



## #STORIESOFTHECITY

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# STORIES OF THE CITY



# OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE WEEKEND RUNS ACROSS SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025.

SOME PROGRAMS WILL ALSO BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 25 JULY.

Across Melbourne, every building, street and public place tells a unique story. Open House Melbourne invites you to explore the layers of urban life through stories of architecture, culture and community.

This year’s festival will present a program of building openings, tours, talks and events that illuminate stories that are overlooked in everyday life. Gain insights into how good design plays a significant role in addressing the critical issues that are shaping Melbourne’s form, future and identity.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our programming exists on what always was and always will be the land of the people of the Kulin Nation.

We pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging, as well as to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the wider Naarm Melbourne community and beyond.

Sovereignty has never been ceded in Australia and we are mindful of this in everything we do, given our focus on the built environment.

## STORIES OF THE CITY

Celebrating this year's theme, the following curated quotes have been gathered from users and followers online.

📍 Open Access

📍 Bookings Required

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The story of Open House Melbourne is a tale of a great idea that has grown to become a hotly anticipated event on our cultural and events calendar.

This year delivers once again, giving us free and exclusive access to some of Melbourne's most iconic buildings and hidden spaces, and unlocking the secret histories and stories they hold.

Packed with opportunities to explore buildings, take tours, hear talks and see exhibitions, this year's program features several firsts, with some of the city's biggest and most prominent building projects opening to the public for the first time. Open House also has inclusion at its heart, with a new access map, highlighting mobilityfriendly and neurodiverse-considerate sites.

Set your eyes on the new veloway on the West Gate Tunnel Project, or sneak a peek at Port Phillip's new EcoCentre.

You can also trace the development and evolution of the Melbourne Arts Precinct through a self-guided tour and visit iconic buildings and sites like Fed Square, Melbourne Recital Centre and the Southbank Theatre.

Open House Melbourne is not just about bricks and mortar, it's also a chance to learn about the activity, and people, that inhabit these spaces. This year's program takes us into the workspaces of some of the city's most celebrated street artists, including the studios of Rone + Callum Preston, The Blender Studios in West Melbourne and Everfresh Studio in Collingwood.

Design is a major contributor to Victoria's \$40.5 billion creative industries and this is an event that highlights the role design plays in shaping cities – and all of our lives. What's more, Open House Melbourne gives us another reason to get out and about this winter, bringing people and activity to the city and a boost to local businesses.

The Victorian Government is proud to support Open House Melbourne, with more than 190 buildings and experiences on offer, there are so many stories to explore.



The Hon. Colin Brooks MP  
Minister for Creative Industries



## 'STORIES OF THE CITY'

Across hundreds of metropolitan locations, Open House Melbourne celebrates the unique character, quality and personality of our city's architecture and built environment.

In 2025, we're once again throwing open doors across Melbourne—inviting you to discover and experience the stories that shape this remarkable city.

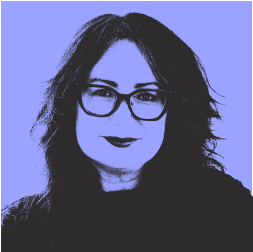
This year our theme is *Stories of the City*. In Melbourne, every building, street and public place tells a unique story. Shaped by its transformation over time and the diverse communities that live here, our city is more than just bricks and mortar—it's about people and place. The stories of our city are embedded in its urban landscapes and the people who live, work and play here.

Join us as Melbourne shares stories both personal and collective—stories that explore our heritage and look to our future. Stories of Country, migration, innovation, resilience and community. This year's program invites you to explore the layers of urban life through stories of architecture, culture and community and reflect on the powerful relationship between built form and lived experience.

*Stories of the City*, invites us to look closer, listen more deeply and consider the many layers that make Melbourne what it is today. From the iconic to the everyday, from the visible to the hidden, every corner of the city holds a story worth discovering. Once you've experienced Melbourne's stories, you'll never look at the city in the same way again.

This weekend is your invitation to experience these stories firsthand—through the voices of the architects and designers, custodians, historians and communities who bring these places to life.

I hope this weekend sparks curiosity, conversation and a deeper sense of connection to this wonderful place we call home.



Tania Davidge  
Executive Director & Chief Curator,  
Open House Melbourne

# ITINERARIES ONLINE

Discover the city like never before with our specially curated Open House Melbourne Weekend itineraries. These self-guided routes are designed to help you explore the program with ease, offering inspiration and direction across key precincts including the City of Melbourne, Melbourne Arts Precinct, and the cities of Port Phillip, Yarra, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, and Stonnington.

Whether you're an architecture enthusiast, curious local, or first-time visitor, there's an itinerary to suit your interests. From iconic landmarks to hidden gems, each route offers a unique lens on Melbourne's built environment.

For families, the *Family Itinerary* highlights engaging, accessible spaces perfect for curious young minds. The *Heritage Itinerary* delves into the city's rich historical layers—ideal for history lovers and heritage buffs alike.

Let Open House Melbourne be your guide to a memorable weekend of discovery.

📍 Both Open Access + Bookings Required

📍 Victorian Heritage Register

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WEEKEND

### INFO HUB

Find the Open House Melbourne Info Hub in front of the Melbourne Town Hall, with friendly volunteer guides in one central location.

### INFO HUB OPEN HOURS

Friday 18 July–Friday 25 July  
11am–7pm (pre event)  
Saturday 2 July 9am–6pm  
Sunday 27 July 9am–5pm

### ENTRY TYPES

📍 Open access sites and tours – no bookings required. Capacities may be limited so please be prepared to wait until it's your turn. Open access tours operate on a first-come, first served basis. Refer to the website for details.

📍 Booked events – bookings are required for limited capacity or timed tours/programs. A \$7 booking fee applies. Refer to the website for details.

Self-guided tours – the program includes many self-guided options. Visit the Info Hub for maps or the website for downloadable PDFs.

📍 Some programs include both open access and pre-booked components.

📍 Victorian Heritage Register – Explore buildings and objects that are included in the Victorian Heritage Register.

Visit the website for more information  
[openhousemelbourne.org](https://openhousemelbourne.org)

### BOOKING FEE

A booking fee of \$7 applies to tickets for some limited capacity or limited tours/programs, excluding Designing with Country and the Heritage Address. Refer to the website for details.

### WAIT TIMES

Some sites can only accommodate limited numbers at a time, or they may be very popular. Wait times can vary, please check with our friendly volunteers.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Some venues have limited access for wheelchairs and those with mobility requirements. Refer to the website for site specific details or contact Open House Melbourne with any questions via [info@ohm.org.au](mailto:info@ohm.org.au). See the new Access Map.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

There may be restrictions, or no photography allowed at some sites. Please follow the instructions provided by the venue staff and volunteers.

### OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age requirements apply to some sites/tours/events. Other entry conditions apply in some cases for safety reasons. This may include specific clothing requirements or necessary bag checks. Please refer to the website and follow the instructions of building staff and volunteers.

### TRANSPORT

We encourage visitors to walk, roll, cycle and use public transport where possible when participating in the Weekend. Head to [ptv.vic.gov.au/journey](https://ptv.vic.gov.au/journey) to plan your journey.

### WEBSITE + SOCIAL MEDIA

Across the Weekend, we'll be using social media to update on queues, navigational tips and to respond to your questions.

We encourage you to post your own updates, share photos and connect with us. Tag us with #OpenHouseMelbourne #storiesofthecity

Facebook: @openhousemelbourne  
Instagram: @openhousemelb

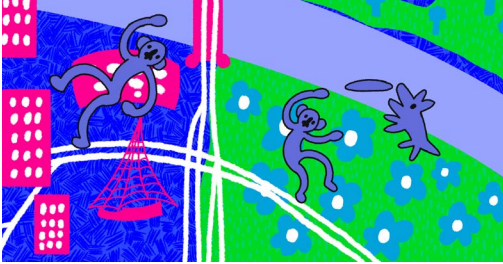
### VOLUNTEERS

Over 500 volunteers generously give their time to help you experience the Weekend. Volunteers are there to assist you with information about how to access buildings, what amenities are nearby and to answer general enquiries. Look for the bright pink vests and friendly smiles!

📍 Open Access

📍 Bookings Required

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## DESIGNING WITH COUNTRY

The Edge, Fed Square  
Wednesday 23 July, 6-7.30pm  
Free, bookings required

The notion of Country is fundamental to Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and designing. Yet the question remains: what is Country? How do diverse Indigenous communities across Australia define and relate to it? This year's Designing with Country discussion invites you to explore these questions with RMIT's Yulendj Weelam Lab and leading Indigenous thinkers.

*Presented in partnership with City of Melbourne and Fed Square.*



## MODERN MELBOURNE PREMIERE: GREG BURGESS

ACMI Cinema 2  
Sunday 27 July, 3.30-5pm  
\$7, bookings required

Modern Melbourne is a series that documents the extraordinary practice of our most important architects and designers and looks at their lasting impact on Melbourne.

In this episode, Greg Burgess, a unique figure in Australian architecture, reflects on his community-focused approach to design and how he has used architecture to foster relationships with clients, communities and Country to create spaces full of meaning and spirit. In conversation with Dr Peter Raisbeck at Eltham Library, Greg reveals how he has consistently championed this approach, producing work noted for its complex geometries, innovative materials and deep cultural insights.

*Presented by Open House Melbourne in partnership with the Heritage Council of Victoria.*



## HERITAGE STORIES OF THE CITY: SALLY CAPP AND EDDIE BUTLER-BOWDON

The Capitol, RMIT  
Monday 28 July, 6.30-8pm  
Free, bookings required

Join former Lord Mayor Sally Capp and curator Eddie Butler-Bowdon from the City of Melbourne's Art and Heritage Collection for a captivating conversation that lifts the lid on Melbourne's hidden stories. Through their favourite artefacts from the vast collection, Sally and Eddie will share surprising, quirky, and powerful tales that have shaped the city—from political power moves to artistic revolutions.

This is a rare peek behind the scenes of Melbourne's cultural treasure trove, where every object has a story waiting to be told. Don't miss this unique instalment of the Heritage Address—an evening of civic history, personal insight, and heritage secrets only the city's archives can reveal.

*The Heritage Address is presented by Open House Melbourne in partnership with the Heritage Council of Victoria.*

📍 Both Open Access + Bookings Required

📍 Victorian Heritage Register

## ACCESS MAP

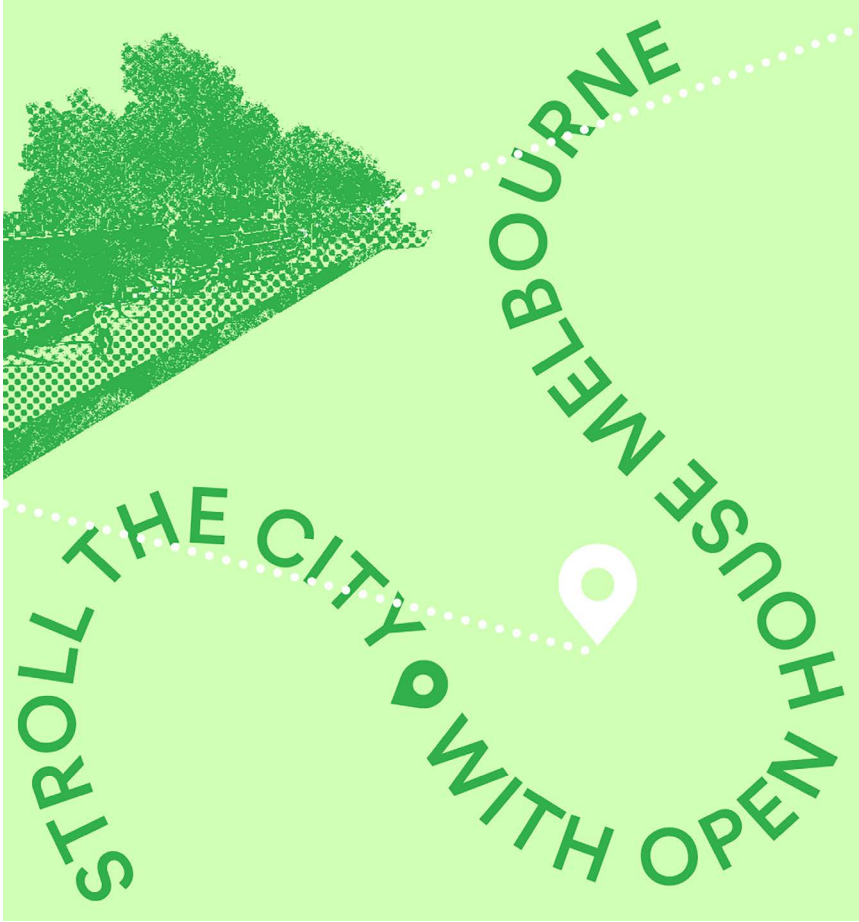
Discover our new Access Map, created with Maptivate, featuring mobility-friendly and neurodiverse-considerate sites. Explore exemplars from our Open Access program and find nearby amenities to support visitors with access needs and carers throughout the Weekend.



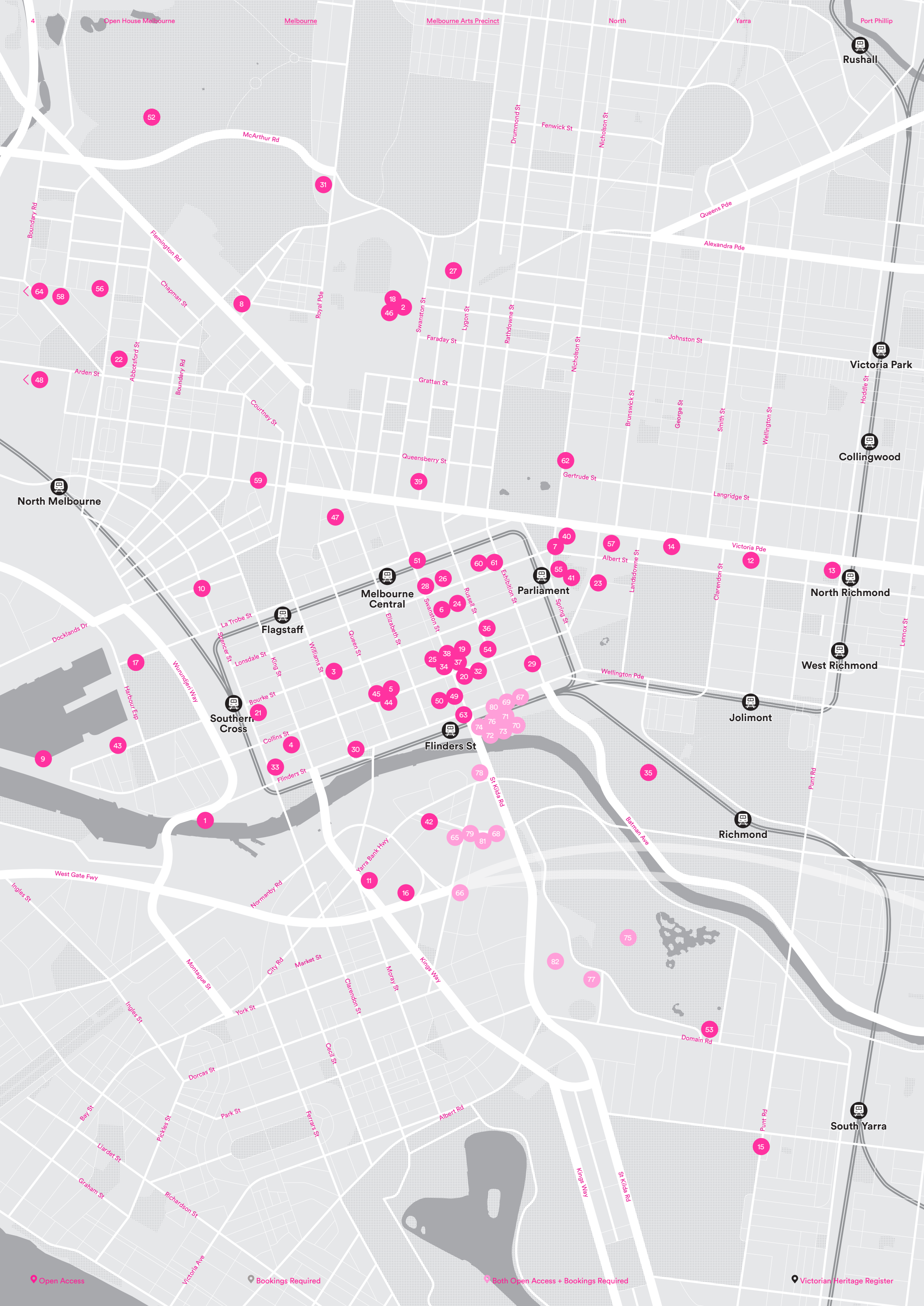
## STROLL THE CITY—CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Stroll the City invites you to wind your way through Melbourne's city streets, laneways, buildings and parklands with cultural leaders and industry experts as they uncover its hidden gems and share insights into our ever-evolving built environment. This self-guided, interactive audio map invites you to learn about the successes, challenges and opportunities for our city in the past, present and future.

