

Make the most of MOH as a Volunteers in 2011



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Melbourne Open House is returning in 2011 and is calling for volunteers to help with the free event on July 30 and 31.

Melbourne Open House showcases Melbourne's unique architectural heritage and fosters an appreciation and understanding of the value of contemporary, historic and sustainable architecture and urban design.

Spokesperson Robert Larocca said that without volunteers the event simply wouldn't be possible.

"Melbourne Open House would be impossible without the assistance of the 500 volunteers required.

"The event was established by volunteers and in recognition of that we have established a Volunteers Council to provide guidance and assistance to the most important component of the event outside the buildings.

Vanessa Chow spokesperson for the Volunteers Council said that volunteers came from a wide range of backgrounds; some architects, design students, history buffs and many people who want to help because they love Melbourne.

"Having knowledge of the buildings and their history is a help but not a necessity as training is provided.

"Being a volunteer is a great way to enjoy the weekend and to help make the event a success. The bonus is head of the queue access to most buildings after your shift." Vanessa Chow concluded.

It's simple to nominate as a volunteer – just visit melbourneopenhouse.org and register under 'volunteer'.

Melbourne Open House is part of the 2011 *State of Design* Festival, which takes place between July 20 – 31.

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