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**OPEN HOUSE
MELBOURNE**

Experience the Open House Melbourne Weekend festival from Friday 24 July to Sunday 26 July 2026.

A generous city creates places where people can gather, pause, share ideas and feel part of something bigger. Open House Melbourne invites you to explore the buildings, streets and spaces that shape everyday life in our city.

This year's festival presents a program of building openings, tours, talks and events that invite you behind closed doors and into places rarely experienced by the public. Discover how architecture and good design can support a city that is more inclusive, resilient and vibrant for everyone.

Welcome message from the Minister for Creative Industries



Vicki Ward MP
Minister for Creative Industries

The Open House Melbourne Weekend is like no other in our great city—there's magic in peeling back the layers of our historic and significant buildings and inviting everyone in.

This year's program is extraordinary, with more than 180 buildings and experiences on offer across the city, including guided tours, talks and exhibitions—and your experience will be like having your own VIP access pass.

The exciting and diverse offerings in this year's program is a chance to explore sites often closed to the public, or to see iconic venues and spaces in a whole new light.

The Open House Melbourne Weekend highlights the important and influential work of architects and designers, revealing hidden stories and aspects about Melbourne.

It also showcases the vital role thoughtful design plays in building vibrant, inclusive communities and shaping the way we live, work, and connect.

Thank you to Open House Melbourne, its partners and volunteers for making this extraordinary weekend possible. The Victorian Government is proud to support this event and Open House Melbourne's year-round work.

Whether you're visiting a building, discovering a local story, or joining a conversation about the future, enjoy the journey of discovery at this year's Open House Melbourne Weekend.

Welcome message from Tania Davidge



Tania Davidge
Executive Director & Chief Curator,
Open House Melbourne

Each year, Open House Melbourne opens doors across the city, inviting you to step inside and experience the places that shape our lives.

The 2026 Weekend theme, *Generous City*, explores how design, creativity and architecture can bring us together, foster a culture of openness and offer space, care and possibility to the people who live, work and play here.

A generous city gives more than it takes. It offers space. It makes room—for difference, for encounter, for the unexpected.

A generous city extends a warm welcome. You feel it in the open door that invites you inside, the street that offers shade and respite, the shared table and the community garden. It is found in the quiet acts of care embedded in design.

A generous city shares what it has. It shares knowledge, celebrates diversity and helps us see the city differently. It deepens our sense of belonging and cultivates everyday moments where we might meet, or strike up a conversation.

This year's festival looks not at what we are missing, but at what we have and what we can give. From the front porch to our laneways and local gathering places, accessible streets and climate-conscious design, generosity can be found in the ways we plan, build and inhabit our shared spaces.

This year's Open House Melbourne Weekend invites you to experience the ways Melbourne is shaped by care, reciprocity and collective responsibility. Through *Generous City*, we explore a more open, equitable and compassionate city—one that gives back, inspires us to look after one another and makes space for everyone.



Get to know the Precincts

From the centre of Melbourne to neighbourhood hubs, there are eight precincts, each offering their own character, stories and places to discover.

We have developed precinct itineraries for you to explore the City of Melbourne, Melbourne Arts Precinct, Melbourne Quarter, City North precinct, and the cities of Port Phillip, Maribyrnong and Stonnington, designed to help you experience more of the city.

Each itinerary connects building openings, public spaces, walking routes and local highlights, making it easy to explore at your own pace.

For families, the Family Itinerary highlights engaging, accessible spaces perfect for curious young minds. The First Nations Itinerary delves into the city's rich layers of knowledge to share programs that explore living culture and ongoing connection to Country. The Creative Spaces Itinerary shows how artists, makers and organisations are reimagining how spaces across the city are used and shared.

Density Done Well explores inspiring examples of housing density designed for people, place and community.

A generous city opens its doors, shares its places, and invites you in.

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 17 July–Thursday 23 July 10am–6pm (pre event)
- + Friday 24 July 9am–6pm
- + Saturday 25 July 9am–6pm
- + Sunday 26 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.

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

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

Visit the website for more information 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

Accessibility varies from program to program. Refer to the website for site and program specific details or contact.

See the Access Map for select sites with access offerings for those with mobility and neurodiversity needs.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age requirements apply to some sites, tours, and 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 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 #generouscity

Facebook: [@openhousemelbourne](https://www.facebook.com/openhousemelbourne)
Instagram: [@openhousemelb](https://www.instagram.com/openhousemelb)

Essential festival updates will be shared via our social media across the Weekend.

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!

Program Highlights



Designing with Country

The Edge, Fed Square
Wednesday 22 July, 6pm–7.30pm
Free, bookings required

How can design reveal and strengthen our connections to Country? Bringing together leading voices in First Nations knowledge, architecture and urban design this conversation will explore how pathways, trails and infrastructure can act as living cultural lines.

Together, they will reflect on approaches to 'designing with Country' and consider how lines—whether songlines, walking trails or transport corridors—carry knowledge, memory and responsibility, and how design can meaningfully support deeper, ongoing connections with Country.

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



Modern Melbourne: John Denton

ACMI Cinema 2
Sunday 26 July, 3.30pm–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, John Denton, one of Australia's most influential architects, reflects on the formation of Denton Corker Marshall in the early 1970's together with Bill Corker and Barrie Marshall and how the practice went on to shape civic and cultural life both in Australia and internationally. In conversation with Jill Garner at the Melbourne Museum, John provides compelling insight into an architectural body of work that is at once generous, rigorous, and responsive to place, history and public life

