



**MELBOURNE
MARATHON
FESTIVAL**



**2021
EVENT
GUIDE**

WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE



The Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival is one of our city's great running events.

Such is its popularity, we're in for a double dose this December with an expanded two-day running festival to get Melbourne moving again.

From elite athletes to weekend runners, I'm so thrilled to see so many Melburnians involved in this iconic event.

The City of Melbourne is proud to be a long-time supporter of the Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival, and in 2021 we are pleased to present the 3km walk, with free entry for all who register for the event.

With five race distances there's an event for all abilities, taking in some of Melbourne's most iconic sites from Fed Square and the Arts Centre, to the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne's heritage buildings and open spaces provide a course for all to enjoy.

Bring your support crew along to watch as you cross the finish line with a lap of honour inside the hallowed MCG, then refuel after the race at one of our city's cafes or restaurants. There's so many fabulous new dining options to discover and old favourites to rediscover.

Congratulations to the event organisers, and best of luck to all participants.

I can't wait to welcome you back to Melbourne.

Sally Capp
Lord Mayor

11-12 DEC 2021





ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival respectfully acknowledges that this event is being held on the traditional lands of the people of the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation, and pays respect to Elders both past, present and future.

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EVENT DAYS AND TIMES

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SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021

START LOCATION

Yarra Park Path, parallel
to Jolimont Station.

SRILANKAN AIRLINES 10KM RUN

Starts 3pm,
Saturday 11 December

5KM RUN

Starts 5pm,
Saturday 11 December

3KM WALK

Starts 6pm,
Saturday 11 December

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

START LOCATION

Batman Avenue, approximately
150m North of Rod Laver Arena.

42.195KM NIKE MELBOURNE MARATHON

Starts 6am,
Sunday 12 December

42.195KM NIKE WHEELCHAIR MARATHON

Starts 6:55am,
Sunday 12 December

21.1KM NIKE HALF MARATHON

Starts 7am,
Sunday 12 December



EVENT INFORMATION

RACE WEEK OFFICE

The Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival Race Week Office will be operating at two MCG locations during Race Week for the following functions:

- Event Upgrades/Downgrades
- Replacement Race Bib Collection
- General Enquiries

LOCATION 1: MCG CONCOURSE, OUTSIDE GATE 3

DAY	TIME
MONDAY 6 DECEMBER	9:00AM – 5:00PM
TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER	9:00AM – 5:00PM
WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER	9:00AM – 5:00PM
THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER	9:00AM – 5:00PM
FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER	6:30AM – 11:00AM

LOCATION 2: ON MCG CONCOURSE, OUTSIDE GATE 2

DAY	TIME
SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER	9:00AM – 8:00PM
SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER	4:00AM – 1:30PM

Sunday Race Week Office is open for general enquiries only, all bib replacements and event changes must be done prior to Sunday 12 Dec.

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WARM CLOTHING



The Warm Clothing service allows competitors to leave a bag of their belongings, to be collected post-race.

SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021

10KM

From 1:30pm,
Gate 1 on
MCG Concourse

5KM & 3KM

From 3:30pm,
Car Park Entry A
via Brunton Avenue.

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

MARATHON

From 4:30am,
Car Park Entry A
via Brunton Avenue.

HALF MARATHON

From 5am,
Gate 1 on
MCG Concourse



VERIFY YOUR VACCINATION

NO WRISTBAND, NO RUN.

You will be required to show proof of vaccination status or a medical exemption when you arrive on site. You can use your phone or bring printed proof. There will be check in points near the MCG, Yarra Park and the Start Line – shown on pages 9 & 10.

Once verified you will receive a wristband which will allow you to freely move into the start chutes and complete your event.