In the latest edition of Stroll the City, dive into the evolution and development of the Melbourne Arts Precinct. Join Open House Melbourne's Executive Director and architect Tania Davidge along with special guests as they share with you the architectural characteristics that have shaped this pocket of our city, and the significant project underway which will transform this iconic cultural precinct.









# CITY OF MELBOURNE


- 1 HOTEL MELBOURNE & SEAFARERS REST: THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF GOODS SHED NO.5**  
**Riverlee**  
11 Maritime Pl, Docklands VIC 3005  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




Explore Melbourne's new waterfront destination on a self-guided tour of the Seafarers precinct. Visit Seafarers Rest, a landscaped riverside park, and step inside the heritage-listed Goods Shed No.5—one of the Yarra's last remaining cargo sheds. Visit the luxury, sustainability-focused 1 Hotel and public art by First Nations and contemporary artists.
- 2 65,000 YEARS: A SHORT HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN ART**  
**Potter Museum of Art**  
Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne, Corner Swanston St and Masson Rd, Parkville VIC 3010  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July




Come visit the newly re-opened Potter Museum of Art complete with an extension designed by Wood Marsh Architects. The opening exhibition 65000 Years: A Short History of Australian Art celebrates the brilliance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art while confronting the dark heart of Australia's colonial history.
- 3 500 BOURKE STREET RETROFIT BUILDING TOUR**  
**FK + ISPT**  
500 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July




In 2019, architecture firm FK was engaged by ISPT to retrofit 500 Bourke Street into an industry-leading carbon-neutral operational workplace. Join for an informal and intimate fireside chat with Nicky Drobis from FK and Nicole Ward from ISPT on Friday or a guided building tour on Saturday.
- 4 555 COLLINS STREET**  
**Charter Hall**  
555 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July




555 Collins Street is a workplace, designed with the ambition of creating a new work-life destination that responds to the needs of the people using it. Join for a tour of the building's amenities, including end-of-trip facilities, wellness centre, business hub and more.
- 5 ANZ'S GOTHIC BANK AND VERDON CHAMBERS**  
**ANZ Banking Group**  
388 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Sunday 27 July




The Gothic Bank first opened in 1887 and is considered one of the finest examples of Gothic-Revival architecture in Australia. Take a self-guided tour of the ANZ Banking Museum inside or join a guided tour of the Verdon Chambers above.
- 6 BAG HOUSE UNPACKED: EXPLORE CRUMPLER'S NEW WORKSHOP & HQ**  
**Six Degrees Architects**  
Level 1, 1 Globe Alley (off Lt Bourke St), Melbourne VIC 3000  
Sunday 27 July




Join Crumpler director Dave Roper and Six Degrees director Simon O'Brien for a behind-the-scenes tour of Bag House, Crumpler's new workshop and design HQ. Explore the creative space where ideas become prototypes, see Crumpler bags take shape and discover how a heritage building was reimaged for modern manufacturing.
- 7 BATES SMART GALLERY: COLLECTIVE NARRATIVES OF MELBOURNE**  
**Bates Smart**  
Bates Smart Gallery, Ground Floor (entry via Albert St), 1 Nicholson St, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




To celebrate this year's theme, Open House Melbourne + Bates Smart are inviting you to share your. Visitors are invited to come and contribute a unique story to our interactive installation. Collectively, these stories will be pinned up to form a special exhibition in the Bates Smart Gallery.
- 8 BIO21 MOLECULAR SCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**  
**Bio21 Molecular Science and Biotechnology Institute The University of Melbourne**  
David Penington Building, 30 Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052  
Sunday 27 July



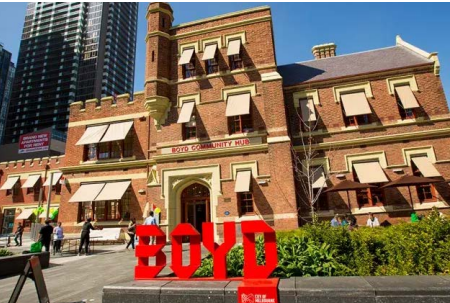
Learn about the Bio21 Institute's research and explore the award-winning David Penington building. Join us for a free interactive exhibition of various research projects led by our scientists or take one of our public tours of the buildings and grounds.
- 9 BIRRARUNG FLOATING WETLANDS**  
**City of Melbourne**  
Library at the Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Prom, Docklands VIC 3009  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




Two years after their installation the Floating Wetlands along the Yarra River continue to support urban biodiversity and enhance Melbourne's River health. Join the Greenre team ecologists and wetland specialists for an interactive tour highlighting how the wetlands were designed installed and maintained.
- 10 BLENDER STUDIOS**  
**The Blender Studios**  
400 Spencer St, West Melbourne VIC 3003  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




Blender Studios is a renowned art complex that currently hosts 20+ resident artists. Guests will be invited into our beautiful Dark Horse Experiment gallery to see incredible artwork and projects. Our studios will also be open for a behind-the-scenes peek at the creative process.
- 11 BOYD COMMUNITY HUB**  
**City of Melbourne**  
207 City Rd, Southbank VIC 3006  
Sunday 27 July




"THANK YOU BOYD COMMUNITY FOR BEING MY SAFE HAVEN! EVERY TIME I STRUGGLE WITH MY STUDIES, I COME HERE AND SPEND FEW HOURS... AND REALLY GET THINGS DONE! ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTHBANK ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH PLACE"
- 12 BREW TOWER MUSEUM AT TRIBECA**  
**TribeCa Apartments**  
412 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July




Dating back to 1854 the Brew Tower Museum is the most significant and longest surviving brewery complex in Victoria. With the museum spread over three levels of the original tower, visitors are invited to learn more about the building's brewing history in a self-guided tour.
- 13 CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE**  
**Woods Bagot**  
576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July




In 2012, the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Catholic Education Office and Woods Bagot adapted the historic St John's Evangelist School site to become a Professional Learning Centre for teachers and principals. Hear more about the design narrative, the 2012 redevelopment and how the design facilitates learning and collaboration.
- 14 CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**  
**Catholic Theological College**  
278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July




Take a self-guided tour of the Catholic Theological College to learn more about its two buildings. The original bluestone building was built in 1871 and designed by William Wardell. The new building was designed by Gregory Burgess, who will be there on the day to engage with visitors.
- 15 CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**MEMORIAL HALL**  
**Mclodowie Partners**  
Toorak Rd West & Punt Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141  
Saturday 26 July



Explore the beautiful Christ Church Grammar School Memorial Hall and see how the 1920s Gothic Revival space has been restored and modernised. Architects will be on hand to answer questions and share insights into the unique features of the space and how the design evolved.
- 16 CITYLINK CONTROL ROOM**  
**Transurban**  
49 Balston St, Southbank VIC 3006  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



The CityLink Traffic Control Room plays a critical role in keeping motorists safe. Thanks to technology, our officers can dispatch crews to arrive at an incident in as little as a few minutes. See the room in action and learn about the technology used to monitor 45 kilometres of road.
- 17 CURATED BY CRAFT: HOME DOCKLANDS PUBLIC ART COLLECTION**  
**Craft Victoria**  
685 La Trobe St, Docklands VIC 3008  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



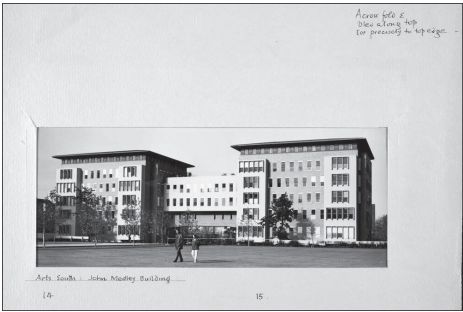
Discover the Home Docklands Public Art Collection, curated by Craft, with five new major artwork commissions installed on site. Experience the artworks (digital map provided), or book a tour to uncover further insights. Tours will be led by Craft's experienced curatorial team in partnership with Home Apartments.
- Open Access Bookings Required Both Open Access + Bookings Required Victorian Heritage Register



# CITY OF MELBOURNE

## 18 DEMOLITION HISTORIES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

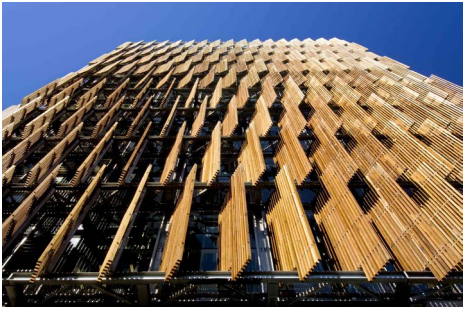
**ACAN Australia**  
University of Melbourne Parkville Campus,  
Parkville VIC 3010  
Sunday 27 July



The University of Melbourne Parkville Campus has a history of cycles of demolition rebuilding and demolition. Join a walking tour to learn about what has been demolished in the past what is about to be demolished and how the future campus may look.

## 19 DESIGN EXCELLENCE GUIDED TOUR

**City of Melbourne**  
Melbourne Town Hall, 90/130 Swanston St,  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



Come on a guided tour of notable projects that demonstrate design excellence in contemporary architecture, urban design and landscape architecture. Selected by members of Council's City Design team, this guided 90-minute walk highlights both public and private projects that have contributed to Melbourne's unique urban culture.

## 20 DESIGN EXCELLENCE POCKET BOOK—SELF-GUIDED TOUR

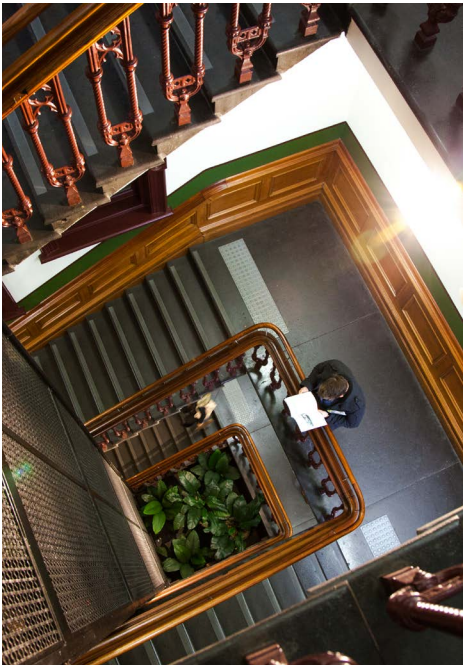
**City of Melbourne**  
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Explore a selection of projects that demonstrate design excellence in the City of Melbourne. Selected by members of Council's City Design team, this self-guided tour encompasses heritage preservation, contemporary architecture, landscape architecture and street activation.

## 21 DONKEY WHEEL HOUSE—A RENAISSANCE

**Impact Neighbourhoods International Pty Ltd & Donkey Wheel Ltd**  
673 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Once the proud headquarters of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Donkey Wheel House was designed in 1891 in a striking Venetian Gothic style. Join us for short heritage tours exploring the building's architectural gems and colourful past, culminating in its catacomb-style basement. Outside in celebration of Donkey Wheel House's renaissance, enjoy live performances by theatre and dance collectives.

## 22 DOUBLE BRICK: REFLECTIONS ON HOUSING WITH EMAGN

**EmAGN VIC (Emerging Architects and Graduate Network)**  
Meet at the corner of O'Shanassy & Abbotsford Sts,  
North Melbourne VIC 3051  
Saturday 26 July



Double Brick: Reflections on Housing with EmAGN explores the architectural and urban design legacy of mid-century multi-residential housing in inner-urban Melbourne. Guided by architects and urban designers this walking tour will explore an array of distinctive architectural housing projects in Melbourne's inner north.

## 23 GERMAN LUTHERAN TRINITY CHURCH

**German Lutheran Trinity Church**  
22 Parliament Pl, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July



## “A GREAT GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY AND A VERY BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. MUST NOT BE MISSED ON ANY TOUR.”

Originally built in 1860 the German Lutheran Trinity Church inspired by the Gothic Revival movement was built using bluestone. Visitors will receive a self-guided tour flyer and can also approach volunteers from the church and archive for any questions. There will be information boards detailing the history of the church on display. Additionally on Saturday from 4pm our Christmas in July market will take place in the courtyard.

## 24 GOSPEL HALL MELBOURNE

**Gospel Hall Melbourne**  
196 Little Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



Gospel Hall Melbourne was established in 1872 during the Victoria Gold Rush era and was funded, built, owned and operated by the Chinese people living in Melbourne. Come explore the church, chat to our volunteers and discover spaces and historical items you may not have previously seen.

## 25 HERITAGE STORIES OF THE CITY WITH SALLY CAPP AND EDDIE BUTLER-BOWDON

**Open House Melbourne x Heritage Council of Victoria**

The Capitol, 113 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Monday 28 July



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## 26 HIDDEN STORIES OF THE QUEEN VICTORIA WOMEN'S CENTRE

**Queen Victoria Women's Centre**  
210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Located in what was formerly Melbourne's hospital for women and children, the QVWC was established in 1994 and currently houses organisations supporting women and social justice causes. Don't miss the exhibition Home by Therese Eberl and artist talk, a Kids Creative Corner and First Nations Weaving Workshop, or join a guided tour.

## 27 KETT OPTOMETRY MUSEUM OF THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

**The Kett Optometry Museum of the Australian College of Optometry (ACO)**  
374 Cardigan St, Carlton VIC 3053  
Saturday 26 July



The Kett Optometry Museum at the Australian College of Optometry tells the story of the historical development of optometry. Join a self-guided tour and be introduced to individuals who pioneered optometry in Melbourne. See a collection of historic spectacles a recreated 1930s optometrist's consulting room and early clinical equipment.

## 28 LEGACY HOUSE

**Melbourne Legacy**  
293 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



Explore Legacy House via a special audio-visual presentation created exclusively for the event. This display features remarkable stories from families supported by Legacy and offers a moving insight into the organisation's enduring impact.

## 29 LIVING MOMENTS: BUILDINGS THAT EVOLVE

**Australian Institute of Architects & Sustainable Architecture Committee (SAC)**

Level 2, 41 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Friday 25 July



As cities grapple with growing challenges, adaptive reuse is emerging as a powerful way to reshape our built environment sustainably, creatively and inclusively. Join a panel of experts in architecture, planning, heritage, academia, and community engagement to hear how thoughtful reuse can create new futures for the cities we love.

## 30 MAKING MELBOURNE: IMMIGRATION MUSEUM AND CUSTOMS HOUSE TOUR

**Museums Victoria**  
400 Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



## “THIS IS A HIDDEN GEM IN MELBOURNE! I TRULY BELIEVE THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE MUSEUM.”

Embark on a 150-year journey exploring the influence of Customs House (home of the Immigration Museum) on Victoria's past, present and future. Learn this building's impact on First Peoples and migrants, and how its unique architecture has shaped and reflected Australian culture and values across time.