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



Heritage Address with Robyn Annear

Solidarity Hall, Trades Hall
Monday 27 July, 6.30pm–8pm
Free, bookings required

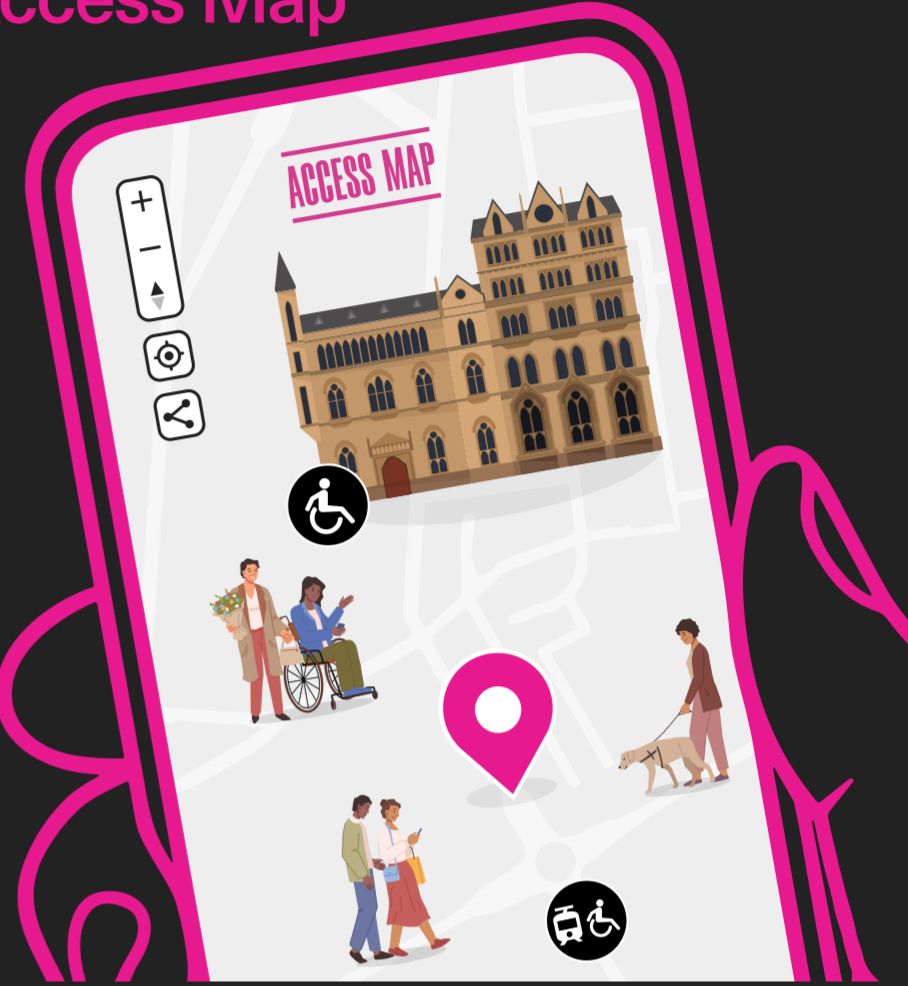
Join writer, historian and curator Robyn Annear as she delves into the formative history of Melbourne's laneways and the shadow network they weave through the city blocks.

Once a laneway-sceptic, Annear will reveal how the 'City of Lanes' rapidly evolved from Robert Hoddle's orderly town grid, defined by broad, straight, surveillable streets and judiciously regulated allotments, into a web of passages stitched between what was meant to be seen.

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

Open up your Weekend with Open House Melbourne's Access Map

Scan Here



Access Map

Discover the Access Map, developed with Maptivate, featuring selected mobility-friendly and neurodiverse-considerate sites across the program.

Designed for people with access needs and their carers, the Access Map provides additional information about accessibility at each location and nearby amenities, helping you plan your visit with confidence and ease.



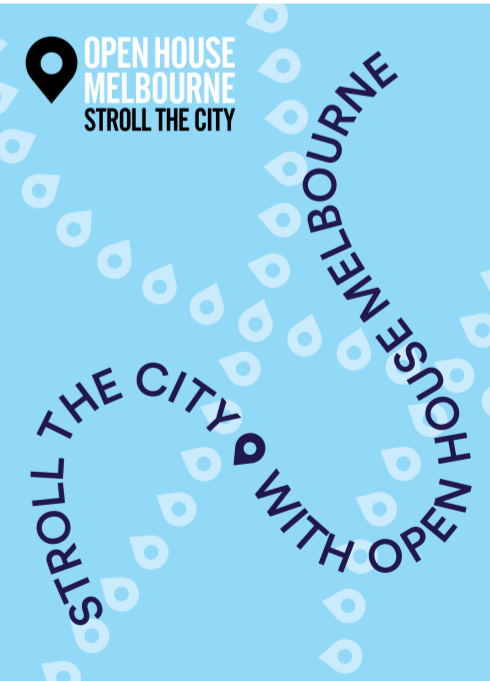
Open Play at the State Library Victoria

Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July
Open Play 10am–2pm
Drop in session, no bookings required

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, families are invited to take part in a hands-on workshop at the State Library where they'll make their own compass, a playful introduction to looking at the city in new ways.

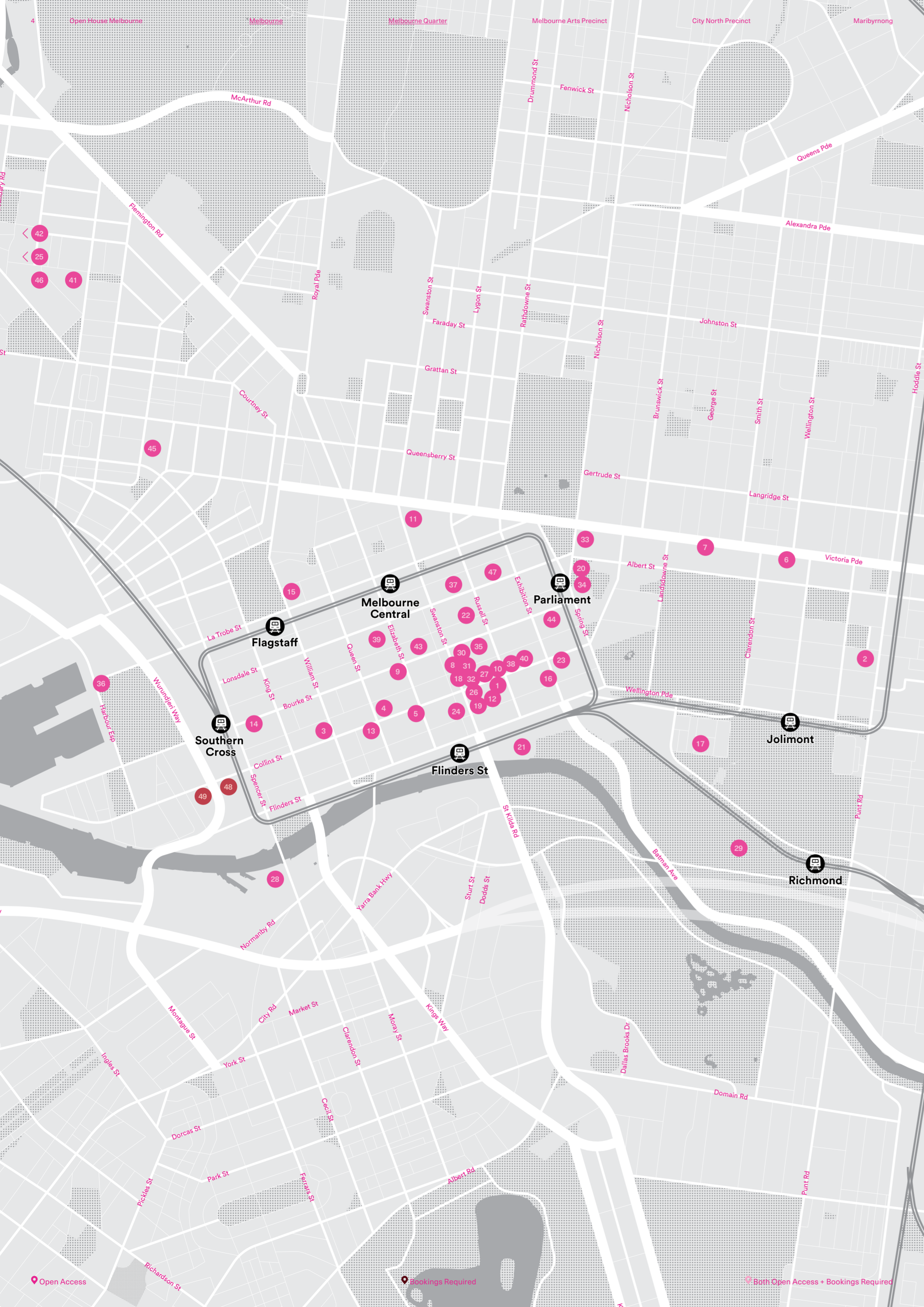
After the workshop, participants can use their compass and a special map and clues to follow a treasure hunt through Melbourne's city streets and places.



