



## **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 2025**

### **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 2025.

**Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Rising, Opening Night Welcome Event		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian Open   Women's Final PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open   Men's Final PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival   Opening Night		2	Event Partnership Program
World's Longest Lunch - DIRECT INVITES		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
Race Entries for Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids		2	Event Partnership Program
Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids VIP Function		2	Event Partnership Program
Light It Up Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
Mothers Day Classic		5	Event Partnership Program

**Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Midsumma Carnival Opening		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian Open 2025 - Men's Final VIP Access  Rod Laver Arena Reserved PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		2	Event Partnership Program
PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival – Resort Glam Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival – Grand Showcase Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food & Wine Festival – Opening Night		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food & Wine Festival - World's Longest Lunch		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food & Wine Festival - World's Longest Brunch		2	Event Partnership Program
Osteria Gia Sotto l'Arco x Grossi Fiorentino		2	Event Partnership Program

Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show		2	Event Partnership Program
Holi Festival Melbourne		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Vixens		2	Event Partnership Program
Martin Grant Exhibition		3	Event Partnership Program

### Councillor Olivia Ball

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Fortyfivedownstairs: POTUS		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Songlines – Share the Spirit Festival		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Upfront		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
MSO: Seasons – Vivaldi & more		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Joel Creasey - Thanks for Being Here		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Melbourne Writers Festival: Opening Night		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Melbourne Writers Festival: A.C. Grayling: Making Peace in the Culture Wars		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Deadly Funny National Grand Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: The 35th Annual Great Debate		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Opening Night Comedy AllStars Supershow		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership

Australian South Asian Centre: Brown Women Comedy		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Brown Women Comedy: Maxine Beneba Clarke and Amaya Laucirica: Fire Moves Faster		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Q-Lit / Scratch Arts / Timothy Ryan: Q-Lit Festival		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian Open   Women's Final PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Opening Night of French Impressionism		1	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Journeys and Adventures		3	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Jaime conducts at the Bowl: Dvořák, Gershwin and Ravel		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Symphonic Showcase		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show		2	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Rafael Camillo**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Comedy Festival: Upfront		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
MSO: Seasons – Vivaldi & more		4	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Melbourne Writers Festival: Opening Night		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Melbourne Writers Festival: A.C. Grayling: Making Peace in the Culture Wars		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: 35th Annual Great Debate (previously incorrect comedy event listed)		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Circus Oz: Non Stop   Melbourne International Comedy Festival comedyfestival.com.au		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Sacha Hulsebosch: Emerge: The Creative Journey of Visual Artists (previously listed as x1 ticket)		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Vida Melbourne Latin Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
AFL 2025   Collingwood v Hawthorn (Round 12)		2	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open 2025   Rod Laver Arena Reserved PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		2	Event Partnership Program

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival   Opening Night		1	Event Partnership Program
World's Longest Lunch		4	Event Partnership Program
Osteria Gia Sotto l'Arco x Grossi Florentino		2	Event Partnership Program
Midsumma Australia Post Art Award		1	Event Partnership Program
Vida Melbourne Latin Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival 2025 launch		1	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - Resort Glam Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - F*** The Invisible Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - New Again Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
'A Round Square Banquet' Exhibition		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Journeys and Adventures		1	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Jaime conducts at the Bowl: Dvořák, Gershwin and Ravel		2	Event Partnership Program

MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Symphonic Showcase		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne ANZAC Day Event - Dawn Service		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show		2	Event Partnership Program
The Long Walk		2	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Davydd Griffiths**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ticket type</b>	<b>Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates</b>	<b>Program source</b>
Rising: Hamlet		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Rising: Shouse: Communitas		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Rising: Swingers		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Songlines		3	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Vida Melbourne Latin Festival		3	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Holi Festival Melbourne		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Symphonic Showcase		3	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Owen Guest**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ticket type</b>	<b>Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates</b>	<b>Program source</b>
Comedy Festival: Opening Night Comedy AllStars Supershow		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: The 35th Annual Great Debate		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: RAW Comedy National Grand Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
AFL 2025   Collingwood v Hawthorn (Round 12)		2	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open 2025   Rod Laver Arena Reserved PM		4	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne ANZAC Day Event - Dawn Service		1	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Philip Le Liu**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Chunky Move: U>N>I>T>E>D World Premiere Performance and Pre-show VIP Reception		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
MSO: Mozart and the Mendelssohns		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian Open 2025   Rod Laver Arena Reserved PM		4	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival   Opening Night		1	Event Partnership Program
World's Longest Lunch		1	Event Partnership Program
Vida Melbourne Latin Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - F*** The Invisible Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - New Again Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		2	Event Partnership Program
Opening Night of French Impressionism		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
Holi Festival Melbourne		2	Event Partnership Program

MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Journeys and Adventures		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Jaime conducts at the Bowl: Dvořák, Gershwin and Ravel		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show		1	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Gladys Liu**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ticket type</b>	<b>Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates</b>	<b>Program source</b>
Melbourne International Comedy Festival		3	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian Open – 12 January 2025		2	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open – 17 January 2025		2	Event Partnership Program
AFL Collingwood v Carlton (Round 4)		3	Event Partnership Program
AFL Collingwood v Hawthorn (Round 12)		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
'A Round Square Banquet' Exhibition		2	Event Partnership Program
Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids		1	Event Partnership Program
Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids		1	Event Partnership Program
The Long Walk		2	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Kevin Louey**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ticket type</b>	<b>Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates</b>	<b>Program source</b>
Comedy Festival		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
AFL 2025   Bulldogs v Hawthorn (Round 13)		5	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open – 13 January 2025		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Andrew Rowse**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
MSO: Seasons – Vivaldi and more		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Opening Night Comedy Allstars Supershow		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
<b>Comedy Festival: The 35th Annual Great Debate</b>		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: RAW National Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Deadly National Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
RISING: BLKDOG		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
RISING: Hamlet		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
RISING: Swingers		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian South Asian Centre: Brown Women Comedy		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
The Johnston Collection: Swagger intervention: in conversation with the curator and artists		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
AFL 2025   Collingwood v Carlton (Round 4)		2	Event Partnership Program
AFL 2025   Collingwood v Hawthorn (Round 12)		4	Event Partnership Program
AFL 2025   Bulldogs v Hawthorn (Round 13)		5	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open 2025   Rod Laver Arena Reserved PM		4	Event Partnership Program

Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival   Opening Night		1	Event Partnership Program
World's Longest Brunch		2	Event Partnership Program
The National Indigenous Culinary Institute Alumni Lunch		2	Event Partnership Program
Vixens v Thunderbirds (Hospitality)		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Chinese Lunar New Year Festival		1	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Jaime conducts at the Bowl: Dvořák, Gershwin and Ravel		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO Sidney Myer Free Concert Series - Symphonic Showcase		2	Event Partnership Program
MSO - Quick Fix at Half Six		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Melbourne ANZAC Day Event - Dawn Service		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show		2	Event Partnership Program

**Councillor Mark Scott**

Event	Ticket type	Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates	Program source
Chunky Move: U>N>I>T>E>D World Premiere Performance and Pre-show VIP Reception		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: 2025 Comedy Festival Launch		1	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
MSO: Seasons: Vivaldi and more		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Joel Creasey - Thanks for Being Here		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: RAW Comedy National Grand Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Comedy Festival: Deadly Funny National Grand Final		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
MIFF: 2025 Program Launch		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Australian South Asian Centre: Brown Women Comedy		2	Arts and Creative Investment Partnership
Midsumma Australia Post Art Award		1	Event Partnership Program
AFL 2025   Collingwood v Carlton (Round 4)		5	Event Partnership Program
Australian Open   Women's Final PM		2	Event Partnership Program
Antipodes Festival 2025   VIP Cocktail Party		2	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival   Opening Night		1	Event Partnership Program
World's Longest Lunch		2	Event Partnership Program
Very Fragrant - Haawm x Dessous		2	Event Partnership Program

The National Indigenous Culinary Institute Alumni Lunch		2	Event Partnership Program
Midsumma Australia Post Art Award		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival 2025 launch		1	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - Opening Night Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - Resort Glam Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Paypal Melbourne Fashion Festival - New Again Runway		2	Event Partnership Program
Yayoi Kusama Exhibition		1	Event Partnership Program
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show		1	Event Partnership Program