

# 2 weeks to go till Melbourne Open House



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Its time to prepare for Melbourne Open House, a free program to see inside, under and on top of 75 of the cities most unique and popular architectural treasures.

In its fourth year Melbourne Open House is on July 30 and 31. The event includes the very best and most loved buildings from the boom time 1880s marvelous Melbourne through to contemporary Melbourne of today.

MOH Spokesperson, Robert Larocca, said that it was critical to prepare for the event.

"This is a special opportunity, the majority of the sites are only open to those attending Melbourne Open House.

"With 75 site open you need to make some choices about what ones you will go an see. Opening times and access arrangements differ so planning ahead is important.

"You could choose a theme, for instance:

- Green buildings
- Places of worship
- Melbourne's theatrical spaces
- Historic buildings
- Sporting stadiums
- Gardens in the sky
- Underground places to explore

"There are six buildings that allow a limited numbers of visitors, Federation Square, Manchester Unity, NGV, Newman College, the Johnston Collection and Triptych. People who would like to see inside them need to enter a ballot by 20 July.

"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 25 from [www.melbourneopenhouse.org](http://www.melbourneopenhouse.org) and 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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