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 ProgramPeriod: 1 January to 30 June 2023

## 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**

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| **Event** | **Ticket type** | **Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates** | **Program source** |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Aboriginal Comedy Allstars | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Best of Edinburgh Fest | 6 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night Trade | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Shadow Spirit | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | Opening night | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food and Wine Festival | World’s Longest Lunch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Herald Sun Transurban Run for the Kids | Race entry and hospitality | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Official Launch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Pass | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Lume Connection | Opening night | 3 | Event Partnership Program |

**Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece**

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| **Event** | **Ticket type** | **Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates** | **Program source** |
| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Festival Program Launch | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Brunch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Dr Olivia Ball**

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| **Event** | **Ticket type** | **Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates** | **Program source** |
| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Opening night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Circus Oz | Circus Oz at MICF | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| La Mama | An Inappropriately Serious History of Australian Comedy | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 33rd Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Kyle Kinane | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Dilruk Jayasinha – Heart Stopper | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Cal Wilson – Supposably | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| MSO | Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Masterclass: Brokentalkers and Adrienne Truscott | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Shadow Spirit | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Writers Victoria | Writeability: Self Told Stories | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Moria Finucane | House of the Heart | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Olivia Satchell | The Grief Trilogy | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Coady Green | Of Birds and Mountains | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Olivia Satchell | The Grief Trilogy: My Sister Feather | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Australian South Asian Centre | Brown Women Comedy | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Beata Frey Taylor | Same But Different: A Trilogy | 1 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Nafsika Stamoulis Hellenic Museum Ltd | Greek Love: Outside the Lines | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Good Friday Appeal Kids Day Out | Launch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| National Sustainable Living Festival | First Nations Wisdom For Regenerative Futures | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| National Sustainable Living Festival | The Great Local Picnic | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Urban Oasis Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Pass | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life - General Admission | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Lume - Connection | Opening Night | 1 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Roshena Campbell**

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| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Writers Festival | Alison Roman: The Roman Empire | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi exhibition opening | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Jason Chang**

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| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World’s Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World’s Longest Brunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite – Lygon Street | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Signature Chef Series | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite – Top End | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite – Fed Square | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Utopia Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Power Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | National Designer Award | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Urban Oasis Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Elizabeth Doidge**

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| **Event** | **Ticket type** | **Number of tickets issued to Councillors for use by them and/or stakeholders or associates** | **Program source** |
| Midsumma Festival | Midsumma & Australia Post Art Award | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - Top End | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - Fed Square | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| The Long Walk | The Long Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 6 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Lizzy Hoo - Woo Hoo! | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnership |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Aboriginal Comedy Allstars | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnership |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnership |

**Councillor Davydd Griffiths**

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| Songlines | Share the Spirit | 6 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Blindside | DEBUT XIX Exhibition Launch | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Launch | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Night Trade Opening Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Shadow Spirit | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Open House Melbourne | Program Launch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Jamal Hakim**

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| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Closing Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Wheeler Centre | M/OTHER GALA: Mum's the Word | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Circus Oz | Circus Oz at MICF | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Launch | 1 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 33rd Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Upfront | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Deadly Funny National Grand Final | 3 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | RAW Comedy National Grand Final | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Lizzy Hoo - Woo Hoo! | 3 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Divisi Chamber Singers | Australian Works for Chamber Choir | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Youth Orchestras | Warta-Kiki: Kutcha Edwards and MYO in Celebration | 2 | Annual Arts Grants |
| Midsumma Festival | VIP Festival Pass | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Vida Melbourne Latin Festival | Food & Beverage voucher | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Brunch | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Official Launch Event | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Power Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | Opening Breakfast Ceremony | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi exhibition opening | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Light it Up Opening Ceremony | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Taste of Portugal | VIP Lunch | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Lume – Connection | Opening Night | 2 | Event Partnership Program |

**Councillor Philip Le Liu**

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| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Festival Program Launch | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Multicultural Arts Victoria | Diasporas 2023 Launch | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Launch | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Australian Centre for Contemporary Art | Mithu Sen: mOTHERTONGUE : VIP Preview | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | The 33rd Annual Great Debate | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Upfront | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Kyle Kinane | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Tim Key - Mulberry | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Best of Comedy Zone Asia | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Aurelia St Clair - Non-Dairy Presenting | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) | Ears Wide Open: Elgar's Cello Concerto | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships program |
| Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) | Mozart's Clarinet Concerto | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Flinders Quartet | From Little Things… | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Masterclass: Brokentalkers and Adrienne Truscott | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Consort of the Moon | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Shadow Spirit | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Robyn Archer: An Australian Songbook | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Liquid Architecture | Liquid Architecture and Rising Presents Asep Nayek, Sote and Tarik Barri, Kelman Duran | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Nafsika Stamoulis Hellenic Museum Ltd | Greek Love: Outside the Lines | 2 | Arts Grants program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World's Longest Brunch | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - Lygon St | 4 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - The River Run | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - Top End | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Herald Sun Transurban Run for the Kids 2023 | Race Entries | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Herald Sun Transurban Run for the Kids 2023 | Hospitality invitations | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Utopia Runway | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Power Runway | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Urban Oasis Runway | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Suit Up Runway | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | PayPal Closing Runway | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi exhibition opening | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 1 | Event Partnership program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Pierre Bonnard Designed by India Mahdavi | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Light it Up Opening Ceremony | 1 | Event Partnership program |
| The Long Walk | The Long Walk | 3 | Event Partnership program |
| Taste of Portugal | Taste of Portugal 2023 VIP Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Lume - Connection | Opening Night | 2 | Event Partnership program |

**Councillor Rohan Leppert**

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| Flinders Quartet | From Little Things | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Opening Night: Night Trade | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| RISING | Consort of the Moon | 4 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Signature Chef Series | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP Pass | 2 | Event Partnership program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | World’s Longest Lunch | 2 | Event Partnership program |

**Councillor Kevin Louey**

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| Melbourne Women in Film Festival | Opening night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Opening Night | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Kyle Kinane | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival | Dilruk Jayasinha - Heart Stopper | 2 | Arts & Creative Investment Partnerships |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - The River Run | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Food & Wine Festival | Crawl & Bite - Fed Square | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Power Runway | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne Fashion Festival | Urban Oasis Runway | 4 | Event Partnership Program |
| Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show | VIP pass | 2 | Event Partnership Program |
| NGV Exhibitions | Rembrandt: True to Life | 1 | Event Partnership Program |
| Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival | Light it Up Opening Ceremony | 1 | Event Partnership Program |