



# THE CRITERION HOTEL-MOTEL

An iconic symbol in the history of hotels in Australia, The Criterion Hotel-Motel est. 1867, with its world-renowned Bush Inn Steakhouse serving up some of the region's finest cuts of meat. Famous for our in-house aged steaks, hand crafted specialty meat products and an extensive wine list showcasing exquisite Queensland and Australian Wines.

Our 3 bars and function room, each with their own culture and charm, will ensure a memorable experience and cater for a variety of function requirements, including platter food and other dining alternatives.

The Criterion Hotel-Motel offers affordable pub accommodation with that classic historical feel as well as our modern motel suites with a 21<sup>st</sup> century style.

Celebrating a special occasion or planning a corporate event consider this Queensland icon:

**The Criterion Hotel-Motel**  
Celebrating over 150 years

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## **Function Spaces & Facilities**

The Criterion Hotel is located within the CBD of the city of Rockhampton. The venue overlooks the Fitzroy River and beautifully landscaped Riverbank walk.

### **Parker Room**

Parkers is the original “Grand Ballroom” of the Criterion Hotel which was built by the Parker and Curtis families in 1887. Parkers has lost none of the character of the bygone era and is truly representative of the traditional English/Victorian influence in the development of Rockhampton.

Parkers is fully air-conditioned with its own bar and subject to the style of the function, can cater for up to 100 guests cocktail style or 60 guests in a more formal seated style. Room hire of \$150 with a minimum of 30 guests allows for the bar to be opened and operated. For numbers under 30 a staff member can be supplied at a charge of \$30 per hour.

### **Newsroom Bar**

Named due its location next to Rockhampton’s iconic major newspaper. The Newsroom Bar has a history of catering for functions and celebrations of all styles. The newsroom can cater for 50 guests stand up cocktail or 30 for more formal seated functions.

### **Bush Inn Steakhouse & Bar**

The Bush Inn Steakhouse is available in a multitude of configurations to cater for celebration dinners. The Top Deck for example can host 20-25 diners in a formal setting overlooking the main steak house. The other areas can cater for up to 12 diners per table.

### **Accommodation**

The Criterion Hotel-Motel offers affordable pub style accommodation with the style and charm of yesteryear along with 18 motel suites catering to the corporate market.

Hotel Internal Suites - \$100.00  
Hotel Heritage Suites - \$110.00  
Hotel Double with Single - \$80.00  
Hotel Budget Single - \$70.00

(With ample on street parking, LCD TV, Complimentary WIFI, Guest Laundry)

Motel Suite - \$125.00  
Family Suite - \$135.00  
Balcony Suite \$135.00

(With secure gated parking facilities, LCD TV, Room Service, Guest Laundry, Dry Cleaning, spacious and comfortable with Lounge chairs and sofas)



## HISTORY

The Criterion is an iconic symbol in the history of Hotels in Australia. Its famous cousin the 'Breaky Creek' in Brisbane was built in same year, 1889, with very similar architecture, The Criterion having an extra floor. Following the Canoona Gold Rush of the 1850's the embryo of The Criterion Hotel, the Palmers store was situated on the banks of The Fitzroy River in front of the current Criterion.

1856 saw the construction of the Bush Inn (where the Criterion now stands) by Robert Parker of Gayndah. The eldest daughter of Robert Parker, Dorinda Anne married George Silas Curtis a promising real estate agent, auctioneer and aspiring politician. Dorinda Anne was inspired to erect a 'public house of splendour and class' and after several journeys overseas The Criterion Hotel was constructed in 1889, the tender price reading "just a little over ten thousand pounds".

With such a colourful beginning The Criterion was destined for great times and has played host to Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the English Cricket Team, Rockhampton's own Tennis Great, Rod Laver, Australian Tennis Champion Lew Hoad, World Ranked Tennis Champion Ken Rosewall AM, MBE and during World War II was the headquarters of General Eichelberger US Army and the planning Headquarters for the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Pacific. Often visited by General Douglas MacArthur and many more international identities.

Since construction in 1889 "The Cri" has been a family operation, originally the Parker-Curtis families, then the Smith family 1922 to 1982, Balkin, Gill and Tourish families and since 1991 the Turnbull Family.