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.

There are eight self-guided, interactive audio tours you can try out on the Weekend, inviting you to learn about the successes, challenges and opportunities for our city.




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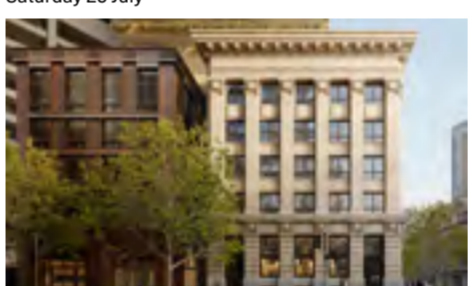
- 1 171 COLLINS STREET**
171 Collins Street
 171 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July




171 Collins Street integrates the historic Mayfair Building fronting Collins Street with premium workplace experiences to create a distinctive destination within Melbourne's CBD. Join us for a guided tour through Bates Smart-led upgrades and the recently launched Third Space by Hassell.
- 2 5x4 HAYES LANE PROJECT**
Barley Store Productions Pty Ltd
 East Melbourne VIC 3002
 Sunday 26 July




Join an intimate guided experience of the 5x4 Hayes Lane Project, one of Melbourne's most distinctive small-footprint sustainable homes. Previously featured on *Grand Designs Australia* and examined in academic research, the visit will include a tour of the three-level dwelling and roof garden, with discussion of passive and active environmental design, compact inner-city living, healthy densification and material innovation.
- 3 623 COLLINS—STATE BANK HOUSE**
Sterling Global
 Level 5, 63 William St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July




Visit the display suite at 632 Collins and experience the project's architectural vision firsthand. Gain insights into the restoration of the 1924 State Savings Bank facade and the integration of heritage with a contemporary 42-storey tower.
- 4 ANZ GOTHIC BANK MUSEUM AND VERDON CHAMBERS**
ANZ Banking Group
 388 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Sunday 26 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 and discover the history of banking by exploring the Museum, or join a pre-booked guided tour of the Verdon Chambers above.
- 5 ARM MELBOURNE BY ARM ARCHITECTURE**
ARM Architecture
 Level 27, 303 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Sunday 26 July




Come visit ARM's new studio in the former MLC Building. Designed by the team for the team, the fitout transforms a post-war modernist tower into a joyful, bright, open and energetic workplace. See the space and learn more about some of ARM's boldest, city-shaping designs.
- 6 BREW TOWER MUSEUM AT TRIBECA**
Tribecca
 412 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne VIC 3002
 Saturday 25 July




Founded in 1854, the Brew Tower Museum is part of the most significant brewery complex in Victoria. Explore the museum spread over three levels of the original tower. Come learn about the brewing process and its history via self-guided tour, permitted at specific time slots during the day.
- 7 CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**
Catholic Theological College
 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne VIC 3002
 Saturday 25 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.
- 8 CITY GALLERY: VIVA GIBB'S PORTRAIT OF NORTH AND WEST MELBOURNE**
City of Melbourne
 110 Swanson St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July




Visit City Gallery to view the photography exhibition, *On the street where I live: Viva Gibb's portrait of North and West Melbourne*. Taken between the mid-1970s and the early 1990s, these photographs reflect a distinct and sympathetic portrait of Gibb's community during a transformative period in Melbourne's history.
- 9 COFFEE WITH AN ARCHITECT: A GLIMPSE INTO STUDIO LIFE**
Architectus
 Level 25, 385 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July




Architectus opens the doors to its Melbourne studio for a series of intimate hourly sessions over coffee. In each, you'll tour a working architecture studio, see current projects in progress and hear directly from the practice's architects about how ideas move from sketch to model to city.
- 10 COLLINS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**
Collins Street Baptist Church
 174 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July




With its classical temple facade and four Corinthian columns, Collins Street Baptist Church reflects the idea of church as a community. Learn about the current church community, and the building's history and heritage from our guides. There will also be choir performances throughout the day.
- 11 CONNECTION TO COUNTRY: MELBOURNE METRO TUNNEL AND BEYOND**
Greenshoot Consulting & Design
 Franklin St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Sunday 26 July




Join Senior Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and Greenshoot principal and design lead Stas Mantzis on a tour of the Connection to Country public realm design interventions at State Library and Town Hall stations to discuss the cultural significance of these works, and the consultation and co-design process behind them.
- 12 CRAFT VICTORIA**
Craft Victoria
 Watson Pl, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July




Craft Victoria is a leading not-for-profit arts organisation dedicated to supporting contemporary artists and makers. Come see *Camp Stove*, the First Peoples-led exhibition on the craft of Queer Blak survivance; visit the *Vitrine* gallery and check out Craft Victoria's Craft Maker Showcase retail space highlighting material experimentation and the cultural relevance of art.
- 13 DIADEM AT ALDERSGATE HOUSE**
DiaDEM
 405-407 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July




