



Councillor access to tickets to Council owned and supported events

Programs: City of Melbourne Premier Events, Event Partnership Program, Arts and Creative Investment Partnerships & Annual Arts Program

Period: 1 January to 30 June 2024

Background

As the capital city of Victoria, the City of Melbourne plays a key role in ensuring the vibrancy and success of Melbourne as the premier destination in which to live, work and visit.

Melbourne plays host to many sporting, arts, cultural and community events. The City of Melbourne plays an active role in delivering and supporting these events through a range of programs. These include:

- **City of Melbourne Premier Events:** These are Council owned and managed events aimed at further stimulating the economy through visitation to the city's precincts providing business returns for hospitality, retail, tourism and service providers. Events include Melbourne Fashion Week, New Year's Eve, Moomba Festival, Melbourne Awards and Lord Mayor's Commendations
- **Event Partnership Program:** This program supports free and accessible events. It is conducted on an annual basis and features one sponsorship round per year which is available to events or festivals that will contribute to the city's vibrancy. It supports a diverse mix of major iconic annual events including (but not limited to) sporting, cultural, fashion and national events.
- **Arts and Creative Investment Partnerships:** This program provides two and four-year funding for medium to large arts and creative organisations which enhance Melbourne's cultural identity and reflect the City of Melbourne's goals and priorities. This includes support for major and emerging arts organisations that make Melbourne a creative city.
- **Annual Arts Program:** Through this program, yearly support is provided to celebrate the creative community. Grants are available to artists and small to medium arts organisations from all backgrounds and abilities in three categories: arts projects, Aboriginal arts projects, arts residencies.

As part of staging and supporting events, opportunities are made available for representatives of the City of Melbourne to participate and host stakeholders and members of the community. These opportunities allow Council to use tickets in a strategic way to maximise the profile and stakeholder relationships for the City of Melbourne. One of the primary avenues of achieving this is through the city representation role of Councillors. Councillor participation in events allows the Council to promote Melbourne and its support for large and small scale events as well fostering relationships with stakeholders to align with Council's objectives and vision for Melbourne.

In accordance with the resolution of Council on 27 June 2017 and as part of the ongoing commitment for greater transparency, details of Councillor access to tickets to Council owned and supported events as part of the programs outlined above are published on a six monthly basis. Outlined in the following pages is a report on access to ticketed events for the period 1 January – 30 June 2023.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
|---|--|---|-------------------|
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 34 th Annual Great Debate | 2 | Creative City |
| Melbourne Writers Festival | An Evening with Michael Cunningham | 1 | Creative City |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 1 | Event Partnership |

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
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| RISING | Opening Event | 1 | Creative City |
| Antipodes Festival | VIP Cocktail Party | 1 (DLM spoke and took 1 guest) | Event Partnership |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | Taste of Chengdu | 1 (DLM spoke and took 1 guest) | Event Partnership |
| Herald Sun / Transurban Run for the Kids | Race Entries | 3 (DLM spoke and took 2 guests) | Event Partnership |
| Herald Sun / Transurban Run for the Kids | Hospitality Invitations | 3 (DLM spoke and took 2 guests) | Event Partnership |
| International Student Week | International Student Week – Launch | 1 | Event Partnership |

Councillor Olivia Ball

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
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| Australian Open | Women's Final | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open | Men's Final | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Antipodes Festival | VIP Cocktail Party | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP passes | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series | Summer Serenade – VIP ticketing and refreshments | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Korea Festival | Official Opening Ceremony – Reserved Seats | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| The Long Walk | The Long Walk | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Program Launch | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| MSO | Hopelessly Devoted: A Celebration of Olivia Newton-John | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Opening Night | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Closing Night | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Any Session | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 34 th Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Upfront | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |

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| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Rob Auton – The Rob Auton Show | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Claire Hooper – So Proud | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Deadly Funny National Grand Final | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Opening Event | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| MSO | Ears Wide Open: Dvorak's Eight Symphony | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Marc Peckham | Ngurra Kurlu | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Blak and Bright Festival | State of the Nations – Keynote by Lead Purcell & Through Our Lens | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Antoinette Halloran | She, Who Would Have Been a Queen | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne School of Tarantella | Rapture | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Watercolour Society of Victoria Inc | Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Royal Melbourne Philharmonic | Harmony in the City: Vine's Choral Symphony No.6 and Orff's Carmina Burana | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |

Councillor Roshena Campbell

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
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| RISING | RISING 2024 Program Presentation | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Anirban Dasgupta - Polite Provocation | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Writers Festival | An Evening with Michael Cunningham | 1 | Creative City |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Passes | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival – Light It Up Opening Ceremony | Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival – Light It Up Opening Ceremony | 5 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Grand Solo Showcase: P.E Nation (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Government House Official Launch Event | 1 | Event Partnership Program |

Councillor Jason Chang

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| Australian Open | Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open | Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Taste of Chengdu | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Passes | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | F*** The Invisible Runway (Row B)+ VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Grand Solo Showcase P.E Nation (Row B) & VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Korea Festival | Official Opening Ceremony – Reserved Seats | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

Councillor Elizabeth Doidge / O'Sullivan Myles

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| Koorie Heritage Trust | Exhibition launch | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | ECLIPSE | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Big Name No Blankets | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Day Tripper | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Hear My Eyes | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | ONESONG | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Midsumma Festival | Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award Opening Night - MAPA Awards Exhibition | 3 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Passes | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series 2024 | Summer Serenade- VIP ticketing and refreshments | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | F*** The Invisible Runway (Row B)+ VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Open House | Weekend Program Launch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |

Councillor Davydd Griffiths

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| N/A - no tickets recorded | | | |

