celebrate with an intimate party of up to 48 guests on the Terrace or a larger group of up to 100 guests with exclusive use of this tranquil escape. Eleven luxurious rooms are also available to accommodate your guests. [jonahs.com.au](http://jonahs.com.au)



**OPERA POINT MARQUEE, SYDNEY, NSW**

Beautifully positioned on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour, the Opera Point Marquee is home to breathtaking panoramic views of the Harbour Bridge and surrounding areas. Grand occasions seating up to 300 guests, or 250 with a dance floor, and cocktail parties of up to 450 guests can be accommodated with ease. [operapointevents.com.au](http://operapointevents.com.au)



**HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA, MAUI, HAWAII**

If it's an idyllic destination wedding you're after, look no further than the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa in Hawaii. Nestled amongst 40 acres of lush beachfront gardens, your every indulgence is taken care of by the resort's staff and facilities which include a spa and quality restaurants. Exchange vows with the ocean and bright colours of tropical Hawaii as your backdrop, before enjoying the island getaway of a lifetime. [maui.hyatt.com](http://maui.hyatt.com)



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**INDIANA, COTTESLOE, WA**

Perfectly positioned overlooking Cottesloe beach in Perth, Indiana enjoys uninterrupted views of the spectacular Indian Ocean sunsets this region is famous for. Smaller receptions can be hosted in the Pavilion, accommodating 50 seated and 80 standing guests, or the Private Ocean Room, accommodating 25 seated and 40 standing guests. Exclusive hire of this beachfront venue will allow for a sit-down dinner up to 120 guests or cocktails and canapés for 170 guests. [indiana.com.au](http://indiana.com.au)



**PEPPERS COORABELL RETREAT, BYRON BAY, NSW**

Situated within the tranquil Byron Bay hinterland just one hour from the Gold Coast, Peppers Coorabell Retreat provides a secluded setting for wedding receptions of up to 100 seated guests. The restaurant, Wilson's by the Creek, enjoys breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and serves modern Australian menus. [peppers.com.au/coorabell](http://peppers.com.au/coorabell)

**DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF, PYRMONT, NSW**

This chic and celebrated waterside venue enjoys a sensational location on the fully restored Jones Bay Wharf at Pyrmont Point. Commanding views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and city skyline will captivate your guests as they enjoy pre-dinner drinks and canapés on the expansive deck. Inside, over 550 guests can be accommodated in this modern venue. [doltonehouse.com.au](http://doltonehouse.com.au)



**MURAL HALL, MELBOURNE, VIC**

With its famous Napier Waller murals, distinctive Art Deco design, grand chandeliers and staircases, Mural Hall recreates the grandeur of yesteryear. This historic building was first commissioned by Sidney Myer to host fashion events for Melbourne society. Now a sought-after wedding venue, it can host a sit-down dinner for up to 550 guests or cocktails for 610 guests. [muralhall.net.au](http://muralhall.net.au)

**PEPPERS ON THE POINT, ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND**

This luxury retreat enjoys a magnificent location overlooking Lake Rotorua on New Zealand's North Island. Surrounded by an abundance of natural beauty, and with its own stone chapel, Peppers on the Point is an enchanting spot for weddings of up to 70 guests. Fine dining is tailored to your individual requests, while the lavish rooms for up to 30 people will ensure your guests are suitably pampered. [peppers.co.nz/on-the-point](http://peppers.co.nz/on-the-point)



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**RIPPLES CHOWDER BAY, CHOWDER BAY, NSW**  
 Ripples at Chowder Bay offers two private reception areas – the AquaMine dining room and lounge, and the White Room. Both spaces boast panoramas of Sydney Harbour and Clifton Gardens Beach. A wharf at their doorstep makes for a grand entrance by boat. Renowned architect, Sidney Koh, transformed the interior of the heritage-listed building so you can celebrate in style. [ripplescafe.com.au](http://ripplescafe.com.au)




**THE HOTEL WINDSOR, MELBOURNE, VIC**  
 Melbourne's premier venue, The Hotel Windsor, has been hosting chic weddings since 1883. The ritzy Grand Ballroom has ceiling domes, stained glass windows and gold leaf detailing. It caters for a banquet-style dinner for up to 200 guests or cocktails for up to 400. The Bourke Room also holds large receptions with views of Parliament House. Intimate weddings work well in the Canberra and Winston Rooms. [thehotelwindsor.com.au](http://thehotelwindsor.com.au)

**ITALIAN VILLAGE, THE ROCKS, NSW**  
 The Italian Village brings all the charm and character of Italy to its historic location in the heart of The Rocks in Sydney. The restaurant's 18th Century sandstone building provides the perfect ambience for a traditional Italian feast of fresh pasta, pizzas and modern Australian dishes. Private function rooms hold up to 350 seated guests or 550 for cocktails. [italianvillage.com.au](http://italianvillage.com.au)