Step inside a working design studio to explore how wayfinding shapes cities such as Melbourne. Guided tours led by Diadem's designers and directors will unpack live projects, research methods and material experimentation. Visitors will learn how thoughtful design supports dignity and independence in public space.
- 14 DONKEY WHEEL HOUSE—RENAISSANCE: AWAKENING**
Impact Neighbourhoods International Pty Ltd
 673 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July




Donkey Wheel House is a state heritage-listed building reimagined as a shared home for charities, artists, social enterprises, and cultural practitioners. Dive into our program this year, including First Nations-led conversations, art exhibitions and activations, and guided public tours throughout the building.
- 15 DRILL HALL: A CASE STUDY AND CONVERSATION ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS**
Royal Historical Society of Victoria
 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Sunday 26 July




Join representatives from the RHSV and Lovell Chen to tour the former Army Medical Corps Drill Hall. Passing through spaces not normally open to the public, the tour will discuss the challenges of heritage buildings: how they are maintained, adapted, and kept in active use.
- 16 FOR-GIVING CITY: ARE OUR BUILDINGS GIVING BACK OR JUST TAKING UP SPACE?**
Sustainable Architecture Committee of the Australian Institute of Architects
 Level 2, 41 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July



How can our built environment be more generous? Organised by the Sustainable Architecture Committee of The Australian Institute of Architects, this session is a reflection on the current state of design. Alongside industry experts, we invite the public to look beyond buildings as individual structures and explore how they can become generous participants in Melbourne's shared urban life.
- 17 GATE 8**
Rothelwman
 86-88 Jolimont St, East Melbourne VIC 3002
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Gate 8 is a purpose-driven commercial development that reimagines the workplace as a platform for social impact, innovation and connection. Join us as the ground floor auditorium transforms into an open public forum for debate and discussion, alongside guided tours exploring the building's human-centred design, civic generosity and vibrant community-focused spaces.
- 18 DESIGN EXCELLENCE POCKETBOOK**
City of Melbourne
 Collect your printed map from the Open House Melbourne Info Hub, located outside Melbourne Town Hall, 90/130 Swanson St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



This self-guided tour invites people to reflect on how the city has carved spaces of respite and reciprocity over time. Celebrating the in-between spaces and the public realm, the places outlined in this walking tour demonstrate that a generous city is a deliberate design choice, and great public space should reflect a commitment to prioritising community participation, diversity and inclusion.

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19 DESIGN EXCELLENCE WALKING TOUR

City of Melbourne
City Square, corner of Swanston St and Flinders Ln, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July



A guided stroll along the Swanston Street spine invites people to reflect on how the city has carved spaces of respite and reciprocity over time. Starting at the newly completed City Square and making our way down to Greenline Project at Birrarung Marr, Dodds Street Linear Park and Rocks on Wheels, we'll highlight the community and City's role in creating new places for people and our living landscapes.

20 GENEROUS TYPOLOGIES: A WALK THROUGH THE CBD WITH EMAGN

EMAGN VIC (Emerging Architects and Graduate Network)
Parliament Gardens, East Melbourne VIC 3002
Saturday 25 July



Generous Typologies: A Walk Through the CBD with EMAGN provides opportunities to reflect on how generosity is expressed spatially in the city. Guided by architects and urban designers, this walking tour invites the audience to explore how architecture contributes to a city that balances collective openness with personal retreat.

21 GET TO KNOW THE GREENLINE PROJECT: BIRRARUNG NORTH BANK WALKING TOUR

City of Melbourne
The Greenline Project Hub, Birrarung Marr Walk at Federation Square, Melbourne to Enterprize Park, 469 Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 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.

22 GOSPEL HALL MELBOURNE

Gospel Hall Melbourne
196 Little Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July



Established on the 14th of July 1872, Gospel Hall Melbourne is the oldest Chinese Church in Australia. Come explore the church, including the chapel space and upstairs function room. There will be a display of historic items and a photo gallery in the chapel showing Gospel Hall through the years.

23 HASSELL STUDIO

Hassell Studio
Level 9, 55 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July



International design firm Hassell opens its Melbourne studio as a 'worklab': a functional testing ground rather than a curated showroom. Through a self-guided tour, visitors can observe a physical case study in regenerative design, where ninety-eight per cent of construction waste was diverted from landfill.

24 INVICTA HOUSE

Plus Studio
226 Flinders Ln, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July



Come join a guided tour of Invicta House. Built in the 1920s, the building has recently undergone a four-year refurbishment. Join architects from Plus Studio to learn more about its former lives and recent transformation, and learn how Melbourne's heritage buildings can be adapted for contemporary use.

25 LOCAL: KENSINGTON

Local: Residential
348 Macaulay Rd, Kensington VIC 3031
Saturday 25 July



Local: Kensington demonstrates that Build-to-Rent can deliver design excellence, inclusion and environmental leadership. Tour key shared spaces with the team, and look at how the building works day-to-day, discussing shared space use and integrated Impact Housing with Women's Property Initiatives.

26 MELBOURNE ARCADES

Melbourne Heritage Interiors
Town Hall Station concourse, cnr Swanston St and Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July + Sunday 26 July



Join author and heritage consultant Kristine Slawinski on a guided walking tour through some of Melbourne's most beautiful and historic city arcades. Drawn from her recently published book *Melbourne Heritage Interiors*, this tour invites participants to look closely at the craftsmanship, design and social history of these iconic spaces.

27 MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM LIBRARY: A HIDDEN GEM

Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated
Level 1, 188 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000
Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 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.

28 MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE: YOUR PLACE FOR GROUNDBREAKING IDEAS

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
2 Clarendon St, South Wharf VIC 3006
Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Celebrate our 30th anniversary year and join us for an immersive guided tour! Along the way, guides will reveal the architectural thinking behind its distinctive design, from locally sourced materials to subtle references to Melbourne's landscapes and culture. Expect engaging stories, behind-the-scenes insights and opportunities to ask questions along the way.

29 MELBOURNE PARK

Melbourne Park
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Go behind-the-scenes with an exclusive tour of Melbourne Park. Walk in the footsteps of your favourite artists and athletes with VIP access to Rod Laver Arena; take the court at Kia Arena; or step into the shoes of your favourite Matilda, Soccerero, NRL and A-League stars at AAMI Park.