Licensees, Leigh and Carolyn and the Turnbull family are proud to have been owners since 1991 and are continually seeking new avenues to ensure the longevity of this fabulous Aussie icon. Four generations of the Turnbull family have resided at 'The Cri' and 2004 saw construction of 19 motel suites to complement the existing hotel facilities.

So, you see, we've been hosting great functions for ages now.

Why not let our team guide your booking?  
(Bookings are subject to availability)



**Buffet 1 \$32 (Minimum 30)**

**Soup (Select 2)**

Served with a freshly baked dinner roll

Cream of Pumpkin Soup; Mediterranean Tomato & Bacon; Pea & Ham; Chicken & Sweet Corn.

**Roast Meat (Select 2)**

Seasoned Chicken & Stuffing; Roast Beef; Roast Pork.

**Vegetables (Select 2)**

Roast Potato; Roast Pumpkin; Garlic Beans; Cauliflower Mornay; Honey Sesame Carrots; Potato bake.

**Sweets**

Apple Pie & Chocolate Mud Cake, Accompanied with Whipped Cream & Vanilla Custard.

Endless Tea & Coffee

**Buffet 2 \$36 (Minimum 30)**

**Dinner Rolls**

**Roast Meats (select 2)**

Roast Chicken & Stuffing; Roast lamb; Roast Pork with crackling; English Seasoned Roast Beef.

**Vegetables (Select 3)**

Baked Sweet Potato in Sweet Chilli & Honey Glaze; Broccoli Mornay; Cauliflower Mornay; Almond Buttered Beans; Buttered Corn Cobbett's; Roast Potato; Roast Pumpkin; Honey Sesame Carrots; Garlic Mashed Potato; Potato Bake with Bacon and Onion; Steamed Chats in Butter & Parsley

**Fork Dishes (Select 2)**

Beef Bourguignon; Beef Lasagne; Beef Stroganoff; Chicken Mornay; Lemon Chicken; Seafood Mornay; Sweet & Sour Fish; Sweet & Sour Pork; Thai Vegetable Curry; Vegetable Frittata; Vegetarian Lasagne.

**Sweets (Select 2)**

Apple crumble; Bread & Butter Pudding; Chocolate Mouse; Fresh Fruit Salad; Mini Pavlova; Mud cake.  
(Served with Whipped Cream & Vanilla Custard)

Endless Tea & Coffee



**Set Menu 1**  
\$38 per person  
(Alternate Drop)  
Choose 2 mains

**Set Menu 2**  
\$48 per person  
(Alternate Drop)  
Choose 2 entrées, 2 mains, 2 desserts

### Entrée

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Garlic Bread

### Main

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**The Smaller Rump** - 250 grams (served medium)  
Served with vegetables, chunky chips & Bush inn gravy

**Chicken Kiev**  
Served with coleslaw & chunky chips

**Maple Glazed Atlantic Salmon** (served medium)  
Served with garden salad & chunky chips

### Dessert

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**Red Velvet Cake** (with cream & ice cream)

**Apple Crumble Tartlet** (with cream & ice cream)

### Entrée

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**Selection of breads** - garlic bread & tomato bruschetta

**Crumbed Camembert** - with chilli lime dipping sauce

**Salt & Pepper Calamari** - with garlic aioli

### Main

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**Double Cooked Pork Belly** - with mashed potato & vegetables

**Americana Chicken** - Chicken breast topped with mustard, bacon, mushrooms & melted cheese. With garden salad & chunky chips

**Pan Fried Sweet Lip with Caper Butter** - with garden salad & chunky chips

**The Smaller Rump** - 250 grams (served medium)  
Served with vegetables, chunky chips & Bush inn gravy

### Desserts

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**Red Velvet Cake** (with cream & ice cream)

**Apple Crumble Tartlet** (with cream & ice cream)

**Sticky Date Pudding** (with cream & ice cream)



# Platter Menu

(Platters serve approximately 10 people)

## Seafood Platter

\$85 per platter

Beer battered fish & tartare sauce, tempura prawns with chilli & lime dipping sauce, salt & pepper calamari with aioli dipping sauce & oysters kilpatrick.

## Tastes of the World Platter

\$70 per platter

Vegetable spring rolls, vegetable dim sims, satay chicken skewers, tempura prawns, marinated beef skewers & vol au vents served with chilli & lime dipping sauce.

## Mixed Platter

\$75 per platter

Satay chicken skewers, mini beef pies, chicken & garlic balls, flame grilled meat balls, tempura prawns, mini quiches served with BBQ & sweet chilli sauce.