## 31 MAR THOMA CHURCH (COLLEGE CHURCH)

**RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants**  
149 Royal Pde, Parkville VIC 3052  
Saturday 26 July



Completed in 1898, College Church originally featured a unique limestone crown and lantern, which was dismantled in the 1980s for safety reasons. RBA and OC Stone will discuss the techniques and craftsmanship used to reconstruct the tower's limestone crown and lantern to match its original 46 pieces.

## 32 MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM LIBRARY: A HIDDEN GEM

**Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated**  
L1, 188 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



One of Melbourne's three oldest cultural institutions Melbourne Athenaeum Library is a haven in the CBD that offers the latest in literature in a historic space. Take a self-guided tour of the Library's historic features including artwork and other items. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions.

## 33 MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE: A VENUE BUILT ON IDEAS

**Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre**  
Shed Cafe 2 Clarendon St, South Wharf VIC 3006  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Discover the unique architecture and vibrant history of Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in this immersive guided tour. Explore how Melbourne's rich story has shaped its innovative design and details. This tour is perfect for architecture enthusiasts, history buffs and anyone curious about Melbourne's iconic event spaces.

## 34 MELBOURNE LANEWAYS POCKET BOOK

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Take an unexpected journey on foot through Melbourne's CBD with this self-guided tour that will lead you down secret paths, laneways and arcades, for a quintessentially Melbourne experience. Download or collect a map to explore sites across the central city over the weekend and after.

## 35 MELBOURNE PARK

**Melbourne Park**  
Melbourne Park Olympic Blvd, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of Melbourne Park! Receive the rockstar treatment at Margaret Court Arena then step into the shoes of your favourite Matilda Soccerro NRL and A-league stars at AAMI Park. Tours will be conducted by Melbourne Park team members.

## 36 MELBOURNE PLACE HOTEL

**Kennedy Nolan**  
130 Russell St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Sunday 27 July



Melbourne Place Hotel is a new independent hotel. Featuring fully integrated interiors in a new building by Kennedy Nolan, its design identity draws on the architectural and cultural identity of Melbourne. Take an all-access tour through the rooms, event spaces, penthouse suites, and restaurant with the architectural team from Kennedy Nolan.

## 37 MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

**City of Melbourne**  
Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building 90-120  
Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



## “WE HELD OUR WEDDING CEREMONY HERE ON THE PORTICO BALCONY AND WOW!”

Walk through one of Melbourne's most iconic buildings with a professional tour guide. Hear stories about the Yarra Room—originally the Council Chamber—and the Melbourne Room where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was entertained during her visit in 1954. Don't miss the Grand Organ dating back to 1929 in the Auditorium!

## 38 MELBOURNE TOWN HALL: ART AND HERITAGE COLLECTION STORE

**City of Melbourne**  
Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building 90-130  
Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



The City of Melbourne Art and Heritage Collection contains over 13000 artworks and artefacts. Join us for a free guided tour through the collection at the historic Melbourne Town Hall and discover the hidden cultural treasures that connect us to the narratives that have shaped Melbourne's evolving identity.

## 39 OPENING THE DOOR TO MELBOURNE'S HOMES OF THE FUTURE

**Design Matters National**  
Building 94 23/27 Cardigan St, Carlton VIC 3053  
Friday 25 July



In 2024 Australia's most progressive building designers, architects and energy efficiency assessors were asked to save our planet through design. This year, take the chance to discover some of the winning entries and engage in a conversation around meeting the challenge of creating homes of the future.

## 40 ORICA HOUSE

**Bates Smart**  
1 Nicholson St, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Completed in 1958, Orica House is considered Australia's first skyscraper. Take a guided tour of Orica House by Bates Smart staff. During the tour, we will touch on modernist principles that contribute to the design of Orica House along with the historical significance of building.

## 41 PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

**Parliament of Victoria**  
Parliament House Spring St, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Take a guided tour of Parliament House to learn about this historic building, built from 1856-1879, and the role of Parliament. Move through the Legislative Chambers, explore the grand Queen's Hall, admire the portraits of past Premiers and discover the Parliamentary Library holding more than 50,000 books and reports.

## 42 PLAY SPACES POCKET BOOK

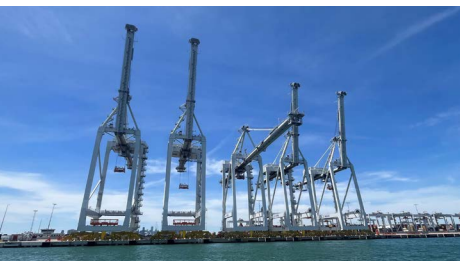
**City of Melbourne**  
Collect your printed map from the Open House Melbourne Info Hub, located outside Melbourne Town Hall, 90/130 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



The City of Melbourne invites you to explore over 40 unique play spaces across the city. Informed by contemporary design research and practice, these play spaces provide diverse experiences for children of all ages. Download or collect a map to explore a number of much loved and awarded play spaces.

## 43 PORT OF MELBOURNE

**Port of Melbourne**  
Habour Lights Landing, waterside of 800 Bourke St,  
(NAB building) Docklands VIC 3005  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Port of Melbourne is Australia's largest capital city container and general cargo port, handling more than one-third of the nation's container trade. Come take one of our fun, family-friendly boat tours to find out more! Leaving from and returning to Docklands, the tour will take you up close to our main terminals.

## 44 QUEEN & COLLINS

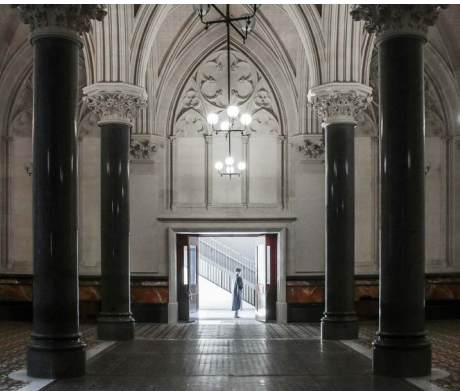
**The GPT Group**  
376-390 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Queen & Collins is a radical adaptation of three neo-gothic inspired buildings co-located on a high-profile corner block of Melbourne's CBD. Come visit the precinct, and see its unique and eclectic design complete with Venetian-inspired courtyards and flamboyant neo-Gothic flourishes.

## 45 QUEEN & COLLINS—TOURS BY KTA + LOVELL CHEN

**Kerstin Thompson Architects**  
376-390 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



Join for a guided building tour of Queen & Collins showcasing the iconic Gothic Bank Complex in Melbourne's CBD, including three 19th-century Boom era neo-Gothic architectural landmarks. Today, the site integrates its remarkable heritage with retail opportunities and work sites, with wellbeing and social connection at its heart.

## 46 RETROFITTING IN ACTION: TRANSFORMING OUR HOMES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

**Melbourne School of Design University of Melbourne**  
The Design Gallery, Melbourne School of Design  
Building, Ground Floor Masson Rd, Parkville VIC 3052  
Saturday 26 July



How can we retrofit our own homes to be more sustainable, comfortable, and energy-efficient? This guided tour and talk will take you through The Retrofit Exhibition 2025, where you'll explore innovative case studies and design strategies at every scale—from small energy efficiency upgrades to large precinct transformations.

## 47 REWORLIDING NAARM

**RMIT future play lab**  
141 Therry St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Join an urban role-playing game set on the streets of Naarm Melbourne in 2050. Artist and academic Troy Innocent leads your party through a two-and-a-half hour journey through the inner-city, working together to imagine a world of the future.

## 48 RIVER STUDIOS

**Creative Spaces | City of Melbourne**  
Warehouse 3 49-51 Sims St, West Melbourne 3003  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



River Studios is an award-winning warehouse conversion in West Melbourne. Spanning three levels, the building houses over 70 artists working in visual arts, sculpture, photography, and design. Take a guided tour with our building manager and program manager, who will share unique insights into the creative spaces.

## 49 ROSS HOUSE

**Ross House Association**  
247-251 Flinders La, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



As Victoria's only self-managed community-owned social justice and environmental sustainability hub, Ross House provides a vital home for small organisations working towards positive change. Join one of our scheduled events, including meditation or networking for changemakers, or take yourself on a self-guided tour through the building.

## 50 ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

**St Peter's Eastern Hill Anglican Church**  
15 Gisborne St, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Saturday 26 July



Established in 1846, St Peter's Eastern Hill is the oldest Anglican parish church in Melbourne on its original site. Hear stories about the church's historic details, enjoy a musical recital, find out more about our unique breakfast program for the homeless or visit our social enterprise coffee caravan.



# CITY OF MELBOURNE

**51 STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA**  
State Library Victoria  
State Library Victoria via side entrance, 192 La Trobe St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Opened to the public in 1856 and spanning an entire city block, State Library Victoria is Australia's oldest public library and one of the first free public libraries in the world. Dive into the Library's latest exhibition, *Make Believe: Encounters with Misinformation* or explore the 20th anniversary of the Library's most beloved exhibition, *World of the Book*.

**52 STATE NETBALL HOCKEY CENTRE**  
State Sport Centres  
10 Brens Dr, Parkville VIC 3052 – ENTRY A  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



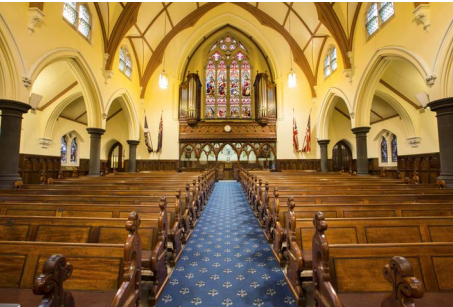
The State Netball Hockey Centre opened as a combined netball and hockey venue in 2001 and underwent a major redevelopment that opened in 2021. Take a tour of the venue's facilities and get a behind-the-scenes look at the planning and operations that go into delivering SNHC's sporting events.

**53 STORIES OF SOUTH YARRA WALKING TOUR**  
GML Heritage and Robin Boyd Foundation  
Opposite Domain Park Flats, 193 Domain Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141  
Saturday 26 July



Join us for a guided walking tour through South Yarra exploring its rich architectural landscape and social history. Dive into the suburb's diverse built heritage, including 19th- and early 20th-century residential, commercial, industrial and community developments. Discover the precinct's architectural excellence, heritage-listed buildings, and the stories behind them.

**54 THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE**  
The Scots' Church Melbourne  
Corner Collins and Russell St, Melbourne VIC 3000 (77 Russell St)  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“SAVORED THE SERENE ATMOSPHERE SITTING BY MYSELF IN A QUIET PEW AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH TO BE A MOST UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE.”

Ambitiously designed to be the most beautiful building in Australia, this year The Scots' Church celebrates 151 years of history. Come see the exquisite stained glass windows, the magnificent Pieger Orgelbau organ and more. There will be a self-guided tour, historical displays and a special morning service on Sunday.

**55 THE TALES OF MELBOURNE THEATRES**  
Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV)  
Princess Theatre, 163 Spring St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



“IT MAKES ME FEEL PROUD OF MELBOURNE'S THRIVING ARTS SCENE AND THE CARE WE PUT INTO PRESERVING OUR BEAUTIFUL PERFORMANCE SPACES.”

Come along for a gentle stroll around Melbourne's CBD, visiting some of its unique theatres and performing arts venues. The walking tour will commence at the Princess Theatre. Followed by the Forum, the Regent, the Athenaeum, the Capitol Theatre, Her Majesty's Theatre and finally, the Comedy Theatre.

**56 UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral North Melbourne  
35 Canning St, North Melbourne VIC 3051  
Saturday 26 July



Discover the beauty of Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. Join us for an immersive experience where you'll explore exquisite mosaics, sacred icons and the unique spirituality of our church. Hear about into the history of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the fascinating heritage of our cathedral.

**57 VAS GALLERY**  
The Victorian Artists Society  
430 Albert St, East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Founded in 1870 by early impressionist painters, the Victorian Artists Society (VAS) is dedicated to upholding the traditions of visual arts. Come explore our Heritage Victoria and National Trust-listed building and enjoy the 9x5 Exhibition, an homage to one of the earliest traditions of VAS artists.

**58 VICTORIAN ARCHIVES CENTRE**  
Public Record Office Victoria  
99 Shiel St, North Melbourne VIC 3051  
Saturday 26 July



Take a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the Victorian Archives Centre, including the archival repository, and hear from staff from the Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives of Australia. From love letters to government snap shots, delve into the people and places captured in the archives.

**59 VICTORIAN QUAKER CENTRE: LOCAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS**  
HOME at Deakin University  
Victorian Quaker Centre, 484 William St, West Melbourne VIC 3003  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



Gather under the portal to hear Sonia Leber and David Chesworth's soundscape *Local Positioning Systems*, exploring shelter, displacement, and the right to housing, in association with collaborators from 3CR and Deakin University. Participate in an interactive drawing project by Simon Grennan and Ilona Jetmar. Presented by HOME at Deakin University.

**60 WESLEY CHURCH**  
Wesley Church  
136 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Wesley Church is a neo-Gothic bluestone church built in 1858 which underwent major restoration works in 2018-19. Significant modifications were made to the interiors and exteriors of the church while preserving its traditional character. Join for musical performances, self-guided stained glass window tours, guided building and history tours, and storytelling.

**61 WESLEY PLACE**  
Wesley Place  
130-150 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Sunday 27 July



Wesley Place is one of the largest urban renewal projects in Melbourne and connects the rich history of Wesley Church with a next-generation workplace, retail and public space. Join COX Architecture for a walking tour around the commercial office towers, 130 Lonsdale, 150 Lonsdale, the public realm and urban park.

**62 YALINGUTH FITZROY: STORIES. SOUNDS. KNOWLEDGE**  
Storyscape  
The Fig Tree Carlton Gardens, Melbourne VIC 3000 (near corner of Gertrude/Nicholson Streets)  
Saturday 26 July



Did you know that the buildings on Gertrude Street were the home of the Black Power movement in Australia? Yalinguth (meaning 'yesterday' in Woi Wurrung) is an award-winning app connecting people to this important history. Join for this two-hour guided walking tour with live stories from our guide Jason Tamiru.

**63 YOUNG & JACKSON HOTEL**  
Young & Jackson Hotel  
1 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Young & Jackson Hotel, originally the Princes Bridge Hotel, was first licensed in 1861. In 1875, the license was taken over by Henry Figsby Young and Thomas Joshua Jackson. Join us for stories, history, talks, art and displays relating to our 150-year celebrations, the hotel and Chloé.

**64 YOUNGHUSBAND WOOLSTORE**  
Woods Bagot + Built  
2/50 Elizabeth St, Kensington VIC 3031  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



“ABOUT 40 YEARS AGO I KNEW THE CARETAKER WHO LIVED ON THE THIRD FLOOR, WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS TO THE CITY AND DANDENONGS.”

The Younghusband Woolstore is a rare, enduring example of Victoria's industrial agrarian trade dating back to 1901, now restored and revived by architects Woods Bagot. Join a guided tour with the architects or explore the site at your own pace.

**65 ABC SOUTHBANK**  
Australian Broadcasting Corporation  
120 Southbank Blvd, Southbank VIC 3006  
Saturday 26 July



Step behind the scenes of one of Australia's most iconic broadcasting institutions as we open our doors to the public for this exclusive event. Tour through the radio, TV and news studios and meet some of the talented radio presenters and producers who deliver exceptional programming to you every day.

**66 ACCA: FIVE ACTS OF LOVE CURATORIAL VIEWING**  
Australian Centre for Contemporary Art  
111 Sturt St, Southbank VIC 3006  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Visit ACCA to explore our iconic and award winning architectural building designed by Wood Marsh, and experience our new exhibition *Five Acts of Love*. Join us for a special curatorial viewing or for a focused tour led by ACCA's knowledgeable and friendly Visitor Experience team.

**67 ACMI TOURS AND COLLECTION SCREENINGS**  
ACMI  
ACMI Federation Square Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“A MUSEUM FOR THE AGES, FOR THE GENERATIONS, FOR EVERYBODY.”

Get behind the scenes access to The Blackmagic Design Media Preservation Lab. Hear from ACMI's conservators about the Collection and preservation of analogue, time-based media, digital games and artefacts. Discover local stories on screen with *Moments in Time: Home Movies from the ACMI Collection and Loop (1973)*.