30 MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

City of Melbourne
Melbourne Town Hall, Administration Building, 90-130 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Walk through one of Melbourne's most iconic buildings with a professional tour guide. Hear fascinating stories about the Yarra Room which was the original council chamber, and discover the historic Melbourne Room with its beautiful heritage features. Don't miss the magnificent Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ in the auditorium, dating back to 1929!

31 MELBOURNE TOWN HALL—ART AND HERITAGE COLLECTION STORE

City of Melbourne
Melbourne Town Hall, Administration Building, 90-130 Swanston St Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



The City of Melbourne Art and Heritage Collection contains over 15,000 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 a diversity of stories which have shaped Melbourne's evolving identity.

32 OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE INFO HUB

Open x Melbourne
Located outside Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston St Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 17 July—Sunday 26 July



The Info Hub is your go-to starting point for making the most of the Open House Melbourne Weekend. Whether you're a first time visitor or a seasoned Open House explorer, stop by the Info Hub to start your journey, discover something new and make the most of your Open House Melbourne Weekend experience!

33 ORICA HOUSE

Bates Smart
1 Nicholson St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



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

34 PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

Parliament of Victoria
Spring St, East Melbourne VIC 3002
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 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.

35 PIECES OF EIGHT X FOOLSCAP

Pieces of Eight + Foolscap
28 Russell Pl, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July



Explore the gallery and experience a special installation of limited-edition glass vases, designed by Foolscap and Pieces of Eight. See how reclaimed glass offcuts are transformed into abstract, sculptural vessels, join a public talk, or explore at your own pace.

36 PORT OF MELBOURNE BOAT TOUR

Port of Melbourne
Docklands Sunset Pt, 179 Harbour Esp, Docklands VIC 3008
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Port of Melbourne tours are fun, family-friendly events and the best way to see Australia's busiest port. Featuring guided commentary from port staff, you'll see the port from a whole new angle. Kids will enjoy the kids' zone and activities.

37 QUEEN VICTORIA WOMEN'S CENTRE

Queen Victoria Women's Centre
210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Located in the former Melbourne Hospital for Women and Children, the Queen Victoria Women's Centre (QVWC) is now home to organisations supporting women and social justice initiatives. Highlights include Guided Tours exploring the building's architectural, social and feminist histories; *We Sit in Circle*, an exhibition presented by The Torch in partnership with QVWC; a First Nations Weaving Workshop; and more.

38 SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Scots' Church Melbourne
Cnr Collins & Russell St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Ambitiously designed to be the most beautiful building in Australia, this year The Scots' Church celebrates 152 years of history. Come see the exquisite stained glass windows, the magnificent Rieger Orgelbau organ, and more. There will be self-guided tours, historical displays, video presentations and a special morning service on Sunday.

39 SNOHETTA

Snohetta Studio Melbourne
27 Niagara Ln, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Come behind the scenes into a working design studio. Snohetta's three-storey space brings together architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, art and design inside a restored 1887 warehouse. Drop in and explore project models, drawings and material palettes, and speak with members of the different teams.

40 ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

St Michael's Uniting Church
120 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



St Michael's Uniting Church stands on the site of the oldest church in Melbourne, with the current building erected in 1867. Today the church is home to an inclusive, progressive Christian community. Explore the unique architecture or enjoy an organ recital from St Michael's organist Rhys Boak.

41 ST PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL

St Peter and Paul Ukrainian Cathedral
35 Canning St, North Melbourne VIC 3051
Saturday 25 July



Discover Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Cathedral, the spiritual heart of the Ukrainian Catholic community in Australia. Explore the cathedral's architectural features, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic liturgical art and iconostasis, and the historical background of the parish since its foundation. Learn about the broader story of the Ukrainian Church and its mission.

42 SWIFT WALK

Assemble
402 Macaulay Rd, Kensington VIC 3031
Saturday 25 July



Swift Walk, Kensington demonstrates a new model for the delivery of large-scale social and affordable housing. Join a guided tour led by the project team, exploring Swift Walk's shared spaces and a selection of apartments. The tour offers insight into the design of the building and the partnerships behind it.

43 THE ARCHITECTURE THAT SHAPED MELBOURNE SHOPPING

Architects Registration Board of Victoria
336 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July



Since the early development of Melbourne, Bourke Street has been the centre of Melbourne shopping, housing the best of Australian department stores. Meeting outside Myer, we will explore the various stores that once existed along Bourke Street, detailing their importance in Melbourne's history.

44 THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA MUSEUM

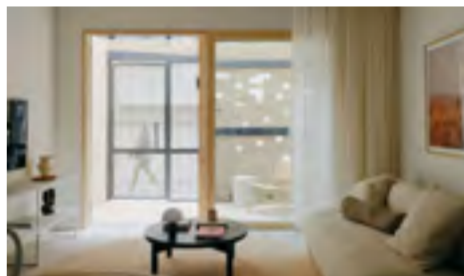
The Salvation Army
Level 4/69 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



The Salvation Army Australia Museum's Melbourne site preserves and presents Salvation Army history in Australia, including its contributions to Australia's film industry through Limelight Studios. Both the museum and the film studios will be open to the public, with tours of the museum conducted by a specialist.

45 TWO SISTERS

Breath Architecture
North Melbourne VIC 3051
Saturday 25 July



Breathe is excited to share its approach towards people- and planet-first architecture through material selection, efficient structure, and building less to give more. Tour through Two Sisters and learn how communities are formed from the bottom-up. This collection of fourteen apartments and townhouses embodies Breathe's values of thoughtful, sustainable and connected design.

46 VICTORIAN ARCHIVES CENTRE

Public Record Office Victoria
99 Shiel St, North Melbourne VIC 3051
Saturday 25 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.

47 WESLEY CHURCH MELBOURNE

Wesley Church Melbourne
136 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000
Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 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.

Melbourne Quarter

48 MELBOURNE QUARTER: GRAND OPENING TOUR

LandLease
695 Collins St, Docklands VIC 3008
Friday 24 July



Completed in 2026 after more than a decade of planning and construction, Melbourne Quarter is one of Melbourne's largest contemporary mixed-use precincts bringing together commercial workplaces, residential towers, retail, hospitality and public infrastructure. Join expert-led walks exploring the evolution of the LandLease precinct from large-scale development to a working part of the city.

