

# Declare your love for Melbourne in seven days...



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In one week, the city will be filled with thousands of people looking inside, under and on top of 75 of the city's most unique and popular architectural treasures as part of Melbourne Open House weekend.

Melbourne Open House is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and will be held on July 30 and 31, 10am-4pm both days.

MOH Spokesperson, Robert Larocca, said that with only 7 days to go it was critical to prepare for the event.

"To prepare for the day people need to visit the website, order the program online or pick it up from the Metlink office at Melbourne Town Hall or the Information Centre at Fed Square from 26 July.

"Over the weekend people can choose from highlights such as;

- Walking in the shoes of your sports stars at the MCG, AMMI and Etihad Stadiums;
- Spending a day in 19th century Melbourne visiting LaTrobe's Cottage, Donkey Wheel House, ANZ Gothic Bank, Tasma Terrace and the Old Treasury Building;
- View the city from its first Skyscraper, Orica House;
- Visit the architecture and design studios and see where buildings are designed;
- Spend the day underground at the Russell Place Substation and the Royal Melbourne Hospital Tunnels;
- Or a day in more modern sustainable buildings including Council House 2, Pixel Building and the ANZ Centre.

"This is the only weekend in the year when you can see the very best and most loved buildings in the city for free."

"No matter what your interest you need to think and plan ahead. And when you plan your trip the best way to get around is by tram, by foot or jump on a Melbourne Bike Share bicycle," Robert Larocca concluded.

The program can be pre ordered online and is available from the July 26 from [www.melbourneopenhouse.org](http://www.melbourneopenhouse.org) or you can purchase from the Metlink office at Melbourne Town Hall or the Information Centre at Fed Square.

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

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MOH Ambassador, **Peter Maddison** and the global Director of Open Houses Worldwide, Victoria Thornton, are also available for interviews

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