**68 BUXTON CONTEMPORARY: THE VEIL**  
Buxton Contemporary  
Buxton Contemporary Corner Southbank Boulevard & Dodds St, Southbank 3006  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



Opening its doors in 2018, Buxton Contemporary connects contemporary art to new audiences, demonstrating the transformative potential of art-led exchanges of ideas in an educational context. Current exhibition *The Veil* offers a deep exploration into identity, memory and cultural resilience, through photography, film, fibre craft, experimental printmaking and sculpture.

**69 CITY IMAGE TOUR**  
City Image Tour  
ACMI, 117 Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000 (Flinders Street entrance)  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



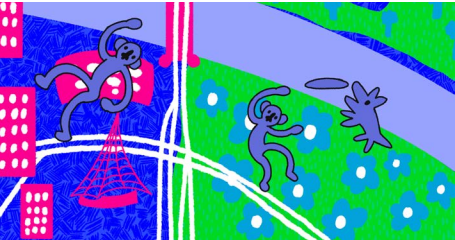
Walk the borderland between historic Melbourne's Hoddle Grid and waterfront Melbourne's Birrarung Marr and Southgate. With an artist, academic, and cultural producer as your guide, you will experience two Melbourne's through sculptural bridges, street art and sculptures in public space.

**70 DESIGNING CULTURE: MELBOURNE ARTS PRECINCT STROLL THE CITY**  
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co) x Open House Melbourne  
Fed Sq, Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000



Dive into the evolution and development of the Melbourne Arts Precinct with *Stroll the City*. Join Open House Melbourne's Executive Director and architect Tania Davidge along with special guests as they share the architectural characteristics that have shaped this pocket of our city, and the significant project underway which will transform this iconic cultural precinct.

**71 DESIGNING WITH COUNTRY**  
Open House Melbourne x City of Melbourne  
The Edge, Fed Sq, Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Wednesday 23 July



The notion of Country is fundamental to Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and designing. Yet the question remains: what is Country? How do diverse Indigenous communities across Australia define and relate to it? This year's *Designing with Country* discussion invites you to explore these questions with RMIT's Yulendi Weelam Lab and leading Indigenous thinkers.

**72 FED SQUARE: BEHIND-THE-SCENES**  
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co)  
Fed Sq, Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Since opening in 2002, Fed Square is recognised as the civic, cultural and community heart of the city. Join this walking tour to go behind-the-scenes, visit the hidden network of tunnels underneath, visit the pop-up Test Garden and learn about Fed Square's unique architecture and design features.

**73 FEDERATION WHARF: FROM FORGOTTEN VAULTS TO RIVERSIDE LIFE**  
Six Degrees Architects  
Federation Wharf, Vaults 1-19, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Sunday 27 July



Tucked beneath Federation Square, the bluestone vaults of Federation Wharf were once an overlooked slice of Melbourne's waterfront. Now, they're home to one of the city's most iconic riverside spaces. Join Six Degrees founding director Peter Malatt for a guided walk to hear the story behind the site's transformation.

**74 GET TO KNOW THE GREENLINE PROJECT**  
City of Melbourne  
The Greenline Project Hub, 13 Princes Wk, Melbourne VIC 3004 to Enterprize Park  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Discover more about the Greenline Project along the north bank of the Birrarung. Exploring urban renewal, ecological restoration, and cultural heritage with the landscape architects and project team, you'll see how the Greenline Project is reshaping Melbourne's waterfront while honouring the river as a living entity.

**75 GOVERNMENT HOUSE**  
Government House  
1 Government House Dr, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July



Government House is considered to be one of the finest examples of 19th-century residential architecture. Guests are invited to tour the State Apartments, comprising the State Hall, State Drawing Room, State Dining Room and the magnificent Ballroom, and learn about the historical and contemporary use of the house.

**76 KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST – BIRRARUNG BUILDING**  
Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT)  
The Birrarung Building, Fed Sq, Cnr Flinders & Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



A design collaboration between First Nations architect Jefa Greenaway, Lyons and Architecture Associates, this stand-alone First Peoples arts and cultural centre is the first of its kind in an Australian capital city. Join a behind-the-scenes tour to learn about the cultural motifs and architectural considerations.

**77 LA TROBE'S COTTAGE**  
National Trust Victoria – La Trobe's Cottage  
Dallin Brooks Dr, Melbourne VIC 3004  
Sunday 27 July



Home of Victoria's first Lieutenant-Governor, La Trobe's Cottage includes remnants of a prefabricated building brought to Melbourne in 1839 and a dining room that is believed to be the oldest surviving structure built in Melbourne. Tour the home with our knowledgeable National Trust guides and learn about life in early Melbourne.

**78 MELBOURNE ARTS PRECINCT TRANSFORMATION TOUR**  
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co)  
Forward Surge sculpture, Arts Centre Melbourne lawn 100 St Kilda Rd, Southbank VIC 3004  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



The Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation will rejuvenate the city and Southbank, with new gallery The Fox: NGV Contemporary, significant upgrades to Arts Centre Melbourne's Theatres Building and a new urban garden, Leak Boardwalk. Join for a tour to visit key sites, go behind the scenes and explore how the precinct will be brought to life.

**79 MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE**  
Melbourne Recital Centre  
31 Sturt St, Southbank VIC 3006  
Saturday 26 July



Come explore Melbourne Recital Centre with a guided venue tour or join a special session of our free community choir. You can also learn about the design of the space with ARM Architecture and ARUP or join artist-in-residence Robin Fox for a lecture on the history of electronic music.

**80 MODERN MELBOURNE PREMIERE: GREG BURGESS**  
Open House Melbourne x Heritage Council of Victoria  
ACMI, Fed Sq, Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000 Melbourne VIC 3000  
Sunday 27 July



Modern Melbourne documents the extraordinary practice of our most important architects and looks at their lasting impact on Melbourne. In this episode, Greg Burgess reflects on his community-focussed approach to design, revealing how he has consistently championed this approach producing work noted for its complex geometries.

**81 SOUTHBANK THEATRE: HOME OF MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY**  
Melbourne Theatre Company  
140 Southbank Blvd, Southbank VIC 3006  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Go behind the scenes at the home of Melbourne Theatre Company. Hear from ARM Architecture, Arup and Lendlease about designing and building Southbank Theatre and Melbourne Recital Centre. Explore backstage spaces on a self-guided tour path and see dressing rooms, technical operations and more.

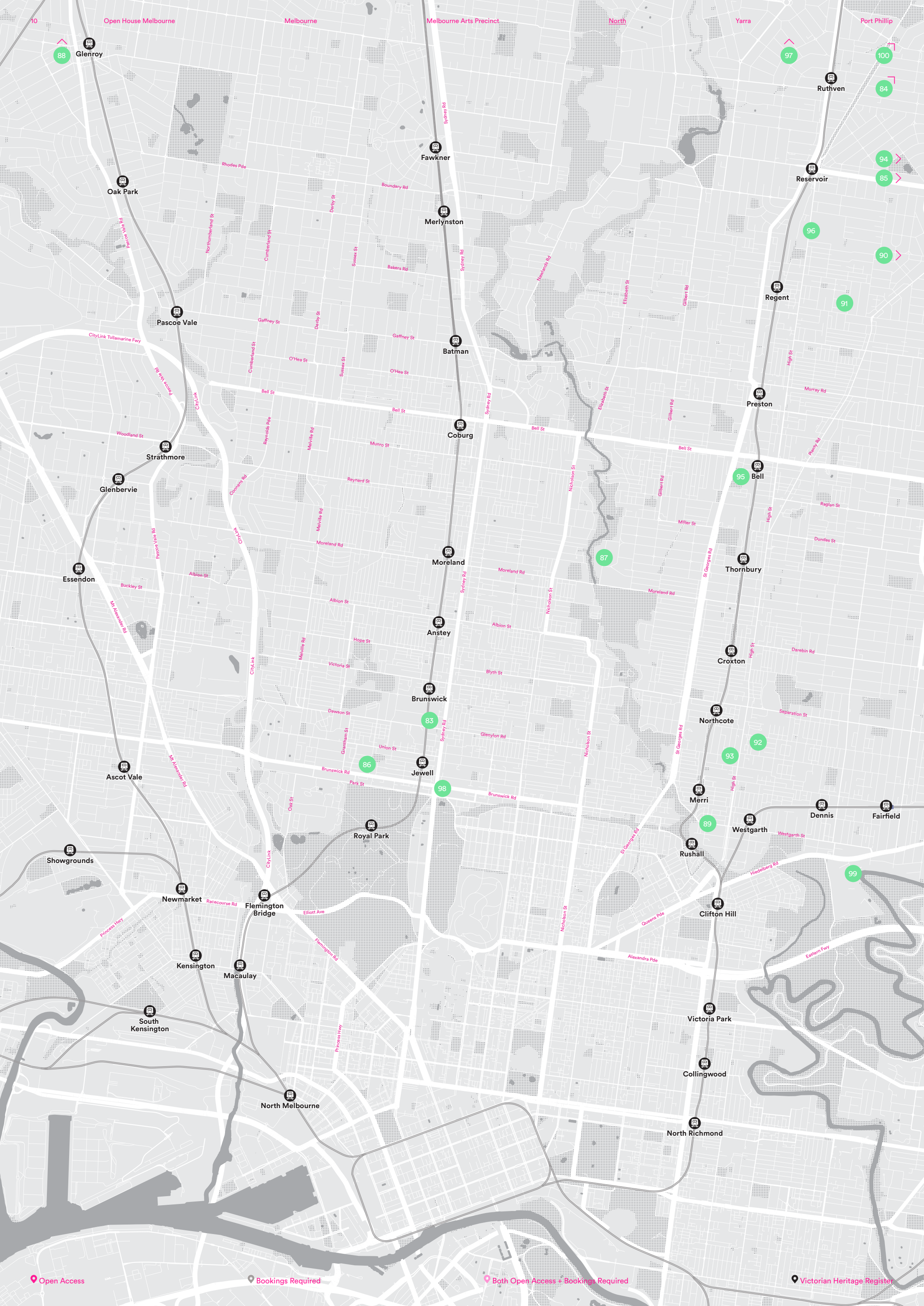
**82 THE SHRINE REIMAGINED: EXPLORING ALTERNATE VISIONS FOR VICTORIA'S WAR MEMORIAL**  
Shrine of Remembrance  
Birdwood Ave, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“THE ARCHITECTURE ITSELF IS BREATHTAKING—GRAND, SYMMETRICAL, AND FILLED WITH SYMBOLISM.”


Step back in history and discover the designs that could have been in this guided tour of *Designing Remembrance: Exploring alternate visions for Victoria's war memorial*. After the tour, gain insight into key features and symbols of the Shrine with an exclusive viewing of original hand-drawn plans by the architects.





# NORTH

**83 BALAM BALAM PLACE**  
**Balam Balam Place**  
15 Phoenix St, Brunswick VIC 3056  
Saturday 26 July



**84 BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE**  
**Bundoora Homestead Art Centre**  
7 Prospect Hill Dr, Bundoora VIC 3083  
Saturday 26 July



The heritage-listed Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is one of the few built in its style in the state of Victoria. Join us to hear the stories that have shaped this iconic Queen Anne-style mansion, from family home to repatriation psychiatric hospital and now community art gallery.

**85 ELTHAM LIBRARY: A HOME OF STORIES**  
**Eltham Library**  
Panther Pl, Eltham VIC 3095  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“AN OASIS OF TRANQUILITY, NESTLED AMIDST THE LUSH GREENERY OF YARRA PLENTY.”**

Explore the library where this year's episode of Modern Melbourne with architect Gregory Burgess was filmed! Pay us a visit, or come listen to a panel discussion where special guests will share stories of how the library has supported their creative practice and career development.

**86 FROM TIP TO HOMES: HELLER STREET, BRUNSWICK**  
**Hansen Partnership + Six Degrees Architects**  
1 Heller St, Brunswick VIC 3056  
Saturday 26 July



**87 ISLAMIC MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**  
**Islamic Museum of Australia**  
15A Anderson Rd, Thornbury VIC 3071  
Saturday 26 July




Opened in Thornbury in 2014, Australia's first Islamic Museum aims to foster a nuanced and realistic understanding of what it means to be an Australian Muslim. Come behind the rusted Corten steel veil and explore the museum's five permanent galleries and two visiting gallery spaces.

**88 KANGAN INSTITUTE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**  
**Architectus**  
Kangan Institute, Broadmeadows Campus, 59 Pearce Dale Pde, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Saturday 26 July



Join us for an exclusive tour of Kangan Institute's Health and Community Centre of Excellence. Designed by Architectus, the cutting-edge facility reimagines vocational education. Join the building tour to see the Centre's innovative simulation labs for hands-on training in nursing, pathology, aged care, childcare and disability support.

**89 MERRI HOUSE**  
**eme design pty ltd**  
Northcote VIC 3070  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




Merri House is a thoughtfully crafted dwelling that harmonises heritage sensitivity, sustainability, and adaptability. Constructed from rammed earth, lightweight framing and timber cladding, the home also incorporates rainwater harvesting and solar energy. Tour the house and hear from owner/designer Luke Middleton about the process and learnings.

**90 MONTSLAVAT HISTORIC TOUR**  
**Montsalvat**  
7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham VIC 3095  
Sunday 27 July



Montsalvat, in Eltham, Victoria is an arts village and artist community spanning ninety years of continuous creative practice. Participate in a guided tour of Montsalvat's buildings and grounds, exploring their historic significance and learn about the many stories that live here.

**91 NO REZZAVATIONS HOUSE**  
**Sarah Lake Architects**  
Reservoir VIC 3073  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




No Rezzavations House was designed on a tight budget with big ambitions. Join a building tour through the house led by the architect, who will discuss the design ideas and how they relate to the clients and the suburb.

**92 NORTHCOTE HOUSE**  
**LLDS**  
Northcote VIC 3070  
Sunday 27 July



Go behind the scenes of this compact inner-city house, recognised for its innovative approach in sustainability, interior design and residential design. Visitors will have full access to the house, including the rooftop terrace. There will also be video footage, drawings and models to show the making of Northcote House.

**93 NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL ARTS CENTRE**  
**Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre (Darebin City Council)**  
189 High St, Northcote VIC 3070  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“SUCH A GREAT SPACE FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS. IT'S SO BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED AS WELL.”**


Join us as we share the fascinating history of Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre, now re-opened after two years of renovations. Take a self-guided tour, or join a guided tour to hear more about this living archive of the history of architecture in urban Australia.

**94 OPEN PLAY AT ELTHAM LIBRARY**  
**Open House Melbourne**  
Panther Pl, Eltham VIC 3095  
Sunday 27 July




OPEN Play is Open House Melbourne's educational program for young people and youth exploring the role good design plays in shaping our community and city. As part of the Weekend, you're invited to get creative and explore the theme *Stories of the City*. Kids are invited to find ways to create new and interesting solutions to design challenges provided by the facilitator—all materials are supplied.

**95 PRESTON LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT**  
**Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) + Tract Consultants**  
Bell Station, Gertrude St, Preston VIC 3072  
Sunday 27 July



The Preston Level Crossing Removal Project showcases a refreshed, vibrant backdrop to diverse, bustling Preston. By elevating the rail, the project delivered 3 MCGs worth of new open space. Explore the publicly accessible Bell and Preston Station precincts, expansive open spaces and community facilities. Site tours and open access available.

**96 PRESTON SERVICE RESERVOIR**  
**LLDS**  
891 High St, Reservoir VIC 3073  
Saturday 26 July




Preston Reservoir is a service reservoir in the suburb of Reservoir with a significant history in Melbourne's water supply. Take a guided tour of the reservoir to learn about its history and construction, understand its engineering and architecture and its current day water supply operations.

**97 STORIES FROM THE ATTIC: AN EXPLORATION OF LIFE IN MELBOURNE'S GERMANTOWN**  
**Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum & Heritage Garden**  
100 Gardena Rd, Thomastown VIC 3074  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July




Ziebell's Farmhouse is an elegant bluestone farmhouse built in 1850. 'Stories from the Attic' is a presentation that reveals what life was like in the area, previously known as Germantown. Tour the farmhouse and the attic and hear how German and Wendish migrants shaped the culture of the region.