49 MELBOURNE QUARTER'S PUBLIC ART

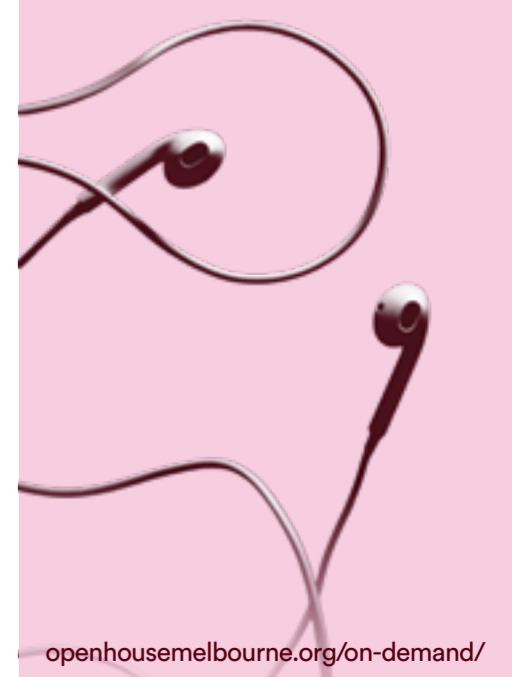
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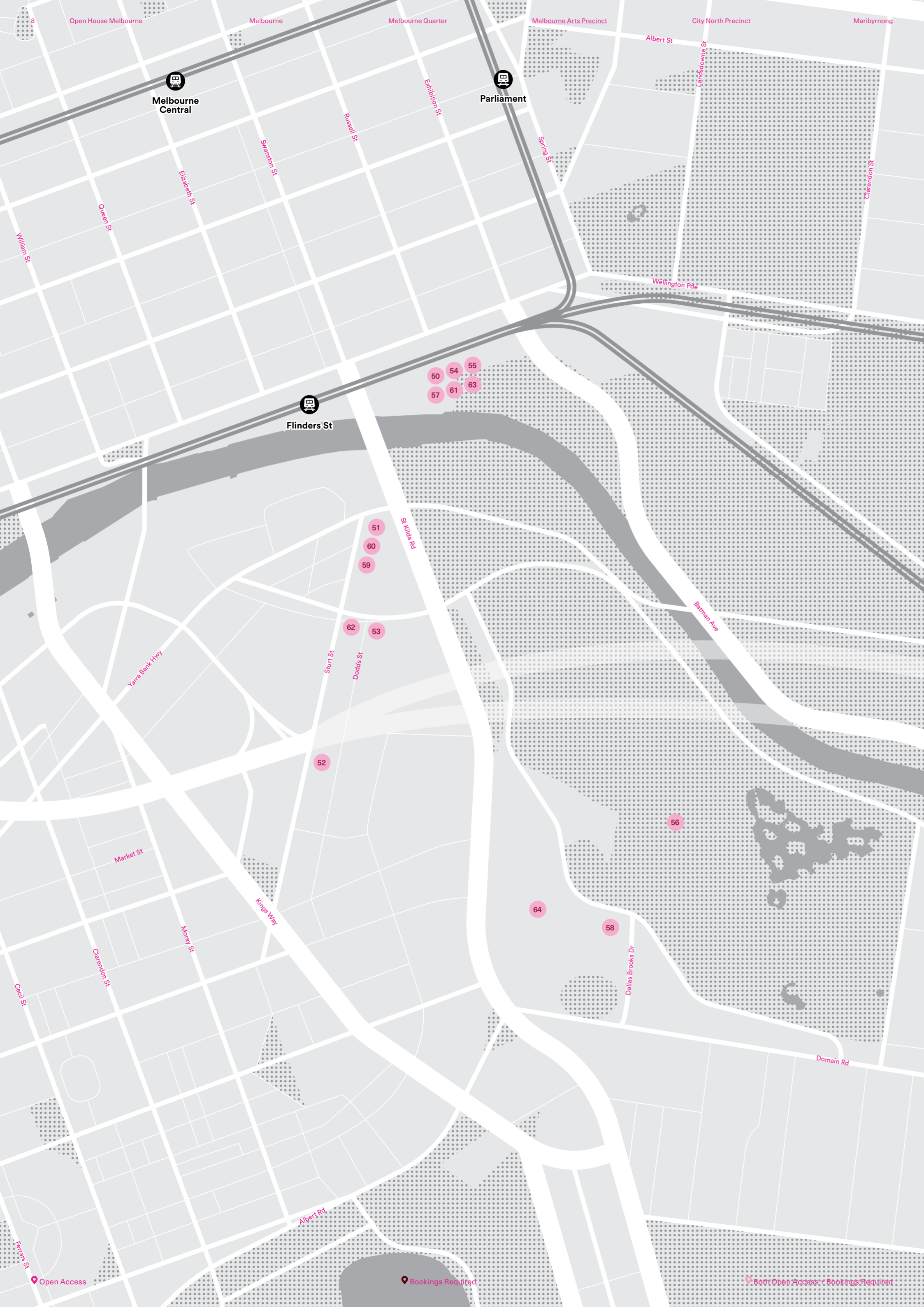
The newly-completed Melbourne Quarter is one of Melbourne's largest contemporary mixed-use precincts, with a number of public artworks curated, commissioned and conceived by Broached Commissions. Join Broached Commissions to explore the narrative behind the public art selected for Melbourne Quarter.

OPEN HOUSE ON DEMAND

Explore the city anytime. Catch up on past talks, take a self-guided city stroll or tune into our podcast wherever you are.



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Melbourne Arts Precinct

50 ACMI: BLACKMAGIC DESIGN MEDIA PRESERVATION LAB & CINEMA BIOBOX
ACMI
 Fed Square, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Get behind-the-scenes access to the Blackmagic Design Media Preservation Lab. Hear from ACMI's conservators about the collection and the preservation of analogue, time-based media, digital games and artefacts. Visit ACMI's state-of-the-art cinema bio-box and discover more about the art of cinema projection from our technicians. Learn about the building of Melbourne's iconic Concert Hall (1982).

51 ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE: THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE IAN POTTER STATE THEATRE
Arts Centre Melbourne
 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



In March 2024, the State Theatre closed its doors to undergo its first ever refurbishment. In this exclusive behind-the-scenes talk, hear from Chris King, the director of the Reimagining Arts Centre Melbourne project, on how the theatre's accessibility, comfort, and acoustics have been significantly enhanced, and what this means for the future of this treasured and iconic venue.