## Cold Dips & Antipasto Platter

\$70 per platter

Selection of 2 house made dips & crackers, cheese bites, mixed olives, lightly smoked kabana, pepperoni and crispy vegetable batons.

## Cheese Platter

\$65 per platter

Premium cheese: camembert, mild cheddar, aged cheddar & blue cheese accompanied with fruits, quince paste and crackers

## Fruit Platter

\$45 per platter

Selection of local seasonal fruits

## Sandwich Platter

\$55 per platter

A variety of freshly made sandwiches cut into four with 20% vegetarian (10 sandwiches).

*Each platter is generous in size & serves approximately 10 guests.*

*Platters are placed in your function space for guests to help themselves in an informal setting.*



## Morning Tea

Tea & Coffee  
\$3.00 pp

Coffee and a selection of teas

Morning Tea  
\$10.50 pp

Choose any 2 of the following to accompany your tea & coffee

House-made pikelets with jam & cream  
Banana Bread  
American Brownies (GF Option Available)  
Jaffa Slice (GF)

## Beverage

**Bar Tab** - A pre-paid nominated amount can be placed on a bar tab with selected beverages or open bar.

**Cash Bar** - You can opt for a cash bar for the duration of your event where guests pay for their own beverages.

## Audio Visual

We can provide microphone, background music, whiteboard and large screen TV.

### **We can hire in on your behalf:**

Projectors, microphones, juke box and photo booth and any other audio-visual solutions you may require.

We also have access to several local entertainers and are more than happy to put you in touch with them.

## Minors Agreement

If Management are not notified of any minors attending a function, The Criterion Hotel can refuse entry even if the minor is with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). To allow a minor to attend a function, please complete and return this form to reception at least 48 hours prior to your function. The Criterion Hotel has the final right of refusal in any situation.

I understand and agree with the above policy and will provide the names and ages of all minors attending our function. I agree to the policy that all minors are not allowed to consume alcohol. If a minor is caught consuming alcohol or entering a prohibited area of the Hotel, I agree that he/she and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be asked to leave the premises.

### Minors Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms & Conditions

### Definitions

“The Venue”, “Management”, “we” and “us” refers to The Criterion Hotel and their respective employees.

### Confirmation Deposit & Security Bond

- A booking is considered confirmed upon receipt of this signed terms and conditions/booking form and full deposit.
- If this completed form is not received, management reserves the right to cancel the booking and allocate the space to another client.
- A deposit of 20% of the estimated function costs or \$200, whichever is greater, is required to confirm your function.
- A security bond of \$200 is required and will be refunded where all terms & conditions have been met.

### Payments

- All pricing we provide you includes GST and are current at the time of printing but are subject to change.
- All quoted items must be paid in full at least:
  - 10 days prior to the event when paid by bank cheque.
  - 72 hours prior to the event when paid by cash or credit card.
- Bar tabs to be settled at the end of the event night by cash or credit card.
- Personal cheques are not accepted.

### Catering & Beverages

- Food and beverage orders must be finalized at least 7 days prior to the event. We may be able to organize after this time, but we cannot guarantee. Please discuss with Management.
- Menu items are subject to market availability.
- The Venue is to be informed of final numbers at least 7 days prior to the event date.
- In accordance with food and safety compliance, no food supplied by The Venue is permitted to be taken from the premises.

### Minimum Requirements

- Minimum spend requirements on packages apply, based on the starting time and duration of your function.
- If you do not reach the number of guests booked to meet the minimum spend requirements you will incur the full cost quoted and confirmed with The Venue.

### BYO Policy & Entertainment

- Any alcohol brought into The Venue as gifts must be forfeited to us upon entry and will be returned when you are leaving.
- Food and beverage cannot be bought in from an outside source.
- Cakes are accepted and there may be a small fee for plates and cutlery. Please contact Management if you require any special arrangements.
- Entertainment bookings made by The Venue for functions require a deposit and a forfeiture policy applies. (If you book entertainment and forfeit, we must contact entertainment and will deduct their due payment).
- We only allow external entertainment in certain circumstances, please discuss with Management.