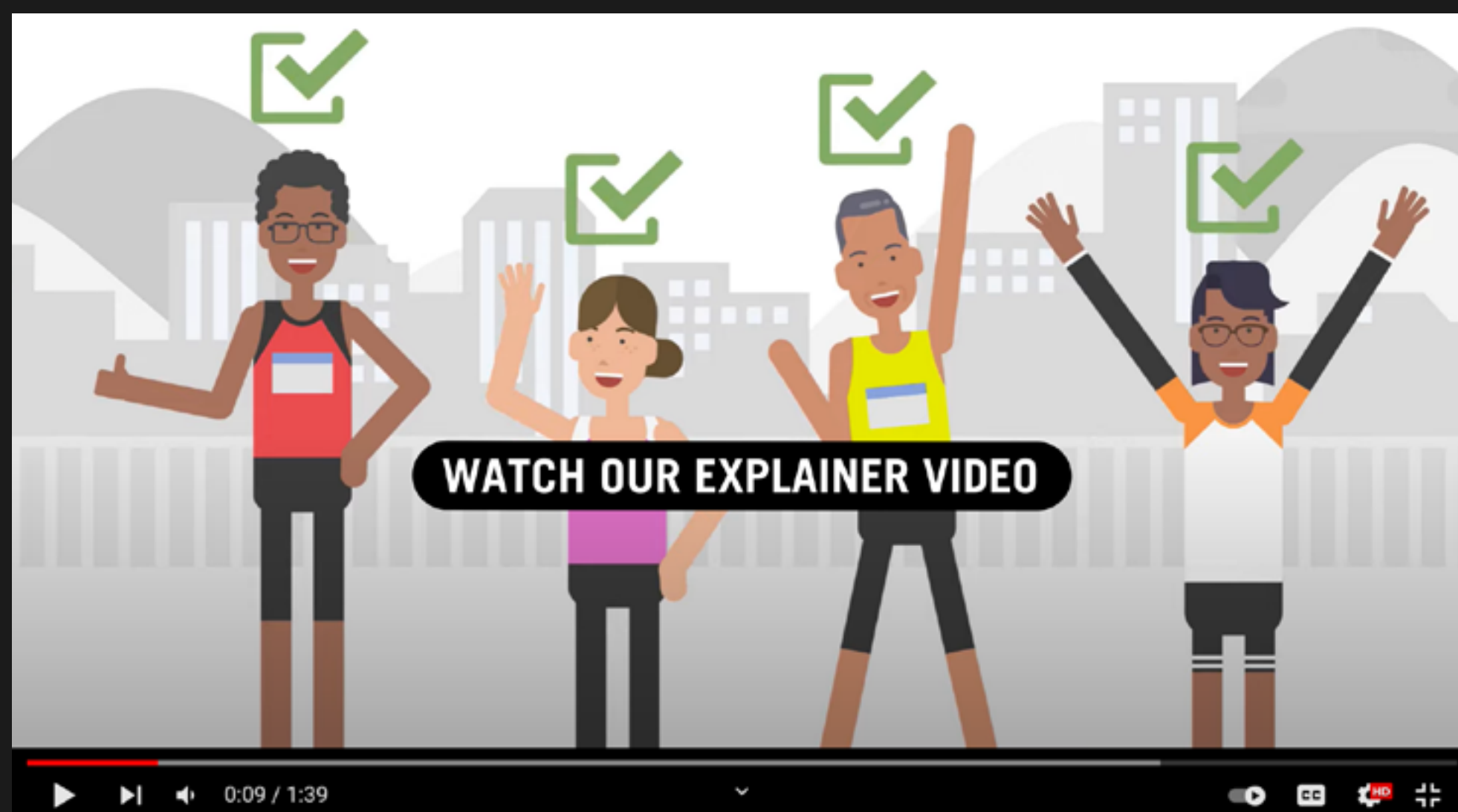
Marshals will be spotting wristbands along the course and visual spotting will occur at the entry to the MCG finish line also – so do not remove your wristband until well after the race and you have exited the MCG.

Digital - COVID-19 digital certificate using the Service Victoria app - COVID-19 digital certificate in a smart phone wallet.

Printed - COVID-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement - Australian Immunisation Register certificate.

An exempt person must provide an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register as proof of their exemption this can be obtained through a medical practitioner.

N.B Applies to those aged 12 years and 2 months or older.



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SPECTATORS

ENTRY THROUGH GATE 2

Saturday
From 2:30pm

Friends and family are invited to cheer you on as you cross the finish line. Access into the MCG stands will be free for all spectators.

Sunday
From 7am



ON COURSE CHEER ZONE LINLITHGOW AVE

Sunday Only
From 6am

The Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival's Cheer Zone is situated on Linlithgow Ave, only a few 100ms from Flinders St Station.

Get up close to cheer on runners completing the full and half Marathons. Expect plenty of energy including live bands, DJs, coffee, donuts and a whole lot of cheering.

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MERCH STORE

Shop our exclusive Nike
Melbourne Marathon Festival
Merchandise range!

The Merchandise Store will be
located on the MCG Concourse,
outside Gate 2.



