

# **THE** **HANGOUT** **HOBBY**

## **HOBBY HANGOUT XL - SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026**

Thank you for purchasing tickets to attend The Hobby Hangout XL Melbourne Trading Card Show. We are thrilled to welcome you and trust that you will have a great time!

**DATE:** Sunday 26 April 2026

**VENUE:** Royal Exhibition Building, 9 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC 3053

### **SHOW TIMES:**

Start Time: 10:30am // Finish: 5:30pm

10.30am entry ticket holders: Can arrive anytime throughout the scheduled event times.

1:30pm entry ticket holders – you will only have access from 1:30pm onwards.

### **VENUE MAP & FLOOR PLAN:**

This year we are excited to announce upstairs will now be open with over 150+ vendor tables and a total of 550+ vendors table throughout the venue.

Vendor listings and map can be viewed online [here](#).

Vendors and stalls are located both on the Ground Floor and upstairs on Level One of the Royal Exhibition Building.

Please note it is at each vendor's discretion as to how they accept payments. Payments can include PayPal, EFTPOS, Pay ID, cash and more.

It is recommended to have cash on hand and there will be an ATM available onsite at the Royal Exhibition Building.

### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

The Royal Exhibition Building is wheelchair accessible.

There are two levels of vendors and trading zones at Hobby Hangout XL this year - the upstairs Level One is accessible via a lift.

The closest car park at Melbourne Museum contains several accessible parking spaces on Levels P1 and P2, including pram parking. The parking spaces on Level P2 are closest to the lift.

For more information on accessibility at the Royal Exhibition Building, including parking, please visit this website: <https://museums victoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/plan-your-visit/accessibility/>

### **GIVEAWAYS:**

We'll be hosting free giveaways every hour throughout the day. All you need to do is head to our Giveaways table on Level One (upstairs) to grab a raffle ticket. Entry to participate in the giveaways is FREE.

Click [HERE](#) for giveaway table location

Giveaways include:

- Pokèmon Centre Team Rocket Briefcase
- Pokèmon Centre Fukuoka Promo Box
- Booster box of Battle Partners
- Disney Locarna Booster Packs
- + much more

### **SPECIAL GUEST AFL PLAYER SIGNINGS AND PHOTOS:**

We're excited to have three AFL legends joining us for exclusive signing and photo sessions!

Please note: Autographs and photos must be booked separately at [here](#):

### **Signing Schedule:**

- Nick Watson: 1.30pm
- Zach Merrett: 1.30pm
- Josh Weddle: 1.30pm

Signings will take place on Level One (upstairs) - Click [HERE](#) for the map and location of the AFL signings.

### **STAGE PROGRAM**

Don't miss our presentations and stage throughout the day!

Click [here](#) for stage location

- **12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
Live Podcast with Jonathan Marin (TCG Grading)  
Hosted by *You Can't Comp This*
- **3:00pm – 3:30pm**  
Grading 101  
With Tanika from TCG Grading

+ More to be announced.

**RECHARGE ZONE:**

The Recharge Zone is located on Level One in the Theatre – here you can play free video games on classic consoles, charge your phone, relax and rip open some packs.

Click [here](#) for location.

**POKÈMON FREE PLAY // TOURNAMENT:**

Brought to you by our friends, [Luna Cards](#).

Join Luna Cards on Level One for Learn to Play and Pokèmon Tournaments!

Tournament registration is free – [Sign up here](#)

Learn to play registration is free – [Sign up here](#)

**MAGIC THE GATHERING DRAFT:**

Brought to you by our friends, [Plenty Of Games and Cozy Magic Club](#)

Sign up [here](#) for FREE Magic The Gathering Drafts throughout to the day. Spaces are limited.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES:**

Food and beverages will be available for purchase:

- **Food Trucks** located outside the venue in the eastern forecourt (near the Entry)
- Cash and EFTPOS are both accepted

Outdoor seating is provided to enjoy your food and beverages.

**TICKETS:**

Please bring your tickets in hard copy/printed or show them on your phone.

If you can't find your tickets, please contact [andrew@thehobbyhangout.com.au](mailto:andrew@thehobbyhangout.com.au)

**TRADING ZONES:**

We have designated trading areas with tables and chairs where you can meet and trade cards with other collectors. Refer to [map](#) for location

**ATM:**

Yes, there are ATMs available inside the venue. However, we recommend bringing cash as ATM queues can get long during peak hours. The ATM's will be located on [Level One](#).

**GETTING TO THE VENUE:**

The Royal Exhibition Building is easily accessible by:

- **Tram:** Routes 86 and 96 stop directly outside
- **Train:** Parliament Station is a 10-minute walk
- **Car:** Paid parking is available at nearby streets and parking lots – the closest paid parking is located under Melbourne Museum. Enter via Rathdowne Street or Nicholson Street.

[Click here for more information on parking](#)

- **Bus:** Several routes service Carlton and surrounding areas

For more information on getting to the Royal Exhibition Building and parking, please visit the website: <https://museums victoria.com.au/reb/plan-your-visit/getting-here-and-parking/>

**CHILDREN UNDER 12:**

All attendees under 12 must be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times. Entry is free for children under 12.

**RE-ENTRY POLICY**

**Pass-outs are available** - you're welcome to leave and return to the venue during event hours, please ensure you keep your wristband on. Wristbands are not transferable.

**CONTACT**

Please contact us should you have any further questions via email: [andrew@thehobbyhangout.com.au](mailto:andrew@thehobbyhangout.com.au)

*We can't wait to see you at Hobby Hangout XL! Get ready for an amazing day of trading, collecting, and connecting with fellow enthusiasts.*