

MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO – PLAN YOUR VISIT NOW



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Melbourne Open House is on in one week on the Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of July, providing Melbournians with a once a year opportunity to see inside, on top of and under some of the city's most loved and well known buildings.

MOH spokesperson Robert Larocca said this years program will feature 60+ buildings open free to the public and that as the event was almost twice the size of last years it was important to plan your visit now.

"Melbournians love their city but they don't often get the chance to see inside some of their most loved buildings. Melbourne Open House gives them that opportunity and judging by the reaction so far attendees will be amazed by the variety of what is open.

"The few sites that required pre-booking are already fully booked but with 57 other buildings open there is plenty to see.

"This year buildings will be open in the CBD, Docklands, South Yarra, Richmond and Carlton - catching a tram will be the best way to get around.

A few highlights of the event include:

- Two centuries of Melbourne's architectural history in one street – Collins Street
- Seven places of worship are a tour on their own and it is a tour well worth doing.
- The Victoria Police Mounted Branch stables, riding school and drill hall
- The ANZ Gothic Bank and 6 Star ANZ Centre
- A range of residential buildings
- 131-141 Queen Street, the scene of the Great Bookie Robbery
- The Block Arcade including normally closed upper floors
- The Russell Place underground substation and JA Substation
- The old High Court building
- A range of 'green roofs'

"Last year there were over 50,000 visits to the 32 open buildings. By running the event over two days we hope to give many more Melbournians the chance to be a tourist in their own town again.

"Opening times do vary and with so many choices visitors need to plan their weekend now," Mr Larocca concluded.

- A full program can be purchased from Metlink office at Melbourne Town Hall or the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square for \$5
- An iPhone app can be downloaded from melbourneopenhouse.com.au
- A childrens Junior Detective pass is available for free at the Metlink office at Melbourne Town Hall

An initiative of the Committee for Melbourne in its third year, Melbourne Open House showcases Melbourne's unique architecture and urban realm and is part of The Victorian Government's State of Design Festival.

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