52 AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART (ACCA)
Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA)
 111 Sturt St, Southbank VIC 3006
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Visit ACCA to explore our iconic and award-winning architectural building designed by Wood Marsh, and experience our current exhibition *Are you lonely tonight? I'm so lonesome I could cry*. Join us for a floor talk with the curators, or enjoy a free exhibition tour with our Visitor Experience team.

53 BUXTON CONTEMPORARY: POETRY GOES NO FURTHER THAN LANGUAGE
Buxton Contemporary
 Cnr Southbank Blvd & Dodds St, Southbank VIC 3006
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Poetry Goes No Further Than Language: A historical moment of art becoming art again brings a rarely seen chapter of art history to Australia for the first time from mid-1980s China, when a group of artists began to question all existing values and presumptions about art.

54 DESIGNING WITH COUNTRY
Open House Melbourne x Melbourne Conversations
 The Edge, Fed Square, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Wednesday 22 July



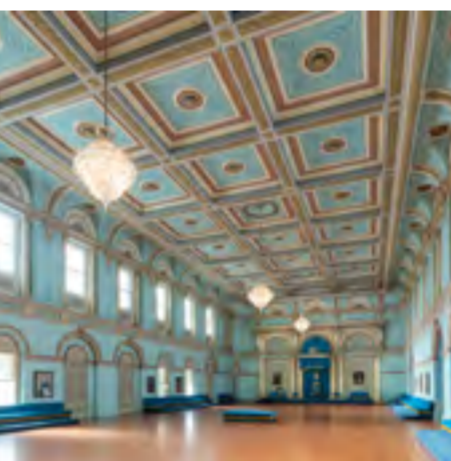
How can design reveal and strengthen our connections to Country? Bringing together leading voices in First Nations knowledge, architecture and urban design this conversation will explore how pathways, trails and infrastructure can act as living cultural lines. Together, they will reflect on approaches to 'designing with Country' and consider how lines—whether songlines, walking trails or transport corridors—carry knowledge, memory and responsibility, and how design can meaningfully support deeper, ongoing connections with Country.

55 FED SQUARE: BEHIND-THE-SCENES
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co)
 Fed Square, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Go behind-the-scenes at Fed Square to underground areas normally closed to the public. Visit the hidden network of tunnels and labyrinth maze underneath the Square, and learn all about the history of Fed Square's unique architecture and design features.

56 GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Government House
 Government House Dr, Melbourne VIC 3004
 Saturday 25 July



Government House is considered to be one of the finest examples of 19th-century residential architecture in Victoria. Take a self-guided tour of the State Apartments and Ballroom, and learn about the historical and contemporary use of the house and the role of the Governor in our constitutional democracy.

57 KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST: FIRST PEOPLES CULTURES AND SONGLINES IN ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE
Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT)
 Birrarung Building, Fed Square, Cnr Swanston & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



This stand-alone First Peoples arts and cultural centre is the first of its kind in an Australian capital city. Join one of our experienced First Peoples guides to explore our building, collection and exhibitions. Learn about the history and why our place on the Birrarung is so significant.

58 LA TROBE'S COTTAGE
National Trust of Victoria
 Dallas Brooks Dr, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Sunday 26 July



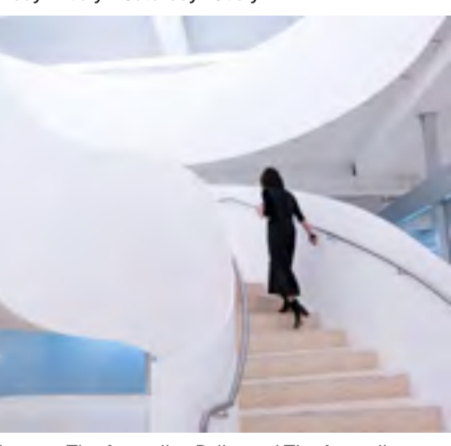
Home of Victoria's first Lieutenant-Governor. La Trobe's Cottage includes remnants of a prefabricated building brought to Melbourne in 1839 and a dining room that is believed to be the oldest surviving structure built in Melbourne. Tour the home with our knowledgeable National Trust guides and learn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

59 MELBOURNE ARTS PRECINCT TRANSFORMATION TOUR
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co)
 MAPT Office, Level 4, 2 Kavanagh St, Southbank VIC 3006
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Join us for a tour to explore how the Melbourne Arts Precinct will be brought to life through a major rejuvenation. Hear about the latest updates from experts and visit key sites. This is a rare opportunity to go behind-the-scenes to learn more about exciting upcoming changes!

60 THE PRIMROSE POTTER AUSTRALIAN BALLET CENTRE
The Australian Ballet
 2 Kavanagh St, Southbank VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Home to The Australian Ballet and The Australian Ballet School, the Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre brings together rehearsal studios, creative workspaces and specialist facilities. Tour selected areas of the building and enjoy this rare opportunity to better understand the spaces, processes and people that support ballet beyond the stage.

61 MELBOURNE ELECTRONIC SOUND STUDIO (MESS)
Melbourne Electronic Sound Studio
 The Atrium, Fed Square, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



For two days only, join MESS at their new studio designed by Sibling Architecture. Drop in to explore the collection of electronic musical instruments, or join us on Sunday for an insight into process of designing a space that is both a living museum and a working and social studio.

62 MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE
Melbourne Recital Centre
 31 Sturt St, Southbank VIC 3006
 Saturday 25 July



Come explore the sounds behind the honeycomb with tours, digital concert experiences, and the opportunity to perform on the Elisabeth Murdoch Hall stage as part of Choir 3006, our free community choir where all are welcome. No singing experience required!

63 MODERN MELBOURNE: JOHN DENTON
Open House Melbourne x Heritage Council of Victoria
 ACMI Cinema 2, Fed Square, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Sunday 26 July



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, John Denton, one of Australia's most influential architects, reflects on the formation of Denton Corker Marshall in the early 1970's together with Bill Corker and Barrie Marshall and how the practice went on to shape civic and cultural life both in Australia and internationally. In conversation with Jill Garner at the Melbourne Museum, John provides compelling insight into an architectural body of work that is at once generous, rigorous, and responsive to place, history and public life.

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

64 SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE: STORIES IN STONE AND LANDSCAPE
Shrine of Remembrance
 100 Birdwood Ave, Melbourne VIC 3001
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Join us for a curator-led tour of the special exhibition *Eucalypts of Hodogaya* at the Shrine of Remembrance. Exploring the story of Japan's Yokohama Commonwealth War Cemetery, the tour reveals themes of reconciliation, care, and shared humanity, offering insight into how design can express generosity across borders and generations.