**98 THE WILD GEESE HOTEL**  
**Celtic Club**  
29 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056  
Sunday 27 July




Established in 1854, the Wild Geese is a Georgian-style hotel. Join Peter Gavin of the Celtic Club for a tour of the club's fascinating history and visitor access to the public bar and members-only upstairs. Sharon Louey-Sheldrick of Mitchell & Eades, will also discuss the interior scheme.

**99 WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE BIRRARUNG IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE**  
**Up the Creek**  
Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield VIC 3078  
Saturday 26 July



Join us for a paddle along the Birrarung. We will encounter a liminal space to ponder our connection to the river, how stories of the river shape our connection to Melbourne and imagine ways for both people and the river to collaborate differently. This kayak tour is inclusive for all ages.

**100 YAN YEAN RESERVOIR PARK: BEYOND THE TAP**  
**Melbourne Water Corporation**  
891 High St, Reservoir VIC 3073  
Saturday 26 July



Come explore Yan Yean Reservoir and learn about its history, engineering, and ongoing role in the city's water management system. There will be guided historical tours of the heritage-listed Caretakers Cottage and the Yan Yean Reservoir Catchment. There will also be interactive Q&A sessions and environmental and sustainability talks.



# HERITAGE STORIES OF THE CITY: SALLY CAPP & EDDIE BUTLER-BOWDON

Join former Lord Mayor Sally Capp and curator Eddie Butler-Bowdon from the City of Melbourne's Art and Heritage Collection for a captivating conversation that lifts the lid on Melbourne's hidden stories. Through their favourite artefacts from the vast collection, Sally and Eddie will share surprising, quirky, and powerful tales that have shaped the city—from political power moves to artistic revolutions.

This is a rare peek behind the scenes of Melbourne's cultural treasure trove, where every object has a story waiting to be told. Don't miss this unique instalment of the Heritage Address—an evening of civic history, personal insight, and heritage secrets only the city's archives can reveal.

## HERITAGE STORIES OF THE CITY: SALLY CAPP AND EDDIE BUTLER-BOWDON

The Capitol, RMIT  
Monday 28 July, 6.30–8pm  
Free, bookings required

The Heritage Address is presented by Open House Melbourne in partnership with the Heritage Council of Victoria.



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# MODERN MELBOURNE: GREG BURGESS

In this episode, Greg Burgess is in conversation with Dr Peter Raisbeck at Eltham Library. Greg reveals how he has consistently championed a community-focused approach, producing work noted for its complex geometries, innovative materials and deep cultural insights.

**Peter Raisbeck:** What drew you to study architecture? Was it always something you felt you needed to do?

**Greg Burgess:** I was interested in art and architecture and psychology at school. And my English teacher, who I'm still friends with now after all this time, Ken Rigby, he had a lovely little Alistair Knox house which was built in the fifties, very Japanese influence, beautiful little place. So that had an impact when I was at school.

When I moved to Melbourne, Ken introduced me to an architect when I was at school who had just come back from Sweden. I really liked and appreciated his warmth and earthiness and sophistication.

**PR:** And did you see then at that point, architecture as a way to integrate other creative disciplines?

**GB:** I certainly had thought about architecture as being, something like bringing function together with art. That was a sort of an early idea that appealed to me.

**PR:** From there, you went on to university at the Ateliers, as I think it was then called, at Melbourne University in 1964, and studied in those Nissan huts...

**GB:** They were fantastic. They were not precious like new buildings might be. The walls were made of canite, we knocked holes in the walls, linked up spaces and adapted to what we were doing at the time. It was just an excellent studio atmosphere.

The librarian there, Frank Callaway, was a novelist. He offered himself for the design studio, as a client, for a writer's retreat. And that was one of our first assignments. I was very excited about the possibility of this real client, a real project and about bringing that into play with the human element, getting to know him and what his needs were.

He said, if we came up with something good, "I might build it." And I was just very excited.

## MODERN MELBOURNE: GREG BURGESS

ACMI Cinema 2, Federation Square  
Sunday 27 July, 3.30–5pm  
\$7, bookings required



# HERITAGE ITINERARY



## AT HOME WITH HERITAGE

A guide to assist homeowners in harmonising the old with the new. Alongside 12 inspiring case studies, it shows how thoughtful design and cultural heritage awareness can enhance the value and liveability of your heritage house.



Not sure where to begin?  
This guide will point the way.



Dive into Melbourne's rich, remarkable history to discover the people and stories that have shaped the city's identity today.

Kickstart your weekend on Friday with a visit to **Boroondara Cemetery**, where artist-turned-researcher Setken will reveal the fascinating history behind media mogul David Syme's Egyptian temple-inspired tomb.

Tour the **Gothic Bank** to appreciate Foolscape Studio's careful restoration and reconfiguration of the building into the ANZ Banking Museum, before heading to the 2025 launch of **Retrofit** to hear more about adaptive reuse at the Melbourne School of Design (MSD).

Start Saturday off with a dive into Melbourne's early-20th-century industrial growth, and see how these buildings have evolved with the city. **Essendon Incinerator Complex** was designed by Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin to look like a residential building, rather than an industrial one. Join a guided tour to hear about how it became an art gallery.

Likewise, **The Substation** was once used to help power Melbourne's railways; now, it's a cutting-edge experimental contemporary art space. Tour the space to learn about its original use and its refurbishment, or listen to CEO Nuala Furtado share her experiences in the art world.

Discover the stories of the people and communities who have made Melbourne what it is today, and the spaces where they've made the city their own. At **St Mark's in Fitzroy**, hear stories about the church's role in community activism via the interactive tour or audio histories. You'll also get to see historic stained glass windows from the 1930s that were once part of Victoria's first free children's library during the Great Depression.

Nearby, take a tour of **Cairo Flats**, the original 'minimum' flats optimised for urban living designed by Best Overend in the 1930s and renovated by Agius Scorpo Architects in 2017.

If you're feeling daring, climb onto the roof of **Collingwood Yards** (with a safety line and harness of course!) with a team member, or join a site tour. While you're there, browse books on art, architecture and design at Bookshop by Uro and grab a bite on Smith Street.

Don't miss the **Queen Victoria Women's Centre**, where you can join a First Nations Weaving Workshop with artist Lorraine Brigdale on Saturday, or, on Sunday, hear feminist historian Barbara Wheeler tell rarely-heard stories from the site's time as the Queen Victoria hospital from 1896 to 1987.

On Sunday, tour of one of the few remaining 19th-century Victorian homes in St Kilda, Ullimaroa, now home to the **Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists**, and see how the past and present come together with ANZCA House behind it. Hear architect Norman Day speak in a panel discussion about the architecture.

Make your way north to **La Trobe's Cottage** where you can explore one of Melbourne's oldest surviving structures dating back to the 1830s with a National Trust guide. Nearby, you can see the **Portable Iron Houses**, manufactured in the UK and shipped to Australia as a solution to a lack of housing during the 1850s.

Continue north to the **Boyd Community Hub** in Southbank. Come explore one of the most significant 19th-century school buildings in the city, and its adjacent community garden with a self-guided tour pamphlet, available from the concierge.

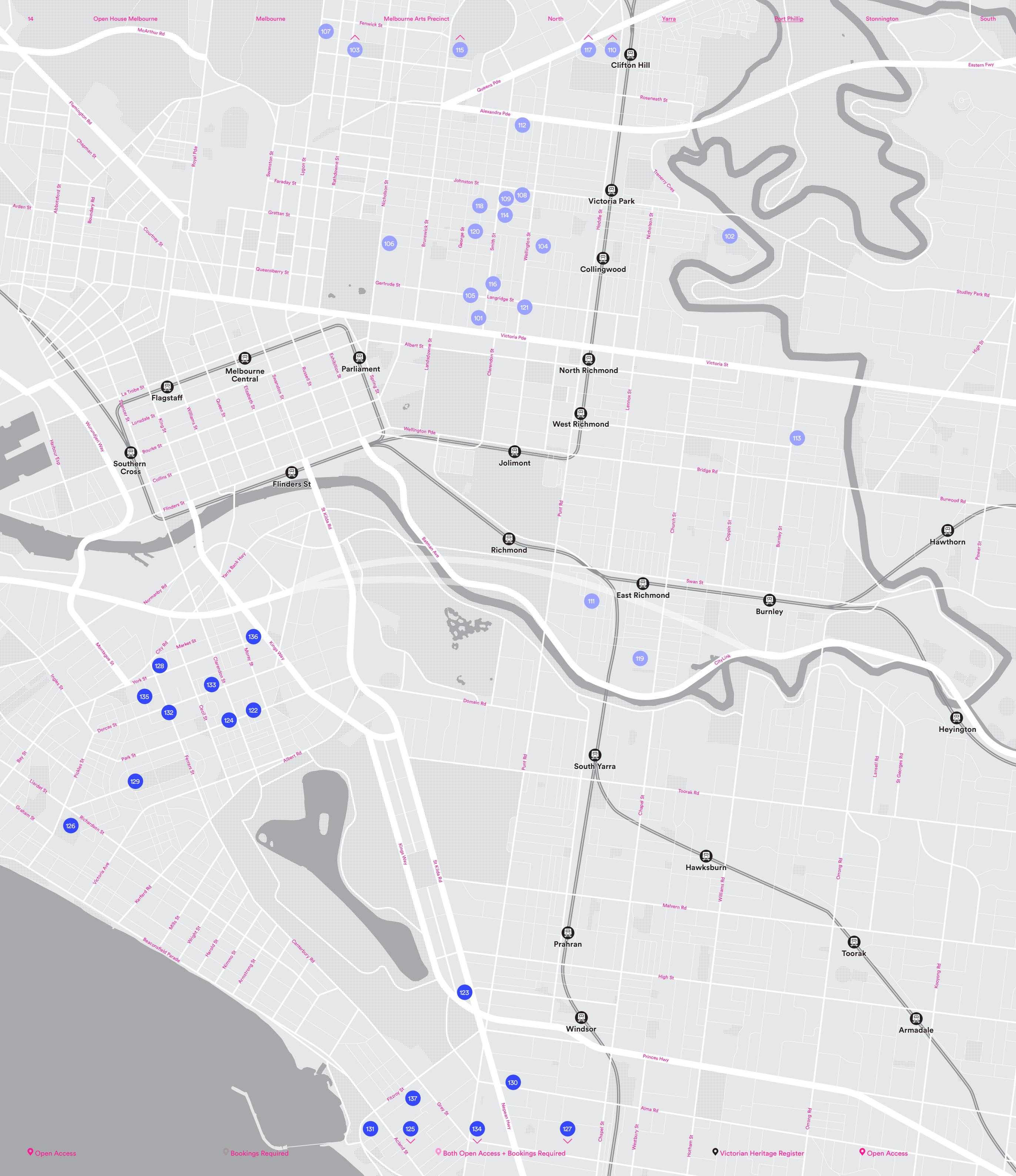
For more 19th-century history, head out to **Ziebell's Farmhouse** in Thomastown. The elegant bluestone farmhouse was built from local basalt in 1850 and was home to five generations of dairy farmers and their families.

To see more Heritage program items, head to the full program.

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# CITY OF YARRA

**101 3CR COMMUNITY RADIO**  
3CR Community Radio  
21 Smith St, Fitzroy VIC 3065  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



3CR Community Radio is one of Australia's oldest community radio stations. Operating since 1976, our studios are housed in a refurbished terrace on Smith Street, Fitzroy. Come in and meet local broadcasters, understand broadcast transmission pathways and even jump into a studio and record yourself!

**102 ABBOTSFORD CONVENT**  
Abbotsford Convent Foundation  
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford VIC 3067  
Saturday 26 July



“IT’S WORTH THE JOURNEY FOR ITS PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS AND CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE. STARTING WITH A COFFEE AT THE CONVENT BAKERY, I QUICKLY LOST MYSELF IN SKETCHING. A RELAXING & INSPIRING SPOT FOR ART AND NATURE LOVERS.”

An engine room of creativity and home to more than 150 artists and creators, Abbotsford Convent, founded in 1863, was once one of the largest Catholic complexes in Australia. Come explore open artists' studios and enjoy entertainment, installations, archival videos and architectural and historical tours of the grounds.

**103 ALBANIAN MOSQUE, CARLTON NORTH**  
Albanian Australian Islamic Society (AAIS)  
765 Drummond St, Carlton North VIC 3054  
Sunday 27 July



Take a tour through Melbourne's first mosque. Visitors will also be able to see the Albanian Australian Islamic Society History Exhibition and see one of the five daily prayers performed by members of the congregation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Bookings Required

**104 ARTBANK COLLECTION STORE**  
Artbank  
18-24 Down St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



Artbank will open up our collection store to the public for a special behind-the-scenes view of the purpose-built collection space designed by Edition Office. Pull out racks and wander through the visible storage space to discover new favourites from more than 1200 works of Australian contemporary art.

**105 AUSTRALIAN PRINT WORKSHOP**  
Australian Print Workshop  
210 Gertrude St, Fitzroy VIC 3065  
Saturday 26 July



Australian Print Workshop is an internationally recognised centre for contemporary printmaking. Come behind the scenes for a rare opportunity to explore our professional print studios and revitalised heritage-listed building. Discover the tools and techniques that bring fine art original prints to life—you may even get a chance to turn the press yourself!

**106 CAIRO FLATS**  
Cairo Flats  
98 Nicholson St, Fitzroy VIC 3065  
Saturday 26 July



Built in 1936 Cairo Flats sought to provide a distinctive type of accommodation: the custom-designed bachelor flat. Agius Scorpo Architects' award-winning 2017 renovation explores the concept of a 'minimum' flat optimised for urban living. Join for tours of the building grounds and two apartments led by Cairo Flats owners.

**107 CARLTON SCOUT HALL**  
Carlton Scout Group  
12 Shakespeare St, Carlton VIC 3054  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Built in 1931, Carlton Scout Hall is one of the oldest purpose-built Scout halls still in use in Victoria. Today we invite you in to explore our hall in all its glory! There'll be activities for children and young people, a fundraising BBQ and musical performances.

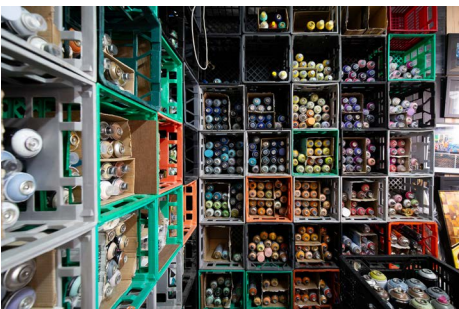
Both Open Access + Bookings Required

**108 COLLINGWOOD YARDS SITE TOUR**  
Collingwood Yards  
35 Johnston St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Join a guided walk through the Collingwood Yards Arts precinct. Hear about the site's history of the site and the design behind its urban renewal transformation. You can also experience an exhilarating rooftop walk with terrific views of the inner city!

**109 EVERFRESH STUDIO**  
EVERFRESH  
5 Perry St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



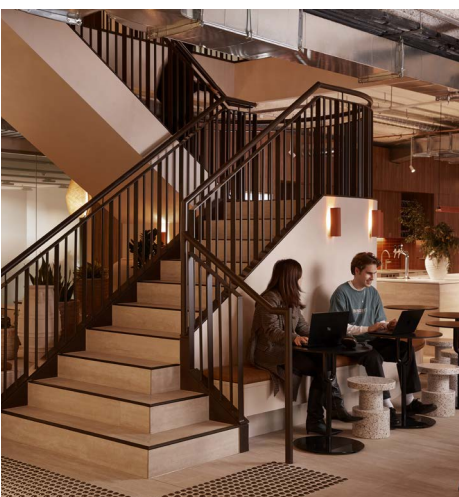
Emerging during the street art boom of the early 2000s, Everfresh Studio has been a cornerstone of Melbourne's street art scene for over two decades. Explore this iconic creative space and meet the talented artists who call it home!