OPENING HOURS

Saturday
December 11
9am – 8pm

Sunday
December 12
4am – 1:30pm

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OFFICIAL APP

Download 2021 Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival app, now available from **Google Play** and the **App Store** for the full **#MelbMara** experience.

FEATURES

LIVESTREAM THE 2021 NIKE MELBOURNE MARATHON FESTIVAL

Tune into the weekend festivities! See winners crossing the MCG finish line, meet some race-day legends and stay updated on the entire day's proceedings.

COMPETITOR TRACKING

Track a competitor while they race! Just insert the bib number of the person you want to track, view live on the map where they are, and get notified of their progress along the way.

CHECK YOUR RESULTS

See your results as soon as you cross the finish line, view who won each race, and check out how your competitors went on the day.

KEY EVENT INFORMATION

Everything you need to know all in the one place.

Stay on top of what's happening! Allow notifications to receive live race-day updates.



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GETTING TO YOUR RACE

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Transport will be available to get you to the Event. Catch the train to Flinders St or Richmond Station. For more info, please visit the PTV website.



BIKES

There are a number of bicycle hoops located next to the stadium in Yarra Park. Please do not park your bike on the MCG concourse.



DROP OFF LOCATION

There are Drop & Go locations on Wellington Parade and Olympic Boulevard for those using a ride share service or are being dropped off by a friend / family member. Refer to Event Maps on pages 15 & 18.



PARKING

The closest parking will be available at Yarra Park, through Gate 5 & 6 – enter off Punt Rd. Gates open at 4am and will fill very quickly. All other gates are closed, however there are several non-ticket parking areas that surround the MCG.



ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures surrounding the MCG will affect your access to parking and surrounding areas of the Event Precinct.



SATURDAY RACE INFORMATION

SATURDAY EVENTS



SRILANKAN ARLINES
10K 3pm December 11



5K RUN
5pm December 11



3K WALK
6pm December 11

DRINK STATIONS

Drink stations will be located at a number of locations on course and at the finish line. Science in Sport is proud to fuel your 2021 Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival experience.

There will be key drink stations to help you race your best and recover faster.



10K DRINK STATIONS



5K DRINK STATIONS



3K DRINK STATIONS



SATURDAY COURSE MAP



SATURDAY EVENT MAP



SATURDAY START LINE

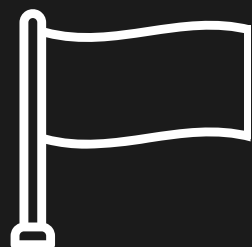
Yarra Park Path, parallel
to Jolimont Station.

CUT OFF TIME

Runner access into the
MCG closes at 8pm for
all Saturday Events.



RACE DAY ETIQUETTE



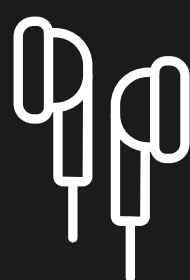
START LINE

Arrive to the Start Line at least 20 minutes prior to event start time. Be mindful of your competitors and give each other space where possible. Remember, your timing chip activates as you run through the start arch so the minutes it takes to get there won't matter!



TOILETS

Toilets are available at Yarra Park, the Start Line, on course at various Drink Stations and within the MCG. Strictly no public urination!



HEADPHONES

Running with headphones is allowed but discouraged. If you must run to music, use just one earbud and keep the volume low. You need to be aware of what's going on around you, including other competitors, marshals, and volunteers.



NOT PERMITTED

Strictly no bikes, skateboards, rollerblades/skates, scooters, or pets are permitted in any event.



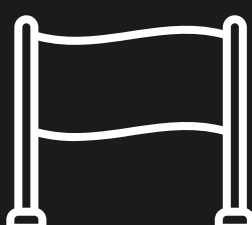
PRAMS

Prams are only permitted in the 3km Walk.



DRINK STATIONS

There is plenty of water and Science in Sport drink for everyone. Instead of diving for the first cup you see, skip the first tables, which are likely to be the most crowded. Make eye contact with the volunteer to alert them that you are going to be taking their cup. Take your drink and exit cautiously. Once finished, please put your empty cup in the dedicated bins.



FINISH LINE

Although you will want to celebrate, there will be competitors coming in right behind you so keep moving through the Finish Line. This is not the place to wait for your mate, you must follow the chute out where we will reward you with your medal!



