

MELBOURNE EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2026

Continuing

- **Big Bash League Season**
Until 25 Jan | Melbourne CBD
- **LEGO Star Wars: The Exhibition at Melbourne Museum**
Until 26 Jan | Carlton
- **Game Worlds**
Until 8 Feb | Southbank
- **Moonlight Cinema**
Until Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Summer Night Market**
Until 12 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Westwood | Kawakubo at NGV**
Until 19 Apr | Southbank
- **DIVA at the Australian Museum of Performing Arts**
Until 26 Apr | Southbank
- **A-League Season**
Until 23 May | Melbourne CBD

January-February

- **Vida Melbourne Latin Festival**
10-11 Jan | Melbourne CBD
- **NGV Kids Summer Festival**
6-16 Jan | Southbank
- **Australian Open**
12 Jan-1 Feb | Melbourne CBD
- **Midsumma Festival**
18 Jan-8 Feb | Melbourne CBD
- **Share the Spirit Festival**
26 Jan | East Melbourne
- **Melbourne Conversations**
Feb-Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **The Book of Mormon**
6 Feb-12 Apr | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's Sidney Myer Free Concerts Series**
10-14 Feb | Southbank
- **PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival**
14-28 Feb | Carlton
- **Nongkrong presents Pasar Senja**
14 Feb | Melbourne CBD
- **Ramadan Night Market Series**
20 Feb-21 Feb | Melbourne CBD

January-February cont.

- **Chinatown Lunar New Year Festival**
22 Feb | Melbourne CBD
- **Antipodes Festival**
28 Feb-1 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Holi Festival Melbourne**
28 Feb-1 Mar | Docklands

March-April

- **AFL Season**
Mar-Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **NRL Season**
Mar-Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix**
6-8 Mar | St Kilda Road & Domain
- **Melbourne Vixens Fan Day**
1 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Kids Day Out**
3 Apr | Southbank
- **Moomba Festival**
5-9 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Women in Film Festival**
19-23 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Food and Wine Festival**
20-29 Mar | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne International Comedy Festival**
23 Mar-19 Apr | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show**
25-29 Mar | Carlton
- **Eid**
27-29 March | Melbourne CBD
- **Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids**
29 Mar | Docklands
- **ROME: Empire, Power, People at Melbourne Museum**
1 Apr-25 Oct | Carlton
- **38th Australian Sikh Games**
3-5 Apr | Carlton
- **Turkish Pazar Festival**
11-12 Apr | Melbourne CBD

March-April cont.

- **Little Food Festival**
15-16 Apr | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne ANZAC Day Event**
25 Apr | Melbourne CBD

May-June

- **Melbourne Writers Festival**
7-10 May | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Mother's Day Classic**
10 May | Melbourne CBD
- **The Long Walk**
22 May | Melbourne CBD
- **Dreamtime at the 'G**
22 May | Melbourne CBD
- **RISING**
27 May-8 Jun | Melbourne CBD
- **Satay & Reog Festival**
30-31 May | Melbourne CBD
- **Lightscape**
Jun | Melbourne
- **Taste of Portugal**
7 Jun | Melbourne CBD
- **Cartier: NGV Melbourne Winter Masterpieces**
12 Jun-4 Oct | Southbank
- **Global Foodie Fest**
14 Jun | Melbourne CBD



Moomba Festival



Melbourne Fashion Week

July-August

- **Firelight Festival**
3-5 Jul | Docklands
- **NAIDOC Week**
5-12 Jul | Melbourne CBD
- **Bastille Day French Festival**
11-12 Jul | Melbourne CBD
- **Open House Melbourne**
12-31 Jul | Melbourne CBD
- **Run Melbourne**
19 Jul | Melbourne CBD
- **Now or Never Festival**
Aug | Melbourne CBD
- **Lord Mayor's Small Business Awards**
Aug | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne International Film Festival**
6-23 Aug | Melbourne CBD
- **Colours of Asia: A Winter Celebration**
7-16 Aug | Melbourne CBD
- **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne**
14-24 Aug | Melbourne CBD