**110 FITZROY & CO BY EST**  
Fitzroy & Co. by Est x Tract Consultants  
249 Queens Pde, Fitzroy North VIC 3068  
Saturday 26 July



Boutique BTR project Fitzroy & Co combines quality rental housing with contemporary lifestyle amenities in Fitzroy North. A large mural by renowned local First Nations artist Lisa Waup adorns the exterior. Book a guided building tour and explore the communal spaces including yoga studio, grass-covered pet-park and record lounge.

**111 FORUM WORKSPACE AT SIXTY-FIVE DOVER**  
Foolscap  
Level 2/65 Dover St, Cremorne VIC 3121  
Saturday 26 July



Experience an exclusive tour and panel at Forum Workspace, a new co-working hub at Sixty-five Dover. Hear from architects Fieldwork, interior designers Foolscap, and developers Fortis as they discuss the project's unique architecture and sustainable design and explore the future of workplaces, hybrid development models, and adaptable commercial design.

Victorian Heritage Register



# CITY OF YARRA

**112 HERITAGE COEXISTENCE PART 2: STORIES OF THE CITY – YALLA-BIRR-ANG\_COLLINGWOOD**  
**Milica Božić x OFFICE**  
35-53 Emma St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Saturday 26 July



Heritage Coexistence is a site-specific event that fosters explorations of the multilayered heritage environments where it occurs. Join for a conversation with heritage experts, and an experimental visual experience by architect, researcher and academic Milica Božić using projections and LIDAR to question history, heritage and hierarchies in Yalla-birr-ang Collingwood, realised together with OFFICE.

**113 LIFE DOWN A LANE**  
**Tom Robertson Architects**  
Richmond VIC 3121  
Saturday 26 July



Life Down a Lane reimagines suburban family living within a compact urban site. This guided tour offers the chance to explore the residence and hear directly from the project's architect. Walk through the home and experience its inward-facing courtyard, passive design and seamless integration of indoor and outdoor spaces.

**114 OTTER PLACE BY MILIEU: A NEW 'GREAT AUSTRALIAN DREAM'**  
**Milieu**  
1 Otter St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Saturday 26 July



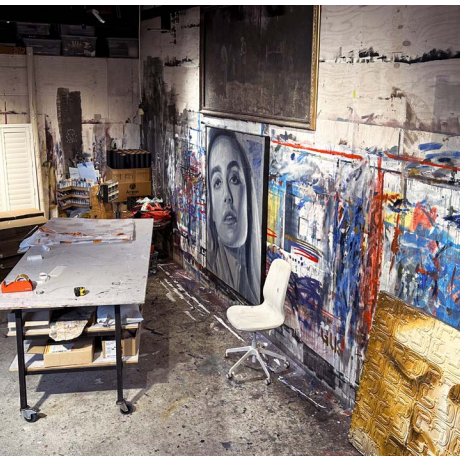
Otter Place by Milieu is a medium-scale residential development that aims to reflect its vibrant locale. Join us in exploring the new Otter Street pocket park and other common areas and hear from Hassell, DesignOffice and Milieu about re-aligning the 'Great Australian Dream' for Melbourne's urban future.

**115 RAE STREET STUDIO**  
**Mihaly Slocombe Architects**  
Studio 1, 430 Rae St, Fitzroy North VIC 3068  
Sunday 27 July



Originally built in 1910 and revamped in 2025, Rae Street Studio showcases a perfect blend of historical charm and modern design. Explore the inner workings of a small, vibrant architecture studio; discover how the co-working space is thoughtfully designed and see firsthand the architectural process in action.

**116 RONE + CALLUM PRESTON ARTISTS' STUDIOS**  
**Rone – Artist Studio**  
11 Little Oxford St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July  
Saturday 26 July



Hidden in the back streets of Collingwood are the artist's studios of RONE + Callum Preston, where they have worked out of for the last five years. Meet and talk to the artists, view some of their personal art archives and see some original works in progress.

**117 RUSHALL PARK AROUND COMMUNITIES**  
**Around Communities**  
20 Rushall Cres, Fitzroy North VIC 3068  
Saturday 26 July



“THE MOST CARING COMMUNITY I HAVE EVER LIVED IN. IT FEELS LIKE HEAVEN!”

Come explore a heritage-listed site that's been operational as a retirement village since 1869. Complete with 168 independent living units and 15 assisted living units within the historic village boundaries, you'll see a range of architectural styles, including original cottages.

**118 RUSSIAN HOUSE**  
**Young Guard Inc.**  
118 Greeves St, Fitzroy VIC 3065  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“I HIRED A HALL AT THIS VENUE FOR MY BIRTHDAY EVENT AND HAD THE MOST WELCOMING AND LUXURIOUS EXPERIENCE! I COULDN'T BE MORE SATISFIED.”

Built in 1884, the Russian House is a superb Victorian-era building that stands as a local heritage landmark. Immerse yourself in a theatrical guided tour and learn more about this nearly 150-year building and the Russian community who have called it home for more than 60 years.

**119 SHAPING CREMORNE: THE ARCHITECTS' PERSPECTIVE**  
**Fieldwork**  
22-26 Gordon St, Cremorne VIC 3121  
Saturday 26 July



Join Fieldwork for a guided walking tour through Cremorne, visiting four Fieldwork-designed projects that showcase the suburb's architectural evolution. They will share insights into the design process, highlighting how these buildings respond to climate and context while fostering community connection.

**120 ST MARK'S FITZROY – A LEGACY OF ACTIVISM**  
**St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy**  
250 George St, Fitzroy VIC 3065  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



St Mark's Fitzroy has a long and impactful legacy of activism and inclusion. Take an interactive tour and hear volunteers and subject experts share stories and historical narratives of St Mark's role in community activism and care. Don't miss the community film screening, HIV/AIDS memorial or audio histories.

**121 TODAY**  
**Today**  
Level 8, 54 Wellington St, Collingwood VIC 3066  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Today is a design and innovation practice for social impact. Their studio was designed by Studio Edwards to foster collaboration and creativity, utilising movable walls and informal layouts that encourage team interaction. Hear from Studio Edwards and some of Today's senior leadership team, or join a casual walking tour.

**122 ARMSTRONG STUDIOS: MELBOURNE'S ABBEY ROAD**  
**City of Port Phillip**  
JMC Academy Auditorium, 208 Park St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July



Throughout the last 50 years, some of Australia's most iconic bands have produced and recorded at Armstrong Studios. Moderated by Jane Gazzo, join us for a panel discussion with Mick Harvey, John Olson, Roger Savage and Ernie Rose for a trip down memory lane and the soundtrack to our lives.

**123 AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS: STYLES AND STORIES**  
**Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists/ Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History**  
630 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



The Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists comprises two architecturally distinctive buildings: the 19th-century mansion Ulimaroa and the contemporary ANZCA House. Join a tour run by ANZCA staff and curators or pre-book a ticket to hear more about the design behind ANZCA House.

**124 AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP**  
**Australian Tapestry Workshop**  
262-266 Park St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July



“THE CENTRE TO INSPIRE ALL TAPESTRY WEAVERS...LIKE THE MECCA OF WEAVING IN AUSTRALIA!”

The Australian Tapestry Workshop collaborates with living artists, designers and architects to create contemporary tapestries. Drop in on Saturday 26th to explore the space or register for a short talk at 11am or 2pm. Learn about our history, heritage building, unique colour laboratory, and the process of weaving tapestry.

**125 EDGEWATER TOWERS**  
**Edgewater Towers**  
12 Marine Pde, St Kilda VIC 3182  
Saturday 26 July



Driving along Marine Parade, St Kilda, you can't miss Edgewater Towers—the only high-rise apartment building south of Luna Park. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the lobby and view information collected by our Edgewater Towers historians, including original advertising material, architects' drawings and apartment interiors imagery.

# CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

**126 GASWORKS ARTS PARK**  
**Gasworks Arts Park**  
21 Graham St, Albert Park VIC 3206  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“I LOVE GOING HERE, FINDING A NICE QUIET BENCH IN A SECLUDED PART OF THE PARK AND JUST HAVING A 5-10 MINUTE BREAK”

A vibrant arts precinct on the site of the former South Melbourne Gas Plant, Gasworks has sixteen resident artists who work from studios that were originally workshops. Come and see how these old, utilitarian, buildings have been repurposed for exhibitions, galleries and more.

**127 HOLY TRINITY BALACLAVA AND ELWOOD**  
**Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood**  
175/177 Chapel St, St Kilda VIC 3183  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Holy Trinity's current church building opened in 1883. Its stained glass windows tell the stories of people who came to the area during Boom time. Explore the building, or join a guided tour of the windows and their stories. Don't miss the piano music each day at 2pm.

**128 HV.HOTEL AT FERRARS & YORK**  
**HIP V. HYPE**  
201-209 Ferrars St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July



Located atop HIP V. HYPE's award-winning Ferrars & York building, HV.Hotel is a place for the sustainably-minded, design-conscious traveller or resident. Tour the site with HIP V. HYPE founder Liam Wallis, see the communal roof yard and enjoy a guided overview of the apartment's unique sustainability features.

**129 JANE'S WALKS: BEHIND THE FAÇADES WALKING TOUR**  
**City of Port Phillip Visual Arts and Activations team**  
St Vincent Gardens Playground, 19 Vincent Pl St, Albert Park VIC 3206  
Saturday 26 July



Get a glimpse of the hidden infrastructure of early working-class life via the cobble stone laneways of South Melbourne. Join a guided walk to explore behind Albert Park's elegant terraces and shops and find the pieces that tell stories of early working-class life, such as chimneys, drains, thunderboxes, pitches and cast-iron.

**130 JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**  
**The Jewish Museum of Australia**  
26 Alma Rd, St Kilda VIC 3182  
Friday 25 July + Sunday 27 July



At the intersection of art and Jewish culture, the Jewish Museum is recognised as one of Australia's leading community museums. Join a guided museum tour to discover our permanent collections or go behind the scenes for a presentation that will take you through the lifecycle of a museum object.

**131 MARLI PLACE**  
**OOFI architecture**  
St Kilda VIC 3182  
Sunday 27 July



Now considered to be Melbourne's fourth oldest surviving terrace, Marli Place is a living document of St Kilda's historic socioeconomic roller-coaster ride. Meet some of the homeowners who will lead tours discussing the history of the building, with visits to at least two flat interiors.

**132 MELBOURNE CAMERA CLUB**  
**Melbourne Camera Club**  
254-256 Ferrars St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



“A FANTASTIC CLUB WITH WARM AND INVITING MEMBERS WHO ALL SHARE A COMMON PASSION. ALL SKILL SETS PRESENT AND WELCOME.”

Explore the historic former Freemason's Lodge that is now home to Melbourne Camera Club. See the facilities and space, and don't miss this year's exhibition, *Stories of our City*. Featuring work by club photographers, the images explore how Melbourne's buildings and public spaces reflect the city's identity and growth.

**133 PICCOLO HOUSE**  
**Piccolo**  
5 John St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July



Enjoy a unique opportunity to access the award-winning Piccolo House project with a tour of the Piccolo Office that sits above this remarkable development. Members from Piccolo will be on site to share information and answer questions.

**134 PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE**  
**City of Port Phillip**  
55A Blessington St, St Kilda VIC 3182  
Sunday 27 July



“I ENJOYED MY VISIT TO THE GARDENS AND TOPPED OFF THE DAY WITH A LOOK THROUGH THE ECO CENTRE AND THEIR GREAT VEGGIE GARDEN.”

Tour the redeveloped Port Phillip EcoCentre with architects Bourke and Bouteloup in the first public opportunity for visitors to explore the new building and its sustainable design features. Visitors will also be able to tour the Citizen Science Lab and enjoy tastings from the community kitchen and educational activities.

**135 PORTABLE IRON HOUSES**  
**National Trust of Australia Victoria**  
399 Coventry St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



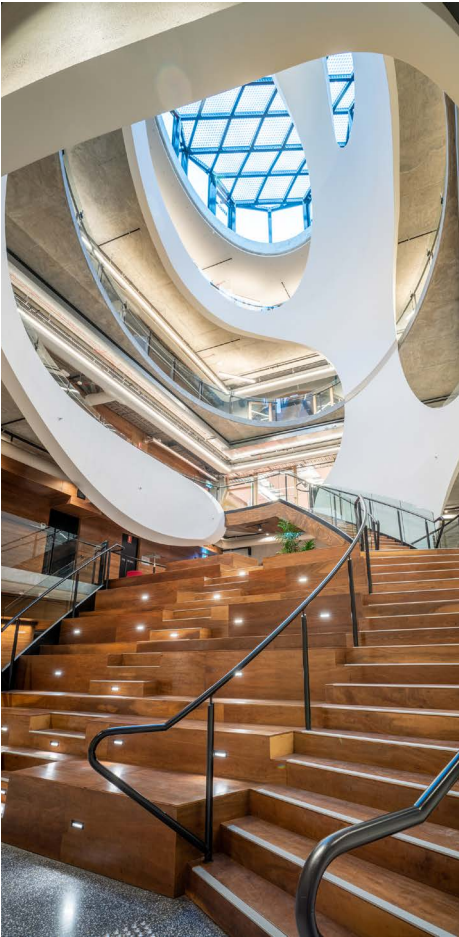
See what life was like in Melbourne during the gold rush era when you visit one of the few remaining prefabricated buildings of the time in the world. Explore three portable iron houses via self-guided tour. National Trust volunteers will be available on site to provide information and answer questions.

**136 PORTHOLES TO THE UNDERWORLD WALKING TOUR**  
**City of Port Phillip Visual Arts and Activations Team**  
Cnr of Tope & York St, South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Each day people walk the streets of Melbourne passing over iron covers and plates—portals to underground drains, pumps, pipes and cables which have serviced utilities such as gas, sewage, plumbing and telecommunications for more than a century. Join Port Phillip Guided Walks team member Tobias Nash on a guided walk to explore them.

