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Built with uncompromising attention to detail, The Grounds at Whoa! Studios is a new and exciting venue for events. Our premium spaces offer a magical, first-class experience that lives and breathes creativity and sets an unrivalled standard for your next event.

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We love working with people to create outstanding events – you can be certain that your experience with us from the first phone call to the delivery on the day will be professional, world class and incredibly successful.

We are very proud of the unique product that we offer and the creative flexibility that we have across the venue offering, food, beverage and entertainment.

We thrive on combining passion and a refreshing ‘no rules’ approach to create exceptional experiences. We look forward to working with you to bring creativity to your next event.

The Grounds at Whoa! Studios team.

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# THE VENUE

A unique, premium and incredibly versatile venue. The Grounds at Whoa! Studios is beautifully set up to support experiential events through a theatre, film studio, expansive outdoor area and beautiful restaurant space – all available for exclusive hire.

## THE GROUNDS AT WHOA! STUDIOS CAPACITY

### CAPACITY

Total no. of Meeting/Function rooms: 5

Theatre style – 157 PAX

Classroom style – 60 PAX

Boardroom – 36+ PAX

Banquet – 200+ PAX

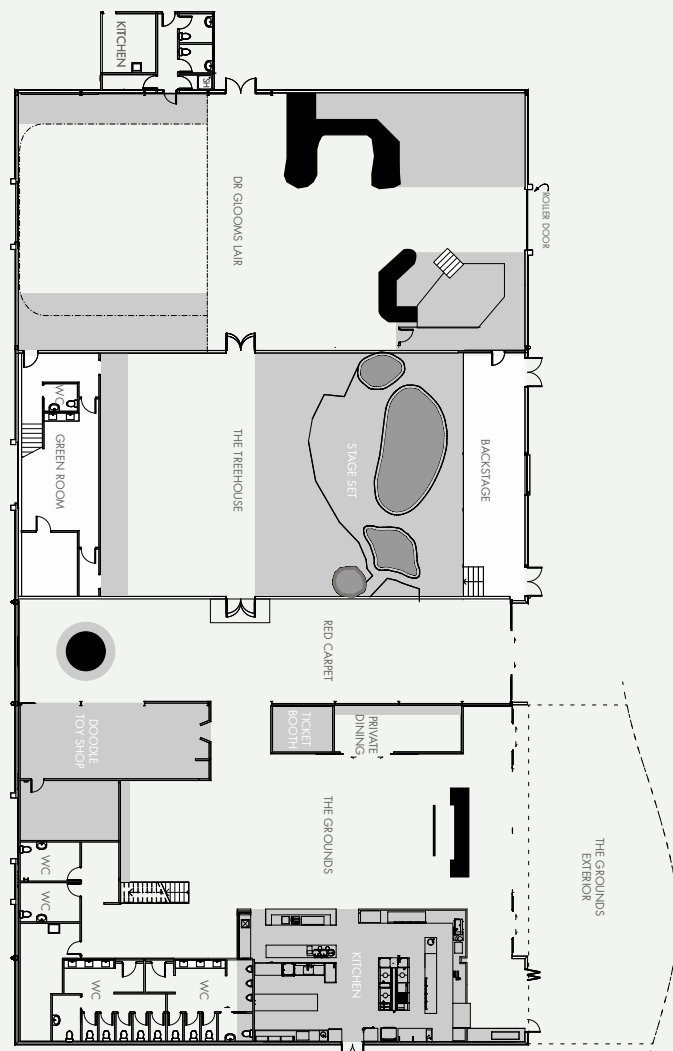
Cocktail – 500 + PAX

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CAR-PARKING  
FOR 42  
VEHICLES  
ON-SITE



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The Grounds restaurant is a beautiful, open, daylight filled space with roller doors that connect you through to the outdoors.

With plenty of nooks and crannies for different event set ups and connecting directly on to the Red Carpet, The Grounds incorporates an open plan kitchen, a private dining room that can seat 18 people and a mezzanine space too.

The mezzanine seats up to 60 people and with AV functionality it is well set up for smaller meetings, brainstorming sessions and break-out spaces.

A beautiful and contemporary design with multiple uses, The Grounds can be hired stand alone or incorporated into a larger event which uses all the different venue spaces on-site.

### CAPACITY

Banquet – 200 PAX

Classroom – 60 PAX

Cocktail – 500 PAX

Boardroom – 52 PAX

Private Dining Area – 18 PAX

Mezzanine – 60 PAX





## THE RED CARPET

The Red Carpet is truly magnificent - a central space completely immersed in the magic of The Grounds at Whoa! Studios - its' high ceilings, hanging chandeliers and floor length drapes make an impressive venue for a cocktail event or smaller dinner.

