

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 Train Station 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 RNB Fridays Live, Listen Out, St Jerome's Laneway Festival, Good Things and even newcomers Wildlands and Festival X.







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 33,000 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 15,000 people, with another 18,000 standing on the turf.

The Main Arena is also one of our most well-known and musically significant spaces. Who can forget when American rock band Linkin Park played at the first Livid festival in 2003, or when English heavy metal band Iron Maden played at a sold out Soundwaye in 2011.

Size dimensions

Turf Area including tracks: 15,620m2
Turf Area Only: 11,850m2

Marquee 1 and Marquee 2

Marquee 1 is a permanent structure with a key feature being its flexibility. A great atmosphere is assured regardless of attendance, with the ability to adjust the indoor capacity to match the success of ticket sales.

Bad weather is no longer a concern, with both marquees offering a functioning covered space all year round. Each marquee boasts ceiling heights of up to 8m and flooring of asphalt, plus they are pillarless.

Also a permanent structure, Marquee 2 is half the size and perfect for smaller shows. Both marquees and surrounding spaces (Sideshow Alley/Showring 2) are easily accessible via Bowen Bridge Road and O'Connell Terrace.

Previous acts in the marquees include Fatboy Slim, Blink182, King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard and Karnivool.

Size dimensions

 Marquee 1:
 5,500m2

 Marquee 2:
 2,250m2

 Sideshow Alley:
 14,000m2

