

Brisbane's home of music festivals



The Brisbane Showgrounds hosts some of Australia's biggest music festivals each year, featuring major international artists to our home-grown country heroes.

We have a large variety of indoor and outdoor spaces, so whether it's an intimate performance for 1,000 people or multistage event for 40,000, our inner-city venue is highly sought after for music festivals.

The Brisbane Showgrounds is close to many transport options including Fortitude Valley and Bowen Hills Train Stations and two major bus stations. Plenty of parking and accommodation is also available onsite and in the area.

Once home to iconic rock festivals Soundwave and Livid, we now welcome popular festivals Fridayz Live, Listen Out, St Jerome's Laneway Festival, Good Things, Wildlands and Knotfest.



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Which space is best for my festival or concert? We're glad you asked!
Check out our spaces below.

Main Arena

The largest of our spaces, the Main Arena is perfect for large scale concerts and festivals, with the capacity to hold up to 36,000 music fans.

Historic grandstands surround most of the main oval, offering perfect vantage points over the field to the stage. All grandstands can seat up to 18,000 people, with another 18,000 standing on the turf.

The Main Arena is also one of our most well-known and musically significant spaces. Over the years we have seen headliners such as Powderfinger, Metallica, The Cure, Usher and Rufus Du Sol grace the stage, just to name a few.

Dimensions

Turf Area

including tracks: 15,620m²

Turf Area Only: 11,850m²



Marquee 1 and Marquee 2

Our marquees are large weatherproof spaces, with a key feature being flexibility. A great atmosphere is assured regardless of attendance, with the ability to adjust the indoor capacity to match the success of ticket sales.

Marquee 1 has a standing capacity of up to 7,000, with Marquee 2 able to hold half of this. Due to its close proximity, it can also be used for a back of house/artists area.

These permanent structures are located in Sideshow Alley and easily accessible via Bowen Bridge Road and O'Connell Terrace. Both marquees have ceiling heights of up to 8m and flooring of asphalt. They consist of removable walls and offer a shield from the weather all year round.

Previous acts in the marquees include King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard, Fatboy Slim, Blink 182 and Karnivool.

Dimensions

Marquee 1: 5,500m²

Marquee 2: 2,250m²

Sideshow Alley: 14,000m²