Connected to both The Grounds and The Treehouse it is a natural entry point for events and a special space to enjoy canapés and beverage on arrival.

### CAPACITY

Cocktail - 200 PAX

Banquet - 120 PAX

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## THE TREEHOUSE

Welcome to our state of the art theatre where we present our live show experiences.

It is home to 'The Treehouse', a set created by the set builders who brought us Lord Of The Rings and the Hobbit.

This unique stage set is complemented with tiered theatre style seating which can retract to make clear floor space. The space makes a truly exclusive setting for dinner, team building, a conference, an awards night or wherever your mind wanders. Supported by state of the art tech, lighting, advanced digital projection and a sound system to shake the walls. We have what it takes to create an amazing experience.

### CAPACITY

Theatre tiered seating – 157 PAX

Banquet – 90 PAX

Classroom – 48 PAX

Cocktail – 200 PAX

Boardroom – 36 PAX

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## GLOOMS LAIR

Grooms Lair is the working set for our primary villain. The lair's steampunk feel is complete with a mad science lab, a secret tunnel entrance and various moveable props it is a great venue for a special function.

It boasts advanced blue and green screen facilities at one end and roller doors for vehicle access at the other.

High ceilings and removable props make this space the perfect clean slate for your vision to unfold in. The versatility of this space is unparalleled to anything in close competition.

### CAPACITY

Banquet – 180

Cocktail – 500

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## FOOD & BEVERAGE

Our food and beverage experience is, without a doubt one of the best in New Zealand. The Grounds restaurant is owned and led by award winning chef Ben Bayly - of My Kitchen Rules fame and previously Executive Chef at The Grove and Baduzzi.

His partner in crime and Executive Chef – Mike “the Russian” Shatura has worked with Ben for years, before joining forces to bring us The Grounds.

Together their passion, creativity and fine dining background allows guests to experience nothing but the best New Zealand has to offer.

Ben and Mike are happy to work with you to create a bespoke menu that will take your event to the next level. They are also available to present the food or host the evening, making for a very special opportunity to get up close and personal with leading New Zealand chefs for those who are interested in our food and beverage experience.

We can unreservedly promise you absolute brilliance in the kitchen.



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## OUT CATERING

Don't need to use our venue but wishing you did after seeing our food options? We have some good news.

The Grounds experience extends past the venue, we provide a premium off-site dining experience which can incorporate hosting by award winning chef and Director of The Grounds, Ben Bayly.

Customers can experience our food and beverage anywhere in Auckland – in fact – anywhere across the world if they would like!

Experts in theming specifically for a brand or occasion the team thrive on pushing the boundaries and showcasing their creativity and expertise.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Step into our enchanted world and get involved in the fun where everything is a possibility and the activities are endless...

The Grounds at Whoa! Studios is a one of a kind venue, offering world class puppetry and film experiences, whether that be a live show, a studio tour or a bespoke entertainment piece. Our actors and puppeteers are available in a number of capacities to engage with your guests.

Perhaps you are looking for a great team building activity. Utilise our giant inflatable obstacle course and water slide for some outside physical fun in the warmer months of the year.

Or maybe you are looking for an experiential food and beverage activity. The team and Ben Bayly will work with you to build a creative experience. Maybe it is a pasta making course or a champagne tasting experience - we are more than happy to work with you and your ideas. Our huge range of activities make for an amazing day out or a special experience within your overall event plan.



## TESTIMONIALS

**Wedding Reception for 140PAX**

"I cannot emphasise enough how impeccable The Grounds was in contributing to our incredible day. We wanted exceptional and you guys happily went beyond that. We are constantly confronted with our family and friends raving about the lamb, the ravioli, and the dumplings! Our parents were amazed by the professionalism of the restaurant manager. Our guests adored the aesthetics of the environment. The attentive nature of the wait staff has also definitely made mention. The beauty of it is that this was the personality of The Grounds throughout the planning process too! What a wonderful experience we had with you guys. So many thank you's."

**Natua and James Kaa-Morgan**

**Immersive Dinner Experience for 120PAX**

Collaborating with The Grounds on our biggest annual event of the year, once again proved to be a huge success. Their entire team commit 100% to ensuring a next level experience, and again for us they exceeded all expectations! Their creative approach to every element of our event produced

## TESTIMONIALS

unique, once in a lifetime touch points that resulted in a premium evening for our guests. Liquid delights, divine gastronomy on top of being entertained in special spaces, that just aren't the norm, left us all wanting more.