### Signage & Decorations

- No fixtures, glue, sticky tape is to be adhered to the walls, doors, windows or any space on the premises without prior approval from Management. Any non-approved items may be removed by us or security and may be destroyed.
- No naked flame(s) and no confetti allowed in the venue.
- Any damage caused due to non-adherence to these conditions will be repaired by us at cost to you.

### Deliveries & Access

- Please discuss with Management in advance if you require any deliveries to be made to The Venue for any goods.
- Access to your booked function space(s) prior to the function start time may be possible. Please discuss this with us in advance.

### Dress Code

- Smart casual dress code rules do apply.

- Themed dress is accepted; however, The Venue reserves the right to refuse entry if the dress is offensive to other patrons. Faces will need to be visible upon request

### Cancellation

- All cancellations must be made in writing to The Venue.
- If a cancellation is made more than 21 days prior to the function, the deposit will be refunded in full less any costs incurred on your behalf.
- If a cancellation is made 21 days or less prior to the function date, 100% of the deposit will be forfeited unless the function is rebooked.
- For booking cancellations in November and December, 100% of the deposit will be forfeited.
- The function space holding time is 30 minutes from your requested time or 15 minutes on Friday's. If this is not met, your space may be opened to the public at Management's discretion.
- If we believe any function/event will affect the smooth running of our business, security or reputation, Management reserves the right to cancel at its discretion without notice or liability.
- In the event of inability to comply with any of the provisions of this contract by virtue of any cessation or interruption of electricity supplies, equipment failure, unavailability of food items, other unforeseen circumstances or accidents, The Venue reserves the right to cancel any booking or refund any deposit without notice.

### Minors

- Minors are welcome on premise until 10pm and must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times.

### Security and Conduct

- If you require a security guard to exclusively serve your function, allowing only invited guests to attend, this must be organized at least 1 week prior to the event at a cost of \$50 per hour, per security guard.
- The Venue takes its responsible service of alcohol obligations seriously and you must support any decisions we make in relation to the responsible service of alcohol.
- The Venue has the right to refuse entry or service and remove from the premises any person it deems to be approaching unduly intoxication.
- The Venue has the right to refuse entry or service and remove from the premises any person it deems to be behaving in an improper, abusive, disorderly or anti-social manner.
- In accordance with the Law, minors must always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- You must advise Management if minors are going to attend your function. Management reserve the right to impose additional conditions in relation to minors, including the times and areas minors may attend.
- You may be required to pay a bond, which will be refunded no later than 7 days after your function, providing no damage has been incurred by yourself, your guests, invitees or other persons attending the function, whether in the function room or any part of The Venue. This includes but is not limited to any breach of The Venue policies or procedures, underage drinking, violence or other anti-social behavior.

### Unforeseen Circumstances

- Please be aware that we accept no responsibility for outside weather conditions but will make every endeavor to provide an adequate function area if the conditions affect the booked area or access to it.

**CRITERION HOTEL BOOKING FORM**

Day & Date of Function: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Function: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Buffet or Set Menu Selections**

Buffet 1 \$32	Buffet 2 \$36	Set Menu 1 \$38	Set Menu 2 \$48
Soup x 2	Roast Meats x 2	Entrée	Entrée x 2
1.	1.	As per menu	1.
2.	2.		2.
Roast Meats x 2	Vegetables x 3	Main x 2	Main x 2
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
Vegetables x 2	3.	Dessert	Dessert x 2
1.	Fork Dishes x 2	As per menu	1.
2.	1.		2.
Dessert	2.		
As per menu	Dessert x 2		
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Platter Selections			Morning Tea Selections		
	Price per platter	Number of each platter required		Price per Pax	Number of Pax
Seafood	\$85		Tea & Coffee	\$3	
Tastes of the World	\$70				
Mixed	\$75		Tea & Coffee with 2 choices	\$10.50	
Cold Dips & Antipasto	\$70		1.		
Cheese	\$65		2.		
Fruit	\$45				
Sandwich	\$55				

**Beverage**

Bar Tab \$ \_\_\_\_\_       Cash Bar

**Other Requirements**

Microphone       Background Music       Whiteboard   
 Flip Chart       Large Screen TV

**Confirmation**

Please note the booking is not fully confirmed until this booking form is returned completed 7 days prior to the event.  
 Please return via email to: [functions@thecriterion.com.au](mailto:functions@thecriterion.com.au)

I hereby agree that I have read and understand the terms and conditions pertaining to holding a function at The Criterion Hotel.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_