Councillor Jamal Hakim

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| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 4 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| PHOTO 2024 | VIP Event | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Program Launch | 3 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Writers Festival | 2024 Program Launch | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Hopelessly Devoted: A Celebration of Olivia Newton John | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Koorie Heritage Trust | Exhibition launch | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | RISING 2024 Program Presentation | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| ACCA | Laure Prouvost: Oui Move In You | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Chunky Move | PHANTASM by Melanie Lane | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | 2024 Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Official launch | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Opening Night Comedy Allstars Supershow | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 34 th Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Upfront | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Claire Hooper – So Proud | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |

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| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Mel Buttle – Not Here To Put Socks on Centipedes | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | RAW Comedy National Grand Final | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Deadly Funny National Grand Final | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Jaime conducts Debussy & Strauss: A Hero's Life | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Day Tripper | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Opening Event | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Next Wave | On 'The Second Woman': Nat Randall | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Chunky Move | You, Beauty | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Ears Wide Open: Dvorak's Eighth Symphony | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Finucane & Smith Unlimited | House of the heart | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Meredith Connie | Undomesticated Pockets: Evocations of Wild Place | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Blak and Bright Festival | Opening Night | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Melbourne School of Tarantella | Rapture | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Watercolour Society of Victoria Inc | Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Royal Melbourne Philharmonic | Harmony in the City: Vine's Choral Symphony No. 6 and Orff's Carmina Burana | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Midsumma Festival | VIP Festival Pass | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

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| Midsumma Festival | Midsumma Carnival VIP Bar Wristbands | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open | Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open | Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Antipodes Festival | VIP Cocktail Party | 3 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | Official Opening Breakfast | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Kids Day Out – Good Friday Appeal Launch | Good Friday Appeal Launch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | F*** The Invisible Runway (Row B)+ VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Government House Official Launch Event | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| International Student Week | International Student Week - Launch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| International Student Week | International Student Week - Welcome | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival – Light It Up Opening Ceremony | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Chinese Lunar New Year | VIP Cocktail Evening for Chinese Lunar New Year 2024 | 1 | Event Partnership Program |

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| Korea Festival | Official Opening Ceremony - Reserved Seats | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Taste of Portugal | Taste of Portugal - VIP Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

Councillor Philip Le Liu

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| ACCA | 2024 Program Launch | 4 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| ACMI | The Theatre of War by The Mordant Family Moving Image Commission for Young Australian Artists | 4 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| PHOTO 2024 | PHOTO 2024 Opening Drinks VIP Event | 6 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Program Launch | 4 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Hopelessly Devoted: A Celebration of Olivia Newton John | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | RISING 2024 Program Presentation | 6 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Circus Oz | Smash It! By Circus Oz at Melbourne Comedy Festival | 3 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Circus Oz | Opening Night | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| ACCA | Laure Prouvost: Oui Move In You | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | 2024 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Official Launch | 4 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Opening Night Comedy Allstars Supershow | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Comedy Zone Asia Allstars | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Baroque Festival: Handel and Vivaldi Arias | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |

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| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 34 th Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | RAW Comedy National Grand Final | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Writers Festival | Viet Thanh Nguyen: A Man of Two Faces | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Jaime conducts Debussy & Strauss: A Hero's Life | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| ACMI | Beings Opening Night | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | ECLIPSE | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Big Name No Blankets | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Day Tripper | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Hear My Eyes | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | ONESONG | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Lucy Guerin | World Premiere of One Single Action (RISING event) | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra | Ears Wide Open: Dvorak's Eighth Symphony | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Film Festival | Program Launch | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Finucane & Smith Unlimited | House of the heart | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Play On Arts Ltd | Play On | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
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| Watercolour Society of Victoria Inc | Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |

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| Australian Open | Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Antipodes Festival | VIP Cocktail Party | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Taste of Chengdu | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Herald Sun / Transurban Run for the Kids | Race Entries | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP passes | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | Official Opening Breakfast | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series 2024 | Puccini in the Park- VIP ticketing and refreshments | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series 2024 | When we were young – VIP ticketing and refreshments | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series 2024 | Summer Serenade – VIP ticketing and refreshments | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | F*** The Invisible Runway (Row B)+ VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

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| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Grand Solo Showcsase: P.E Nation (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Grand Solo Showcase: P.E Nation (Row B) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| International Student Week | International Student Week - Launch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| International Student Week | International Student Week - Welcome | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival – Light It Up Opening Ceremony | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Korea Festival | Official Opening Ceremony – Reserved Seats | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Taste of Portugal | Taste of Portugal – VIP Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

Councillor Rohan Leppert

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
|--|--|---|--|
| Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena - 28 January 2024 | Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PHOTO March 2024 | VIP Event | 1 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| MSO | Jaime conducts Debussy and Strauss A Hero's Life | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| RISING | Big Name No Blankets | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Day Tripper | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | ONESONG | 2 | Arts and Creative Investment Partnership |

Councillor Kevin Louey

| Event | Ticket type | Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates | Program source |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|
| Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena – 14 January 2024 | Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena – 18 January 2024 | Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Australian Open: Rod Laver Arena – 27 January 2024 | Reserved Tickets | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Chinese Lunar New Year | VIP Cocktail Evening for Chinese Lunar New Year 2024 | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Antipodes Festival | VIP Cocktail Party | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival – Light It Up Opening Ceremony | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Taste of Chengdu | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway (Row A) +VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | F*** The Invisible Runway (Row B)+ VIP Lounge Access | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival | Grand Solo Showcase P.E. Nation | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Korea Festival | Official Opening Ceremony – Reserved Seats | 1 | Event Partnership Program |