**Helene Hunt – Entrepreneurs Organisation**

**Full Day Conference for 155PAX**

"The service provided by Whoa! Studio's was absolutely impeccable, which made for a good conference experience for us. The Journey from meeting with Rebecca Nelson, to discuss our vision, to executing this with Jade Thorne and Ben Bayly, was seamless and never a request too big! Our staff thoroughly enjoyed the visual experience of the amazingly crafted Treehouse studio and the culinary experience provided by Ben and Mike. The venue has everything you need to take your event to the next level by providing something 'outside of the box', however, never faulting on professional service that you would find in a conference centre/hotel."

**Candice Mulder - Deloitte**

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## COME FIND US

### ADDRESS

**8-14 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD,  
HENDERSON, AUCKLAND, 0610**

**25 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE CBD.  
2 MINS WALK FROM  
HENDERSON TRAIN STATION.**

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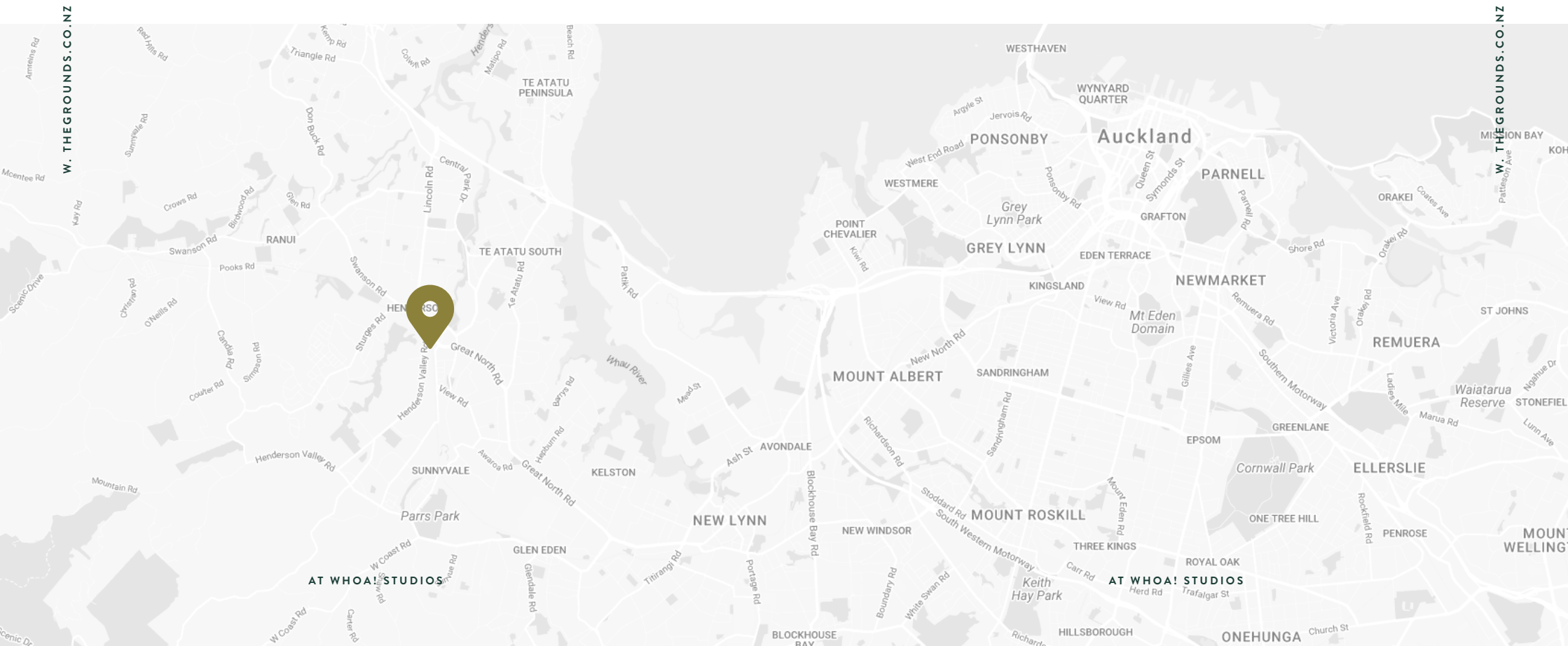
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