SUNDAY RACE INFORMATION

SUNDAY EVENTS



NIKE MARATHON
6am December 12



WHEELCHAIR MARATHON
6:55am December 12



NIKE HALF MARATHON
7am December 12

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**MARATHON
DRINK STATIONS**



**HALF MARATHON
DRINK STATIONS**

PERSONAL DRINKS

3 Personal Drink Stations will be available for Full Marathoners only, who wish to provide their own refreshments at designated drink stations on course.

PERSONAL DRINK STATION LOCATIONS

11.2km, 24.5km, 37km

DROP OFF INFORMATION

DROP OFF LOCATION	OUTSIDE GATE 2 – NEAR CRICKET NETS
DROP OFF DATES	SATURDAY DECEMBER 11
DROP OFF TIMES	8AM – 2PM

SUNDAY COURSE MAP



SUNDAY EVENT MAP



SUNDAY START LINE

Batman Avenue, approximately
150m North of Rod Laver Arena.

CUT OFF TIME

Runner access into the MCG
closes at 1pm for all Sunday
Events.

Marathoners– please be aware
of the Alternate Route for those
running at a 5+ hour pace.

I'VE FINISHED, NOW WHAT?



RESULTS POWERED BY BMW i

Live results will be available from the Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival App. Results will also be published on our website within 24 hours of finishing.



PHOTOS

Marathon Photos will be snapping your on course and finish line shots. Photos will be available to view and purchase via the Marathon Photos website.

Here, you will be able to download your **Finisher's Certificate** too.



MEDALS

All competitors will receive a 2021 Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival medallion on their way out of the finish area.

Snap your **@MelbMara** medal moment and show it off via socials on **#MedalMonday** (December 13).



MITIME

MiTIME captures the final piece of your **#MelbMara** journey with a personalised memento for your well-earned medal.

The custom engraved insert of your name and race time fits perfectly on the back. All MiTIMES will be mailed out post-event week.

Haven't yet ordered one? Login to your Active account, select **"purchase merchandise"** and add MiTIME to cart!



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OFFICIAL CHARITY

The Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC) has been supporting the Melbourne Marathon for 14 years now, providing hundreds of volunteers that make the event possible. Return the support by donating or setting up a fundraising page today!

CPEC provides children specialised programs that enable them to live their lives as independently as possible. One child every 14 hours will be born with Cerebral Palsy and by helping to raise funds you can help change their lives.



ASSOCIATE CHARITIES



OUR ROAD YOUR ROAD

OUR ROAD



LIMITED
PROMOTIONAL
MATERIAL & REMOVAL
OF UNNECESSARY
PACKAGING



NEXT
GENERATION
RECYCLABLE
CUPS



STAFF &
VOLUNTEER
EDUCATION &
TRAINING ON
WASTE STREAMS



NEW DEDICATED
'GEL LITTER ZONES'
ON COURSE
PENALTIES FOR
COURSE LITTERING



SELF-SERVE
WATER BUBBLER
AT THE START LINE
& WITHIN YARRA
PARK



DIGITAL EVENT
GUIDE



DISCARDED
CLOTHING DONATED
TO CHARITY



MCG VENUE
POWERED BY
RENEWABLE SOLAR
PANELS

YOUR ROAD



TRAIN, TRAM,
BUS OR CARPOOL
TO THE EVENT



OPT TO USE
REUSABLE
PRODUCTS
I.E. KEEP CUPS



BYO BAG FOR
WARM CLOTHING
SERVICE



USE NEW
DEDICATED
'GEL LITTER ZONES'
ON COURSE



DISCARD
CLOTHING AT
START ONLY ALL
ITEMS DONATED



DISPOSE OF
WASTE IN
CORRECT
STREAMS

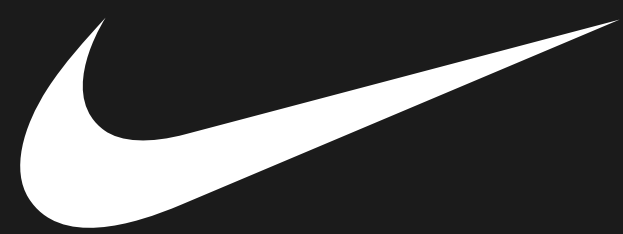


NO ON COURSE
LITTERING
PENALTIES APPLY

PARTNERS



TITLE PARTNER



PREMIUM PARTNERS



SUPPORT PARTNERS



CITY OF
MELBOURNE



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