September-October

- **AFL Grand Final Events**
Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **2026 NFL International Game**
Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **Chinese Traditional Cultural Festival**
19-20 Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Royal Show**
24 Sep-4 Oct | Flemington
- **Melbourne Fringe Festival**
29 Sep-18 Oct | Melbourne CBD
- **Seniors Festival**
Oct | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne International Jazz Festival**
Oct | Melbourne CBD
- **Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival**
8-11 Oct | Melbourne CBD
- **Emerging Writers' Festival**
10-18 Sep | Melbourne CBD
- **Queensberry Cup**
17 Oct | North Melbourne
- **Melbourne Fashion Week**
19-25 Oct | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Italian Festa**
24-25 Oct | Carlton
- **Victorian Festival of Diwali**
24-31 Oct | Melbourne CBD



Christmas in the City

November-December

- **Melbourne Queer Film Festival**
Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Melbourne Cup Carnival**
Nov | Flemington
- **Melbourne Awards**
Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Thrive Multicultural Women's Festival**
1 Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Asia Street Food Festival by the Yarra**
12-22 Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Polish Festival @ Fed Square**
15 Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **African Music and Cultural Festival**
20-22 Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Annual Korea Town Festival**
21 Nov | Melbourne CBD
- **Christmas in the City**
27 Nov-25 Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **Boxwars Festival**
2-12 Dec | Docklands
- **Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Festival**
4 Dec | Southbank
- **Mr Fantastico's Christmas Rooftop Carnival**
5-24 Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **Koorie Krismas**
12 Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **Pillars of Light**
15-22 Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **MCG Boxing Day Test**
26 Dec | Melbourne CBD
- **New Year's Eve**
31 Dec | Melbourne CBD

Please check with the venue before attending.

Information is correct at the time of printing.

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Promote your business or event with a free listing on the What's On Melbourne website whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/listings

KEY

- City of Melbourne event
- Sponsored by City of Melbourne
- Other major event

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START A BUSINESS

If you're starting a business in Melbourne, check out the opportunities, resources and support services available to you.
For more information head to melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-and-investment

Business support



Contact our dedicated Business Concierge team on 9658 9658 or via melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-concierge for one-on-one assistance.

Join forces with your neighbourhood by signing up to one of Melbourne's precinct associations.

Find out about our capacity building programs and events supporting entrepreneurs and businesses.

Access free internet and online resources at all six City of Melbourne libraries.

Subscribe to the Business in Melbourne newsletter at melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-and-investment

Research and data



Access hourly data about pedestrians, transport and more, using Open Data.

Analyse commercial performance using City of Melbourne's Economic Profile.

Read the Melbourne Economy Snapshot, produced quarterly by City of Melbourne.

Research the city's changing profile using Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE).

Monitor building development using the 3D Development Activity Model.

Understand how the city may change in the future using our Population, Housing and Employment forecasts.

GROW A BUSINESS

Expanding your business is an exciting time that comes with its own challenges. We're here to help get you there.
For more information head to melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-and-investment

Marketing support



Our What's On Melbourne newsletter and social media channels have a combined following of more than one million, with over nine million visits yearly to the What's On Melbourne website.

- **List** your business or event for free on the What's On Melbourne website.
- **Share** invites, info and images by emailing marketing@melbourne.vic.gov.au
- **Tag** us in your social media content @whatsonmelb, especially Instagram stories.
- **Get active** on social media and keep your website up to date.

Follow us on:

@WHATSONMELB   

Promotional support



Display your brochure for free at our visitor hubs.*

Increase awareness of your business or event by sharing updates with our tourism team, which assists city visitors every day.

Promote your event on banners throughout City of Melbourne.

Present at a forum or conduct a familiarisation tour of your business or event for the 200+ tourism volunteers to help spread the word.

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International opportunities



Connect with Melbourne's international partner cities. We can help by:

- **Introducing** you to new international business opportunities through our city partnerships and networks
- **Helping** your business to get ready for Asian markets
- **Facilitating** inbound visits from foreign companies interested in Melbourne businesses
- **Showcasing** Melbourne industry and company capabilities to the world
- **Connecting** with Melbourne's diverse diaspora

Grants and sponsorship



Apply for a wide range of support available to individuals, community organisations and businesses, across sectors including the arts, recreation, events and business. Grant and sponsorship applications open at various times throughout the year.

Find out if you're eligible, when applications open and how to apply at melbourne.vic.gov.au/grantsandsponsorships



Building the economy of the future

Our Economic Development Strategy 2031 outlines a 10-year plan to build the economy of the future, ensure a healthy environment and foster an inclusive society. Read it at melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-and-investment



Got questions

about permits, licenses or waste collection?

Head to the **Run a Business** section at melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-and-investment

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