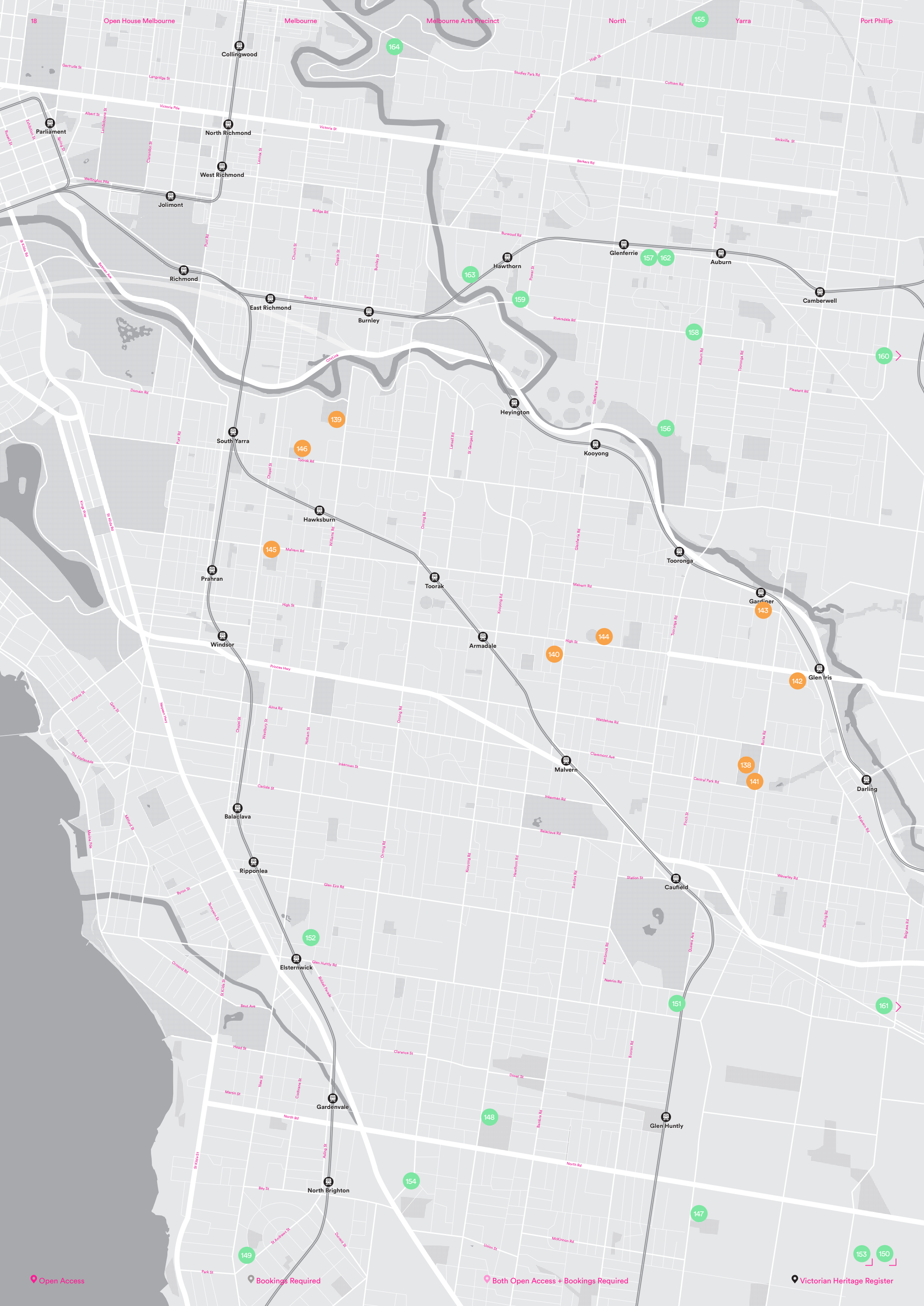
**137 VICTORIAN PRIDE CENTRE**  
**Victorian Pride Centre**  
79/81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda VIC 3182  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



“THE MINUTE WE WALKED INTO THIS INCREDIBLE SPACE— WE WERE WELCOMED AND FELT AT HOME. THIS BUILDING IS A TESTAMENT TO THE PROUD COMMUNITY WE ARE AND AN INSPIRATION FOR US ALL TO NEVER GIVE UP ON WHO YOU ARE.”

The Victorian Pride Centre is Australia's first purpose-built hub for LGBTIQ+ communities. Come explore the Pride Centre's striking architecture and learn about its purpose-built design as a home for LGBTIQ+ communities on a guided tour.





# CITY OF STONNINGTON

**138 CENTRAL PARK CONSERVATORY**  
**City of Stonnington**  
83-141 Burke Rd, Malvern East VIC 3145  
Saturday 26 July



The Central Park Conservatory is of historical significance as one of the oldest and largest extant public conservatories in Victoria. See some of the beautiful orchids displayed here, presented by a member of council and a member of the Orchid Club, and learn about the history of the building.

**139 COMO HOUSE AND GARDENS**  
**National Trust of Australia (Victoria)**  
20 Como Ave, South Yarra VIC 3141  
Saturday 26 July



“TOOK MY PARTNER FOR A ROMANTIC ROOM AROUND THESE ‘SECRET’ GARDENS AND LUNCED AT THE LOCAL CAFE BEFORE A TOUR OF THE MANSION.”

Como is an atmospheric town mansion presented as a family home. The first house museum in Australia acquired with its contents, its interiors reflect the tastes and style of the Armytages, who lived at Como for 95 years. Como will be open for anyone to wander through.

**140 FIRESTATION PRINT STUDIO**  
**Firestation Print Studio**  
2 Willis St, Armadale VIC 3143  
Saturday 26 July



Visitors will have open access to explore the main studio, where there will be demonstrations of printmaking techniques. Upstairs, resident artists' studios will be open. Our printmakers will be happy to explain their artistic processes, from the inception and execution of artwork to its presentation and display in our gallery.

**141 HIDDEN GEMS IN AN ARTISTS' HOME**  
**Duldig Studio Museum and Sculpture Garden**  
Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Rd, Malvern East VIC 3145  
Sunday 27 July



The Duldig family home is a Californian Bungalow built in 1922 directly opposite Central Park in Malvern. Join this exclusive tour for insights into the home's features and art work. Hear how they tell the story of Melbourne's unique artistic and social history from the 1920s to 1980s.

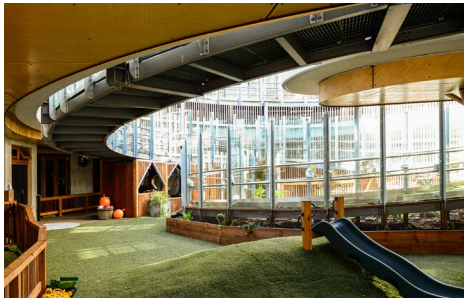
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**142 KOROWA GIRLS' SCHOOL SPORTS AND WELLBEING CENTRE**  
**Korowa Girls' School**  
10/16 Ranfurlie Cres, Glen Iris VIC 3146  
Saturday 26 July



The Roslyn Otzen Sports and Wellbeing Centre facility is a space where all dimensions of health and wellbeing are catered to. Join us for presentations on the role of architecture in contemporary education and building tours to learn how this space has enhanced the school, our educational offerings and created a thriving community.

**143 LITTLE LANE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE GLEN IRIS**  
**Milton Architects**  
1597 Malvern Rd, Glen Iris VIC 3146  
Saturday 26 July



Little Lane Early Learning Centre Glen Iris reimagines early learning within an urban context. Join a building tour and hear from architect Steve Milton about how he brought this innovative centre to life, working with the client to align with their Reggio Emilia-based approach to learning.

**144 NORTHBROOK AND THE STONNINGTON HISTORY CENTRE**  
**Stonnington History Centre**  
1257 High St, Malvern VIC 3144  
Saturday 26 July



Northbrook is a Victorian Italianate villa built in 1888-1889. Come visit and learn about its history with a self-guided tour of the building and archive rooms. View a selection of items in Stonnington's local history collection, including photographs, maps, plans, newspapers and general history information.

**145 PRAHRAN SKATE PARK**  
**City of Stonnington and CONVIC**  
276 Malvern Rd, Prahran VIC 3181  
Sunday 27 July



The Prahran Skate Park and Basketball Court is a transformative public space that merges nontraditional sports with urban life. Join a guided tour to learn about its colourful story and how the City of Stonnington and internationally-renowned skate park designers and landscape architects Convic have reinvented this space.

**146 SOUTH YARRA: FROM RIVER PUNTS TO SKYSCRAPERS**  
**City of Stonnington**  
Toorak/South Yarra Library Meeting Room, 340 Toorak Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141  
Sunday 27 July



Join us for a walking tour down Toorak Road. Passing by key heritage sites, including the Yuncken Freeman-designed library, you'll learn about the suburb's development from the 1840s, when British colonists punted across the river, through to the present day, with the arrival of high-rise luxury living on Chapel Street.

Bookings Required

# SOUTH

**147 BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM**  
**City of Moorabbin Historical Society**  
Joyce Park, 304-306 Jasper Rd, Ormond VIC 3204  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Box Cottage Museum is the reconstruction of a cottage that was constructed nearby during the 1840s or '50s. Now home to the City of Moorabbin Historical Society, visitors to the museum can see an eclectic collection of fascinating historical artefacts and learn about residents' lives.

**148 BRIGHTON GENERAL CEMETERY**  
**Brighton Cemeterians Inc**  
261 North Rd, Caulfield South VIC 3162  
Saturday 26 July



Whether you are an arts aficionado, a military or history buff or just love the mystery of a murder, come for a walking tour of the Brighton General Cemetery and be introduced to its many colourful characters and their stories. Additional informational booklets and pamphlets will be available to purchase.

**149 BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL – THE DUIGAN CENTRE**  
**Architectus**  
35 St Andrews St, Brighton VIC 3186  
Saturday 26 July



Brighton Grammar School's newly opened Duigan Centre houses specialised areas for science, robotics, product design, and the creative arts. Join Architectus for a tour to find out more about the overall design vision for the building. View learning spaces, the rooftop tennis court and the full-scaled replica 'Duigan Flyer' biplane.

**150 FUTURES STUDIO AT WOODLEIGH SCHOOL**  
**Melldowie Partners**  
485 Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin South VIC 3911  
Saturday 26 July



Enjoy a guided tour of the Woodleigh Futures Studio, exploring this dynamic, sustainable living ecosystem—the first school building of its kind in Australia. Learn about the innovative near-zero waste construction system and sustainable building materials. Explore the expansive learning zones that extend from the classroom to the aquatic tanks to the living green roof and everything in between.

Both Open Access + Bookings Required

**151 GLEN HUNTLY STATION**  
**COX Architecture**  
Glen Huntly Rd & Royal Ave, Glen Huntly VIC 3163  
Saturday 26 July



With a material palette of red brick, stone, timber and anodised aluminium, the new Glen Huntly station was designed to connect the local community and celebrate local character. Tour the station with senior project leaders from COX and learn more about the design concept and technical challenges of designing train stations.

**152 MELBOURNE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**  
**Melbourne Holocaust Museum**  
Elsternwick VIC 3185  
Friday 25 July + Sunday 27 July



“WHAT AN INCREDIBLE EYE-OPENER! A MUST PLACE TO VISIT, VERY EDUCATIONAL BUT INCREDIBLY HEARTBREAKING!”

The new five-storey Melbourne Holocaust Museum combines museum, research, education and staff offices and amenities linked by a beautifully detailed circulation core. Tour the award-winning building to view and understand the structure, then enjoy the opportunity to see the museum's exhibitions (additional cost) or hear a first-hand Holocaust survivor talk.

**153 MORRIS MOOR: INTO 70MORROW**  
**Up Property**  
1 Cochrane Rd, Moorabbin VIC 3189  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Once an industrious factory site, Morris Moor has been transformed into a vibrant public and commercial precinct. See the photo exhibition 70 Years of Innovation in the City of Kingston, or join us for the panel INTO 70MORROW to explore innovation in business, design and production with Morris Moor tenants.

**154 TARA INSTITUTE BUDDHIST CENTRE**  
**Tara Institute Buddhist Centre**  
3 Mavis Ave, Brighton East VIC 3187  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Tara Buddhist Institute is an Italianate-style mansion designed by noted architect Charles Webb. Tour the building, see the stunning floor-to-ceiling stained glass windows designed by artist Alan Sumner, and hear interesting stories about past occupants, from former Brighton Mayor Sir Thomas Bent to the Daughters of Charity nuns.

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# EAST

**155 A MONUMENTAL EGYPTIAN TOMB IN MELBOURNE**  
Setken  
430 High St, Kew VIC 3101  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Hidden within suburban Melbourne lies a remarkable piece of Egyptian-inspired architecture: the tomb of media tycoon David Syme. Built in 1910, this heritage-listed mausoleum is a miniature replica of Trajan's Kiosk in Egypt. In this captivating talk, artist-turned-researcher Setken delves into its fascinating history.

**156 BILLS STREET SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING: PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL PROGRAM**  
Hayball  
1-12 Bills St, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July



Bills Street delivers 206 new social and affordable homes across a precinct of six buildings in a unique Melbourne suburban setting. Tours will focus on the architectural and landscape design as well as the drivers for delivering this significant social and affordable housing project.

**157 CONNECTED COMMUNITY HACKERSPACE**  
Connected Community HackerSpace Inc  
5 Kent Ln, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“ENDED UP CHATTING FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS AND ENJOYING THE SMALL BUT INCREDIBLY WELCOMING COMMUNITY AT HS MELBOURNE.”**

Connected Community HackerSpace is a community workshop filled with tools and machines for making. We are a strong and diverse community where makers, hackers and technologists can connect over interesting problems, ideas and solutions. Join a tour and discover the story of our community and see our members' creativity.

**158 ECHO.1—MELBOURNE'S FIRST TURNKEY PASSIVHAUS DEVELOPMENT**  
C.Street Projects  
360 Auburn Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July



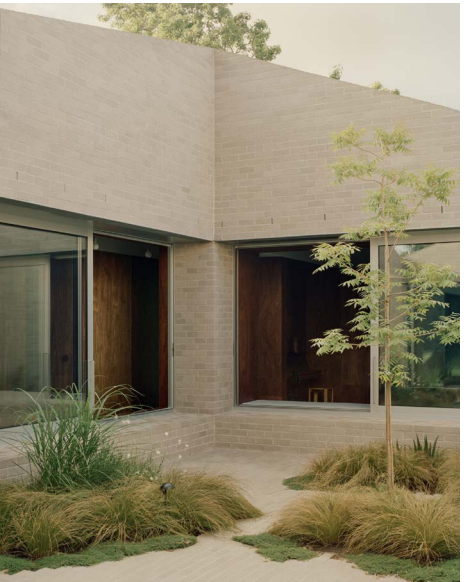
Come tour a display home at ECHO.1, Australia's first Passivhaus-certified build-to-sell townhouses by C Street Projects. View construction photos, material samples and learn more about sustainable features such as heat recovery ventilators and make-up air systems.

**159 HAWTHORN TRAM DEPOT**  
Melbourne Tram Museum Inc.  
8 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Opened in 1916, the Hawthorn Tram Depot is an imposing building in the Romanesque Revival style, designed by notable Melbourne architect Leonard Flannagan. Take a guided or self-guided tour to see the premises, the exhibitions and trams that date from the 1880s to the 1970s.

**160 NAPLES STREET HOUSE**  
Edition Office  
Box Hill South VIC 3128  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Naples Street House by Edition Office is a small footprint home designed for three generations. Come explore the award-winning multi-generational home that balances spatial and architectural agendas with a practical comfort. Architects from Edition Office will be on site to answer questions.

**161 READINGS CHADSTONE**  
Kerstin Thompson Architects  
Chadstone Shopping Centre, Tenancy G-132, 1341 Dandenong Rd, Chadstone VIC 3145  
Saturday 26 July



For the new Readings Chadstone, KTA experimented with dematerialisation (working with less) and responsible sourcing of materials. Join Sarah Cooper, KTA associate and the project lead, and learn about the design concepts behind the project, including principles of re-use and modular flexibility to support different modes of use/display.

**162 ST COLUMB'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HAWTHORN**  
St Columb's Anglican Church Hawthorn  
5 St Columbs St, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“HERE WILL BE MY WEDDING PLACE SOON. SINCE FIRST DAY I FEEL GREAT WITH THIS CHURCH.”**

St Columb's Church is a Gothic Revival bluestone building built in 1883 with a fine collection of stained glass windows by key manufacturers of the time. Explore the church building and items from the archive, or join a guided tour of the building's highlights.

**163 TAY CREGGAN**  
Strathcona Girls Grammar  
30 Yarra St, Hawthorn VIC 3122  
Saturday 26 July



Tay Creggan, a magnificent Victorian Queen Anne Revival heritage building on the Yarra, was originally built as a family home in 1893. Tour this magnificent building and its surroundings. Learn about its interesting history and take a trip down to the banks of the Yarra River.

**164 VILLA ALBA MUSEUM: THE PATERSON BROS. INTERIOR ART DECORATORS—THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE**  
Villa Alba Museum Inc  
44 Walmer St, Kew VIC 3101  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“AN INCREDIBLE TREASURE LOOKED AFTER BY A TERRIFIC GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS. A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO A WORLD LONG GONE.”**

Villa Alba's notable decorated interiors were created by preeminent interior decorating firm Paterson Bros. in 1884. Held inside, this exhibition will cover their public and private commissions and give visitors an introduction to their surviving work at Villa Alba, the State Parliament Library and the Victorian Trades Hall.

## FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

### OUR TOP PICKS:

Hidden Stories of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre

ABC Southbank

Carlton Scout Hall

Essendon Incinerator Complex

Mission Whitten Oval – Western Bulldogs Football Club

Australian Tapestry Workshop

Prahran Skate Park

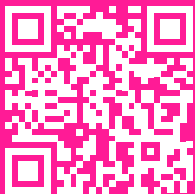
And more!

