



Message from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne

It's my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the 38th Australian Sikh Games, the largest community-run celebration of Sikh sport and culture ever hosted in Australia.

This year promises to be truly special with more than 9,000 athletes, 550 teams and 150,000 spectators coming together across 3 days for a festival that reflects the very best of our city: diversity, generosity and community spirit.

With 17 sports, cultural showcases, art exhibitions, and more the Games just continue to grow in scale, ambition and inclusivity. We're especially excited to welcome athletes, families and visitors from all over the world to our iconic Parkville sporting precinct.

We love our Sikh community and we're so thankful for their generosity and hospitality – which will be on display over the weekend with more than 300,000 free meals served for participants and visitors. What an incredible act of service.

The Games are entirely volunteer-driven, and I want to acknowledge the dedication and leadership of everyone involved. Congratulations especially to the organising committee for their remarkable community fundraising efforts for the Royal Children's Hospital.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I wish all athletes the very best for an inspiring and memorable weekend, and a warm welcome to all our guests.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Reece." The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style.

Nicholas Reece
Lord Mayor