

# *Audio Visual at the Fat Buddha*

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Congratulations on choosing The Fat Buddha for your function. This guide has been put together to help you get a great audio visual experience for your special event.

## **What Type of PA System Do You Need?**

This really depends on the requirements of your particular event. There are 3 main PA types you could use:

### **1. Standard Vocal PA System**

This is a PA designed primarily for speech but can be used for background music too. This usually consists of a pair of powered speakers and a separate mixer. They generally come with a wired microphone but a separate wireless microphone can be added.



Vocal PA

The Fat Buddha's layout is a long rectangular shape. To get good coverage it's worth locating one speaker in the corner (York St & Market St end) & the other at the end of the dining area on the Market St side. Speakers with wide dispersion are preferable also. You'll need around a 200 watt system.

### **2. Dance Music PA System**

This type of system can handle speech well but also has the capacity to handle louder dance music. It usually includes sub speakers for extended bass. You ideally want to locate the speakers near the dance floor but be careful not place them in front of microphones so as to avoid feedback. For a room like the Fat Buddha you'll need around a 600 watt system.



Dance Music PA - Bose 802 speakers with MB4 subs for 200 person wedding



Band PA System – Bose MB4 subs & EV ZXA foldback speakers

### **3. Live Music PA System**

This is simply a vocal PA that has extra facility for musicians and singers. The main difference is that it has a “monitor” or “foldback” speaker. Monitors are designed particularly to allow singers to hear themselves so they can pitch correctly. Even a skilled performer can struggle when they can't hear themselves. They generally include sub speakers if the band has drums & bass.

### **Music Playback**

The most popular method now days is to create playlists on an iPod, iPad or laptop. Make sure you have your playlists well labelled & burn a backup copy to CD.

### **Speaker Placement**

To avoid feedback (high pitched squealing) place speakers forward of your microphone where possible. For any dance session you may want to face the speakers in towards the dance area to reduce the volume for those off the dance floor wishing to talk easily without competing with the speakers.

### **Video Projection**

With the much lower cost of projectors they've become very popular for functions.

If you want audio with your video presentation you'll need a 3.5mm jack to 6.5mm jack to connect to your mixer. If your video device (eg laptop or DVD) is more than about 3 metres away you'll want a DI box & microphone cable to avoid hum. You'll need to decide in advance if you want to locate your laptop next to the projector or next to the mixer. If next to the projector you'll need a long enough VGA cable. Be aware that

PC laptops have either VGA or DVI connectors. Macs also have 2 different connectors so make sure you have the right adapters.



### **Dance Lighting**

You may want to organise for some lighting for any dance time. Coloured LED lights are a popular option. Many have built in chase patterns that can be activated in time with the music.

Make sure you can dim your house lighting during the dancing.



### **Safety**

The most significant risk with AV equipment is tripping hazards. Avoid running cables across walkways & tape down other cables.

## Loading

Loading is a little bit challenging but here's some useful information to make it easier. You have 2 choices, you can use the loading dock or you can use the car park (both accessed from York St. The loading dock has a 20 minute limit. My suggestion is to use the car park (fees apply). If you go down to levels P4 or P5 you can get the lift up to level 2. After that you'll need to proceed towards the restaurant & get the second lift. You may want to take a trolley as it's some distance & allow enough time. If you do use the loading dock. Here's a short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOs4IDSGXko&list=UURtML5lyVQ-m3i7u6C6p2Og>



I hope you've found this guide useful. If you need someone to take care of your audio visual needs then just give me a call. There's also a special offer attached below.

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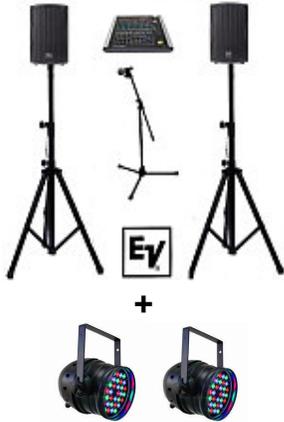
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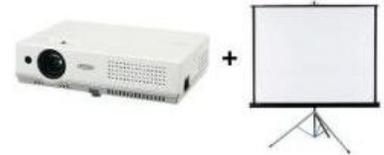


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