



## THE CROWN PRIDE MELBOURNE LUNCHEON IS BACK

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**15 May 2026:** More than 350 industry leaders and business professionals will gather at Crown Melbourne on Friday 12 June for the returning Crown Pride Melbourne Luncheon, fast emerging as a major inclusion event on Melbourne's corporate calendar.

Guests will hear from an impressive line-up of speakers including **Rohit Sharan Jain (Blackstone)**, **Mitch Brown (former AFL star)**, **Dani Fraillon (Deloitte)**, **Anna Brown (CEO, Equality Australia)** and **Reuben Kaye (entertainer)**. Together, they will explore the impacts of homophobia, transphobia and discrimination - and the role workplaces, families and communities play in creating cultures of belonging.

Crown Pride Melbourne Luncheon Panellist, Mitch Brown, said: "I know what it feels like to walk into a room and think you need to edit yourself to fit in. When people can bring their whole self to work, they do their best work. This event is a chance for leaders to lean in, listen, learn, and commit to the everyday actions that make LGBTQ+ people feel seen, respected and supported."

Crown Melbourne CEO, Ed Domingo, said: "Everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued for who they are, both in the workplace and beyond it. The Crown Pride Melbourne Luncheon is an important opportunity to bring corporate Melbourne together to listen, learn and challenge ourselves to do better. It's also a reminder of Crown at its best – using our world-class hospitality to support important causes."

The luncheon will shine a light on inclusion issues that still prevail, and how workplaces can listen, learn, and create cultures where LGBTQ+ people feel valued and supported.

Guests will enjoy a curated three-course menu from Crown's chef team, alongside entertainment from Reuben Kaye, Miss Bobbee Pin, Jimi the Kween and YO! MAFIA.

Tickets are available to purchase now from [www.crownmelbourne.com.au/whats-on/pride-luncheon](http://www.crownmelbourne.com.au/whats-on/pride-luncheon) for \$250 for a single ticket and \$2,500 for a table for 10.

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### ABOUT THE CROWN MELBOURNE PRIDE LUNCHEON

The Crown Pride Melbourne Luncheon will be held at Crown Palladium on Friday 12 June, from 11:30am to 5:00pm. Designed for Melbourne's corporate community, the event is specifically targeted at C-suite leaders, decision-makers and senior management influencers. The Luncheon aims to elevate the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, providing a platform for organisations to share



insights, discuss challenges and successes, and learn from one another through open and meaningful dialogue.

The Crown Pride Melbourne Luncheon is proudly presented by Crown Pride, Encore Event Technologies, and Absolut Vodka, and is proudly supported by Pride in Diversity, Crown Resorts Foundation and Rentertainment.

## **ABOUT CROWN MELBOURNE**

Crown has been an iconic Melbourne landmark since 1994, transforming the Southbank precinct into one of Australia's most recognised and visited destinations. Nestled along the Yarra River, Crown is Melbourne's only integrated resort, offering a world class experience that attracts more than 26 million visitors annually.

Crown Melbourne's waterfront location boasts unrivalled luxury accommodation, with over 1,600 exquisitely appointed rooms across Crown Towers, Crown Metropol and Crown Promenade. Guests enjoy access to Victoria's best indoor hotel swimming pools, the award-winning Crown Spa and an exclusive retail precinct featuring designer brands and prestigious luxury outlets.

Home to an exceptional array of award-winning restaurants, including Nobu and Rockpool, alongside bars, cafes and clubs, Crown is Melbourne's ultimate entertainment destination with venues for every occasion. Marmont and Kolkata Cricket Club are new additions to the dining offering, and Victor Churchill is set to open an exquisite new bar and grill restaurant overlooking the Yarra in 2027.

Construction is underway to renovate and expand Crown Live Theatre, featuring additional seating capacity and a new balcony for pre-theatre drinks, scheduled to open later this year.

Crown Palladium Ballroom remains Australia's premiere major events destination, hosting prestigious awards and celebrations. This compliments a combined 7,350 square metres of versatile space offered by the Crown Conference Centre.

The 24-hour casino at Crown Melbourne features 540 gaming tables and over 2,600 electronic gaming machines, providing guests a wide variety of entertainment options all under the one roof.

Crown Melbourne is the state's largest single-site private employer and the largest employer of hospitality staff. The resort plays a key role in driving Melbourne's tourism sector, contributing \$1.9 billion to the local economy each year.