**GAZEBO WINE GARDEN, ELIZABETH BAY, NSW**  
 A favourite with city brides, The Gazebo Wine Garden, located in the heart of Sydney's picturesque Elizabeth Bay provides a whimsical garden atmosphere for your big day. With affordable menu options, the entire indoor/outdoor space holds up to 150 guests for a sit-down dinner or up to 250 guests for cocktails. [gazebowinegarden.com.au](http://gazebowinegarden.com.au)




**MANLY PAVILION, MANLY, NSW**  
 A heritage-listed building located on the shores of Manly Cove overlooking the glimmering waters of Sydney Harbour, Manly Pavilion is famous for its Italian cuisine and delightful reception rooms. The Private Dining Room, grandiose Heritage Room, light and bright Main Dining Room can all host events for a 170 seated guests or 250 guests for cocktails. [manlypavilion.com.au](http://manlypavilion.com.au)

**STARSHIP SYDNEY, SYDNEY HARBOUR, NSW**  
 If you're looking to impress overseas or interstate guests, Starship Sydney offer a cruising glass ballroom with 360 degree views of Sydney Harbour through floor to ceiling glass. From a cocktail party to a sit-down dinner or more casual celebration, the vessel can accommodate 140-750 guests. [starshipsydney.com.au](http://starshipsydney.com.au)





# Are you hiding Coffs' cutest bub?

DOES your child have what it takes to be named the *Coffs Coast Independent's Christmas Cherub*?

Here is your chance to find out and win a great swag of prizes for your baby – and there's also some great prizes for mum and dad too!

To enter just bring along your baby in their cutest Christmas outfit to a photo session (see times below), fill out an entry form and pay the \$7 entry fee.

All proceeds from entry fees will be donated to the Coffs Harbour Base Hospital Maternity Ward for equipment.

Your child's photo will then be taken by professional baby photographer Kelly Dillon, and appear in the following week's paper. Voting forms will appear in the same issue as the photos and readers can vote for their favourite baby that week.

You can vote as many times as you like as long as it is on an original voting form from that *Coffs Coast Independent* edition.

But remember you must bring your child to one of the four designated sessions – either Thursday, November 17, Friday, November 18, Thursday, November 24 or Friday, November 25. Photo sessions start at 9.30am (and not before) finishing at 11.30am, at the Photos by Kelly studio at 31 Little St, Coffs Harbour.

Eligible entrants must be born after May 1, 2010 to take part.

This year there will be two categories, separated into newborn (0-3 months) and baby (4-18 months)

So what can you score for mum and bub, and even dad and the family, if your child becomes a cutest Christmas Cherub finalist?

Prizes include two *Twinkle Toes* baby hand and foot moulds; two photographic sessions from *Photos by.... Kelly*; two baby accounts worth \$50 each donated by Hopscotch Preschool; two family passes to the Pet Porpoise Pool; private pilates sessions worth \$180 from Beyond Movement Studio; baby learn to swim classes and underwater photos from Toormina Swim School; two three-month memberships to Genesis Gym, a \$50 voucher to Lillian Hope Maternity, one-term toddler learn-to-swim lessons at Coffs Harbour Olympic Pool; two baby giftwear and jewellery worth \$125 each from

Matt Loretan Jewellers; a stroller worth \$188 and rocker worth \$98 from Big W Palms Centre; two \$50 dinner vouchers from Hog's Breath Cafe; two huge baby hampers from Good Price Pharmacy worth \$200 each; two 18-hole golf vouchers with electronic cart hire at the Bonville International Golf Resort; a \$50 voucher to Elite Paintball; a Tabatinga six-month VIP pass worth \$1750; and an Indigo Hair style, cut, treatment, blow wave and straightening worth \$80.

The baby competition will run in four newspaper editions – with the week one photo session published in November 24 and week two in December 1.

Each week you can vote for your favourite newborn and baby, with the children with the most votes each week winning a prize.

The top two babies from each category, each week, will be published in the finalists edition on December 8, where voting will start once again. The winning Christmas Cherubs will then be announced in the December 15 edition.

Along with first prize, The Judges' Choice winner, chosen independently of votes, will receive a special prize.

And don't forget every entrant in the competition will receive a beautiful 4" x 6" colour photo of their baby for free.

Parents or carers are urged to try to attend the first week's photo sessions as the second week looks to be extremely busy.

And remember submitted photos will not be accepted, you have to attend a photo session (see below).

## HOW TO ENTER

PHOTO sessions for the *Independent's Christmas Cherubs* will be held at the *Photos By.... Kelly Studio* at 31 Little St, Coffs Harbour on these days:

\* Thursday, November 17 – 9.30am-11.30am

\* Friday, November 18 – 9.30am-11.30am

\* Thursday, November 24 – 9.30am-11.30am

\* Friday, November 25 – 9.30am-11.30am

The competition is open to all babies born after May 1, 2010. Entry fee is \$7. Don't forget the Christmas theme!