70+ ACTIVITIES



Head to the family itinerary for more details on how families can participate in the Open House Melbourne weekend.

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# CITY OF MARIBYRNONG

**165 FOOTSCRAY HERITAGE THEATRES TOUR**  
City of Maribyrnong  
29 Leeds St, Footscray VIC 3011  
Sunday 27 July



Join us for a walking tour exploring the rich history of Footscray's heritage theatres. Discover the former sites of the La Scala, Trocadero, Grand, and Barkly Theatres as we delve into their unique architectural styles, programming, and how they adapted—or disappeared—with the rise of television.

**166 FOOTSCRAY MARKET**  
Footscray Market  
81 Hopkins St, Footscray VIC 3011  
Saturday 26 July



With a rich history that has evolved alongside the changing demographics of the community, Footscray Market offers a diverse mix of produce and dishes. Immerse yourself in the market's history and culture with our guided tour. With Joyce as your guide, you're guaranteed to have an unforgettable and tasty adventure!

**167 FOOTSCRAY PARK**  
Footscray Historical Society  
Footscray Park Mills Cl, Footscray VIC 3011  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Take a guided walking tour through the largest and most intact Edwardian park in Australia to learn its heritage and history. Walking along heritage bluestone paths, you'll hear the unique story of community advocacy behind the park's creation and hear about curator Dave Mathews' vision for the park.

**168 FOOTSCRAY TOWN HALL TOUR**  
City of Maribyrnong  
61 Napier St, Footscray VIC 3011  
Saturday 26 July



Take a tour of the former Footscray Town Hall, the only known example of the imposing American Romanesque style applied to a civic building in Victoria. The tour will include insights from members of the Footscray Historical Society and architectural firm DesignInc on the redeveloped civic administration and community spaces.

**169 MAURICE AND I**  
DocPlay  
Sun Theatre, 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville VIC 3013  
Saturday 26 July



DocPlay presents a one-off screening of the wonderful documentary *Maurice and I*. Directed by Christchurch filmmakers Rick Harvie + Jane Mahoney, the film presents a moving portrait of a unique architectural partnership, and a reminder of the vital importance of architecture in creating and sustaining a city.

**170 MISSION WHITTEN OVAL – WESTERN BULLDOGS FOOTBALL CLUB**  
Western Bulldogs Football Club  
417 Barkly St, Footscray VIC 3011  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



**“IT WAS SUCH A GREAT FEELING BEING BACK TO THIS GREAT OVAL, SO MANY MEMORIES CAME FLOODING BACK.”**

Following an extensive three-year, \$78 million renovation, the spiritual home of the Western Bulldogs reopened in mid-2024. Explore the Bulldogs Museum and Shop, the EJ Whitten Stand, theatre, and Western Grounds function space, and grab a coffee or lunch at Alfa Bakehouse café.

**171 SUN THEATRE**  
Sun Theatre  
8 Ballarat St, Yarraville VIC 3013  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



When it originally opened in 1938, The Sun was a single-screen cinema and the most luxurious in the area. Today it has eight boutique Art Deco-inspired cinemas. Join a tour to go behind the scenes and watch a history newsreel screening in one of our theatres.

**172 WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT VELOWAY: BEHIND-THE-BARRIERS EXPERIENCE**  
Transurban  
West Gate Tunnel Project Information Centre, 2 Somerville Rd, Yarraville VIC 3013  
Saturday 26 July



The West Gate Tunnel Project is delivering a 2.5 km-long veloway from Footscray into the City. Come get a behind-the-barriers look as we continue preparing for its' opening later this year. This is a rare opportunity to walk the veloway before it opens exclusively to cyclists.

# CITY OF MOONEE VALLEY

**173 CLOCKTOWER CENTRE**  
Clocktower Centre  
750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Originally built in 1880, the Clocktower Centre has served as a vibrant arts hub for 25 years. Join us for a coffee in our café, bring your little ones, check out our 25th anniversary exhibition or take a sneak peek at the theatre and studio via guided tour.

**174 ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT TERMINAL**  
Essendon Fields  
72 Hargrave Ave, Essendon Fields VIC 3041  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



Join the Civil Aviation Historical Society for a talk in the lounge of the original Essendon Airport Terminal. See the recently refurbished passenger facilities and commercial office spaces, then learn more about the airport's 100+ year history. Walking maps will be available for self-guided tours.

**175 ESSENDON INCINERATOR COMPLEX**  
Incinerator Gallery  
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie VIC 3040  
Saturday 26 July



Explore the last remaining Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahoney Griffin-designed incinerator in Victoria. Led by knowledgeable staff and volunteers, visitors will be taken on a guided tour and then hear how the site became a contemporary art gallery and saved from demolition, thanks to community support.

**176 LOWTHER HALL ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL—MARGARET TIERNEY SENIOR CENTRE**  
Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School  
17 Leslie Rd, Essendon VIC 3040  
Sunday 27 July



Built in 1890 for Melbourne brewer Collier McCracken, Earlsbrae Hall later became home to Coles' Book Arcade founder E.W. Cole. Notable for its high quality materials and elaborate, well-crafted interior spaces, it now serves as the heart of Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School. Join for a student-led tour around Earlsbrae Hall, our heritage-listed centrepiece building.

**177 MOONEE PONDS COURT HOUSE MUSEUM AND QUEENS PARK**  
Essendon Historical Society  
768 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039  
Sunday 27 July



Explore the architecture of Moonee Ponds Court House via a self-guided tour and peruse an embroidery exhibition. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. There will also be a heritage-focused guided walking tour of Queens Park.

**178 MOONEE VALLEY RACING CLUB**  
Moonee Valley Racing Club  
Gate 2, Feehan Ave, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039  
Saturday 26 July



**“I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW WE WERE TREATED BY THIS LOVELY KIND MAN. LOVE THE FRIDAY NIGHT RACES.”**

Established in 1883, the Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC) has enjoyed a rich and vibrant history of thoroughbred horse racing. Visitors are invited to explore it through a guided site tour that includes the racetrack, grandstand, horse stalls and the historic Tote building.

**179 PENLEIGH AND ESSENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL—KEILOR EAST CAMPUS TOUR**  
McBride Charles Ryan  
Keilor Rd & Rachelle Rd, Keilor East VIC 3033  
Sunday 27 July



McBride Charles Ryan has worked with Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School (PEGS) for over 15 years, developing a series of projects that rethink the educational campus as a kind of wondrous mini-city. Join a campus tour and learn the stories behind the design and construction of each one.

**180 ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE—MARGARET TIERNEY SENIOR CENTRE**  
Baldasso Cortese  
Gate 6 opposite 51 Hampton Rd, Essendon West VIC 3040  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



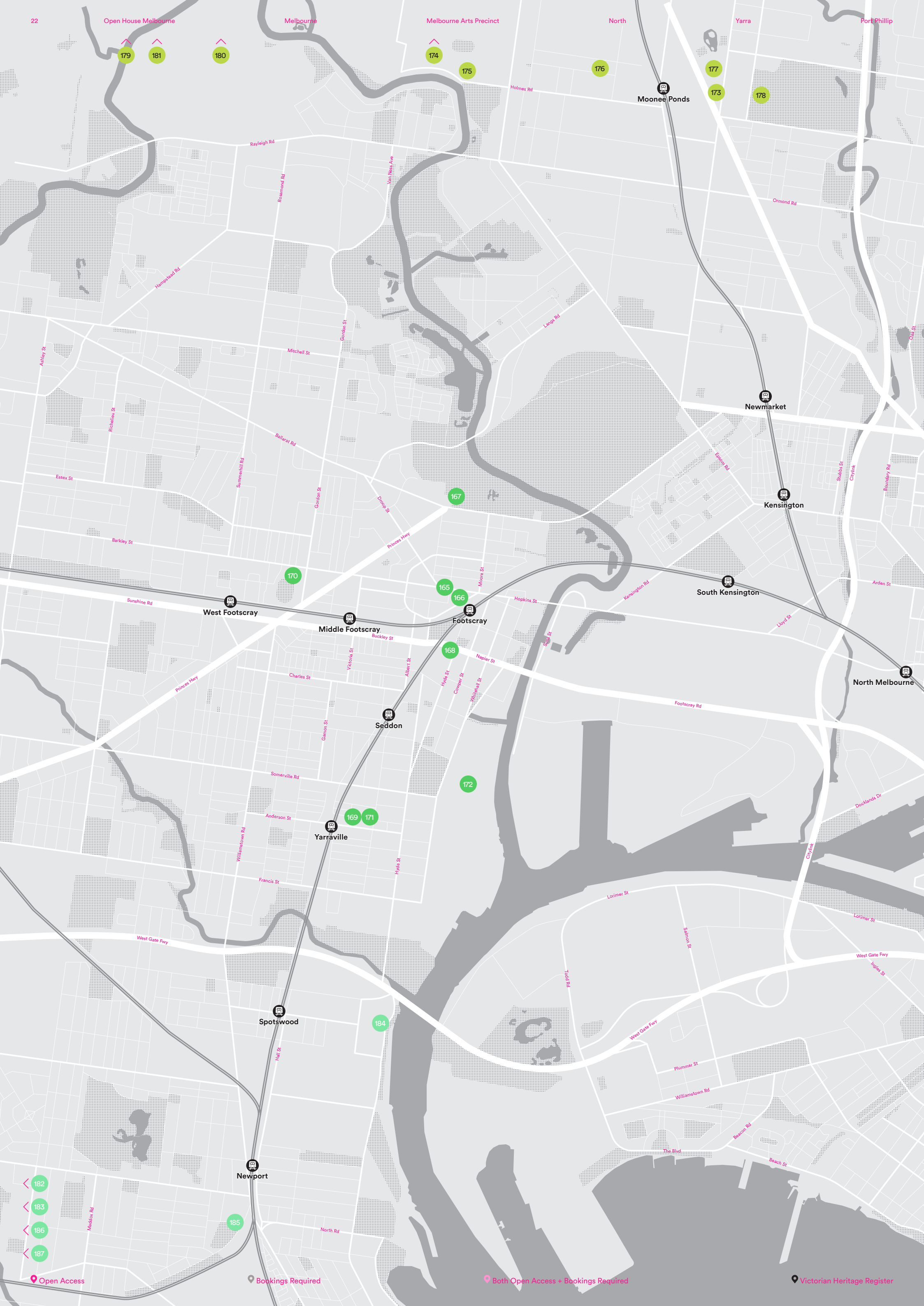
Nestled into a landscaped hill, the three-storey Margaret Tierney Senior Centre responds to site planning overlays, terrain and a significant oak tree with a vision for passive design. Explore this state-of-the-art educational facility via self-guided tour and gain insight into how the built environment can enhance learning.

**181 VALLEY LAKE PRECINCT**  
Valley Lake Blvd, Keilor East VIC 3033  
Sunday 27 July



Valley Lake was the former site of Niddrie Quarry until it closed in the 1970s. After plans to turn it into landfill were stopped, the site was turned into housing and parkland. Join a site tour to hear about the campaign and learn about the challenges and opportunities for the Canopi Valley Lake master plan.





# WEST

**182 A FOREST FOR AUSTRALIA AND ALTONA TREATMENT PLANT**  
A Forest for Australia and Altona Treatment Plant  
293 Queen St, Altona Meadows VIC 3018  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



In 1998, environmental artist Agnes Denes created A Forest for Australia at Greater Western Water's Altona Treatment Plant. Uncover the story of this living artwork, and also the fascinating world of water recycling with a behind-the-scenes tour of the treatment plant.

**183 ALTONA HOMESTEAD**  
Hobsons Bay City Council  
128 Queen St, Altona VIC 3018  
Saturday 26 July



“A VERY GOOD HISTORY LESSON AND WELL WORTH A VISIT. LOT'S OF HISTORICAL ITEMS ON DISPLAY AND YOU GET A GOOD SENSE OF THE HOMESTEAD.”

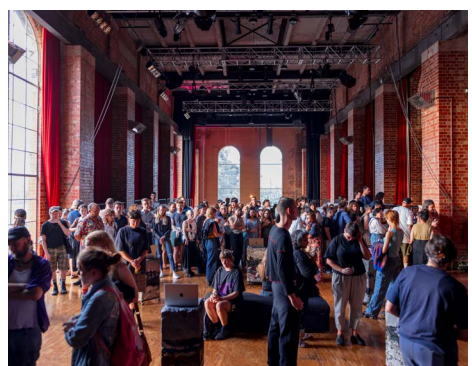
Once the home of the Langhorne family, Altona Homestead is now home to the Altona Laverton Historical Society. Enjoy access to Altona's oldest residential building with one of the Society's members who will talk about the Homestead, its occupants and its importance to the area's development.

**184 SCIENCEWORKS—SPOTSWOOD PUMPING STATION**  
Scienceworks (Museums Victoria)  
2 Booker St, Spotswood VIC 3015  
Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Built in the 1890s, the Spotswood Pumping Station at Scienceworks played a vital role in overcoming Melbourne's early public health and sanitation problems. Join this guided tour to hear stories of old Melbourne, Victorian engineering feats and fascinating things about the service we like to forget—sewerage!

**185 THE SUBSTATION**  
The Substation  
1 Market St, Newport VIC 3056  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July



Established over a century ago to power Melbourne's suburban rail system, The Substation building is a landmark in the industrial history of Melbourne's Inner West. Experience its story via guided tour or self-guided tours. Watch an archival film or peek behind the curtain of experimental art with CEO Nuala Furtado.

**186 WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO EXPANSION**  
Zoos Victoria  
K Rd, Werribee South VIC 3030  
Friday 25 July + Saturday 26 July + Sunday 27 July



Come explore the design and creation of Werribee Open Range Zoo's new world-class 21-hectare Elephant Habitat. Visitors will have the opportunity to discover the process behind one of the most significant zoological expansions in Australia, showcasing how the project blends cutting-edge design with a commitment to conservation.

**187 WERRIBEE PARK MANSION**  
Parks Victoria  
K Rd, Werribee VIC 3030  
Sunday 27 July



“THE GROUNDS ARE BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED WITH MANY GREAT SPOTS FOR A PICNIC. THE MANSION ITSELF WAS WELL PRESENTED AND A GREAT SNAPSHOT OF HOW LIFE ONCE WAS.”

Werribee Mansion is one of Australia's largest, grandest, and most architecturally sophisticated mansions. Completed in 1877, it was built in an Italianate Renaissance Revival style. Enjoy free access to the interior for Open House Melbourne and learn more about the Mansion's history, art, and architectural features.



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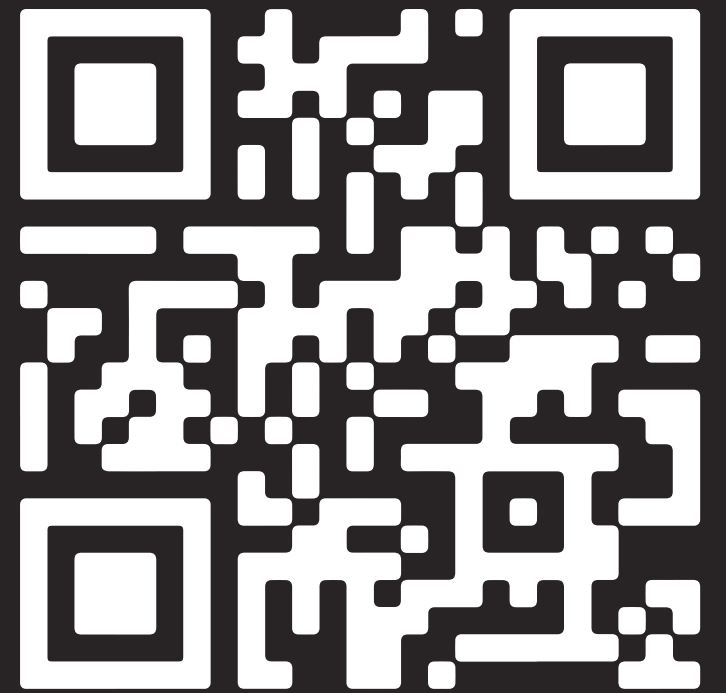
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