# **MELBOURNE EVENTS CALENDAR**

# **JANUARY-DECEMBER 2024**

#### Continuing

- Summer Night MarketUntil 13 Mar
- MPavilionUntil 28 Mar
- NGV Triennial Until 21 Apr
- NGV Architecture Commission: (This is) Air
   Until 1 Oct

#### January-February

- NGV Kids Summer Festival Jan
- RIFIFI: Jean Julien for Kids Jan
- Vida Melbourne Latin Festival
   12–14 Jan
- Australian Open14–28 Jan
- African Music and Cultural Festival Summer at Queen Victoria Market 20-21 Jan
- Midsumma Festival21 Jan 11 Feb
- Share the Spirit Festival
   And Share the Spirit Festival
- National Sustainable Living Festival
   1–29 Feb
- Chinese Lunar New Year
   10–11 Feb
- PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival
   23 Feb 9 Mar
- Melbourne Lantern Festival
   24 Feb
- Antipodes Festival24–25 Feb

#### March-April

- Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
   Mar
- Melbourne International Student Week
- 1-8 Mar
- Photo Australia1–24 Mar
- Turkish Pazar Festival2–3 Mar
- Moomba Festival8-11 Mar
- Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids
- 17 Mar
- Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand
   Prix
   21–24 Mar
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Kids Day Out29 Mar

27 Mar - 21 Apr

- Little Food Festival 10–11 Apr
- Korean Festival13 Apr
- Eid @ QVM 13–14 Apr
- Sri Lankan Festival20–21 Apr
- ANZAC Day 25 Apr

#### May-June

- Shop the City3 May
- Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival
   3–5 May
- Melbourne Writers Festival9-12 May
- Mother's Day Classic
   12 May
- RISING
- African Festival Melbourne
   6–7 Jun
- Taste of Portugal9 Jun
- Firelight Festival28–30 Jun

#### July-August

- NAIDOC Week
   7–14 Jul
- Open House Melbourne
   12–31 Jul
- Bastille Day French Festival
   13–14 Jul
- Melbourne International Film Festival Aug
- Now or Never Festival22 Aug 8 Sep

# Please check with the venue before attending.

Information is correct at the time of printing.

Firelight Festival



Christmas Festival

#### September-October

- Toyota AFL Grand Final Sep
- Melbourne Fringe Festival
  Oct
- Discover Kensington Street Festival5 Oct
- Victorian Seniors Festival6-13 Oct
- Melbourne Marathon Festival 10-13 Oct
- Queensberry Cup19 Oct
- Melbourne International Jazz Festival
   Oct
- Melbourne Fashion Week
   21–29 Oct

#### November-December

- Victorian Festival of Diwali
   Nov
- Arriba Melbourne Mexican Festival
   1–3 Nov
- Melbourne Cup Carnival2–9 Nov
- Melbourne International Dumpling Festival
   4 Nov
- Melbourne Awards 9 Nov
- Polish Festival10 Nov
- Christmas Festival22 Nov 25 Dec
- African Music and Cultural Festival
   22–24 Nov
- Lankan Fest23 Nov
- Melbourne Italian Festa 24 Nov
- Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Festival
   Dec
- Christmas at Marvel Stadium
   1–24 Dec
- New Year's Eve31 Dec



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





# **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

#### **Business support**



**Contact** our dedicated Business Concierge team on 9658 9658 (press 1 for business) 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.

Solve a city challenge and win funding in our annual Open Innovation Competition.

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/businessnewsletter

#### 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.

### **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

### **Got questions**

about permits, licenses or waste collection?

Head to the Run a Business section at melbourne.vic.gov.au/business

# **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

#### 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 (7) (7)







## **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.

\*Display is at the discretion of City of Melbourne

#### International opportunities



Connect with Melbourne's international partner cities including:

- Osaka, Japan
- Bandung, Indonesia
- Tianjin, China
- · Boston, USA
- Nanjing, China
- Milan, Italy.

Attend one of our capacity-building seminars, workshops or briefings.

Leverage international marketing opportunities through our WeChat channel.

### 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