City North Precinct

65 CITY NORTH SOCIAL INNOVATION PRECINCT WALKING TOUR + EXHIBITION
RMIT University
 Francis Ormond Statue, RMIT City Campus, 124 La Trobe St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Explore RMIT's City North Social Innovation Precinct on a guided walking tour offering behind-the-scenes access to one of Melbourne's most exciting urban innovation environments. Pop into the Living Places Exchange at designated times across the weekend and wander around the exhibition to learn about RMIT's Living Places Plan.

66 CRACKSCAPE: ATTENDING TO THE IN-BETWEEN
 Cnr Keppel & Lygon St, Carlton Melbourne VIC 3053
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Join this guided walking tour through Carlton, led by artist and architect Elena Larriba. Shifting attention from buildings to the ground plane, the tour explores cracks, joins and informal repairs that quietly shape everyday urban experience.

67 DESIGNING WITH ENERGY: FENG SHUI WORKSHOP
Angelign
 Open House Melbourne Office, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria St, Carlton VIC 3053
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Learn how feng shui thinking and implementation can integrate with architecture and modern design in this workshop. Led by Angel Cao, founder of Angelign, this event will reflect how good feng shui and spatial psychology can elevate and bring more flow into our lives.

68 GENEROUS FUTURES: HESTER HORNBROOK ACADEMY CITY CAMPUS
Gray Puksand + Hester Hornbrook Academy
 333 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July



Hester Hornbrook Academy City Campus transforms two levels of what was an existing office building into a vibrant educational hub. Listen to the panel discussion on the campus's adaptive reuse or join a guided tour for insight into the design features that promote inclusion, wellbeing and learning.

69 HERITAGE ADDRESS WITH ROBYN ANNEAR
Open House Melbourne x Heritage Council of Victoria
 Solidarity Hall, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria St, Carlton VIC 3053
 Monday 27 July



Join writer, historian and curator Robyn Annear as she delves into the formative history of Melbourne's laneways and the shadow network they weave through the city blocks.

Once a laneway-sceptic, Annear will reveal how the 'City of Lanes' rapidly evolved from Robert Hoddle's orderly town grid, defined by broad, straight, surveillable streets and judiciously regulated allotments, into a web of passages stitched between what was meant to be seen.

70 KETT OPTOMETRY MUSEUM OF THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
Australian College of Optometry
 374 Cardigan St, Carlton VIC 3053
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



The Kett Optometry Museum at the the Australian College of Optometry tells the story of the historical development of optometry. Join a 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.

71 LA MAMA THEATRE
La Mama Theatre
 205 Faraday St, Carlton VIC 3053
 Saturday 25 July



Come and explore La Mama! Hoin a guided tour to explore the theatre and backstage areas. Hear the stories, and learn about the continued significance of this Melbourne icon. La Mama will also be open for you to simply look around.

72 MAKING ROOM FOR EVERYONE: HOW DESIGN TRANSFORMED THE STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA
Architectus
 State Library Victoria, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July



Join Architectus for a guided design tour of State Library Victoria to explore how 170 years of architectural thinking has shaped one of Melbourne's most loved civic assets. See how careful renewal and contemporary additions have allowed the building to keep giving more back to more people, year after year.

73 MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF DESIGN—TAGLIETTI: LIFE IN DESIGN
University of Melbourne
 Glyn Davis Building, 133 Masson Rd, Parkville VIC 3010
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



This exhibition explores the work of Milan-born architect Enrico Taglietti, celebrating an extraordinary life and career developed in creative partnership with his wife, Franca. A visionary in understanding the potential for an architecture that responds to human need, Taglietti brought an independent design language that has made a significant contribution to modern Australian architecture.

74 OPEN PLAY AT STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA
Open House Melbourne
 Children's Quarter, State Library Victoria, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 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, families are invited to take part in a hands-on workshop at the State Library where they'll make their own compass—a playful introduction to looking at the city in new ways. All materials are supplied.

After the workshop, participants can use their compass and a specially designed map with clues to follow a city treasure hunt through some of Melbourne city's most iconic places.

75 PLAYING FUTURE NAARM TOGETHER
future play lab.
 Cnr of Queen & Victoria St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



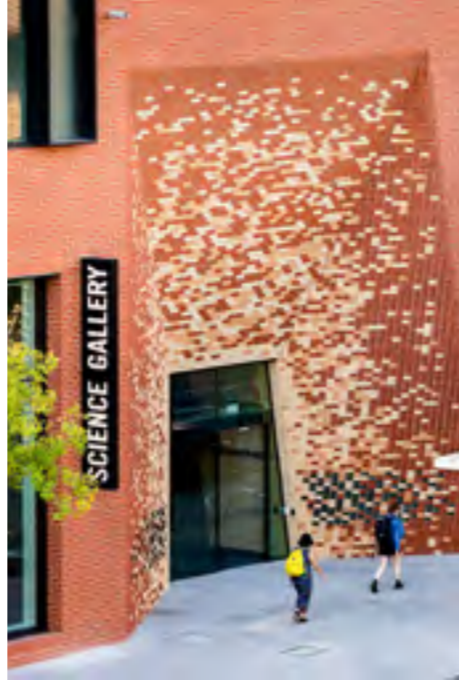
Join an urban role-playing game set on the streets of Naarm Melbourne in 2050. Artist and academic Troy Innocent leads your party through a two hour journey through the inner-city, working together to imagine a world of the future.

76 POTTER MUSEUM OF ART—NGARN WA'NGAL: ART OF THE GUM TREE
Potter Museum of Art
 Cnr Swanston St & Masson Rd, Parkville VIC 3010
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Tracing its influence through Australian art history and contemporary practice, *Ngarn Wa'ngal: Art of the gum tree* explores the eucalypt as a source of creative inspiration. This exhibition brings together historical and contemporary connections to these iconic trees and is designed to be a catalyst for wider discussions.

77 SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE: EMERGENCE[Y]
Science Gallery Melbourne
 Melbourne Connect, 114 Grattan St, Parkville VIC 3052
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



EMERGENCE[Y] explores how we can adapt to a world in flux. Engage with the interconnected crises and possibilities of our time through fungal fashion, a vertical city farm or Patricia Piccinini's major new commission to consider: how might we not only survive through change but emerge in a critically reimagined future?

78 STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA
State Library Victoria
 328 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July

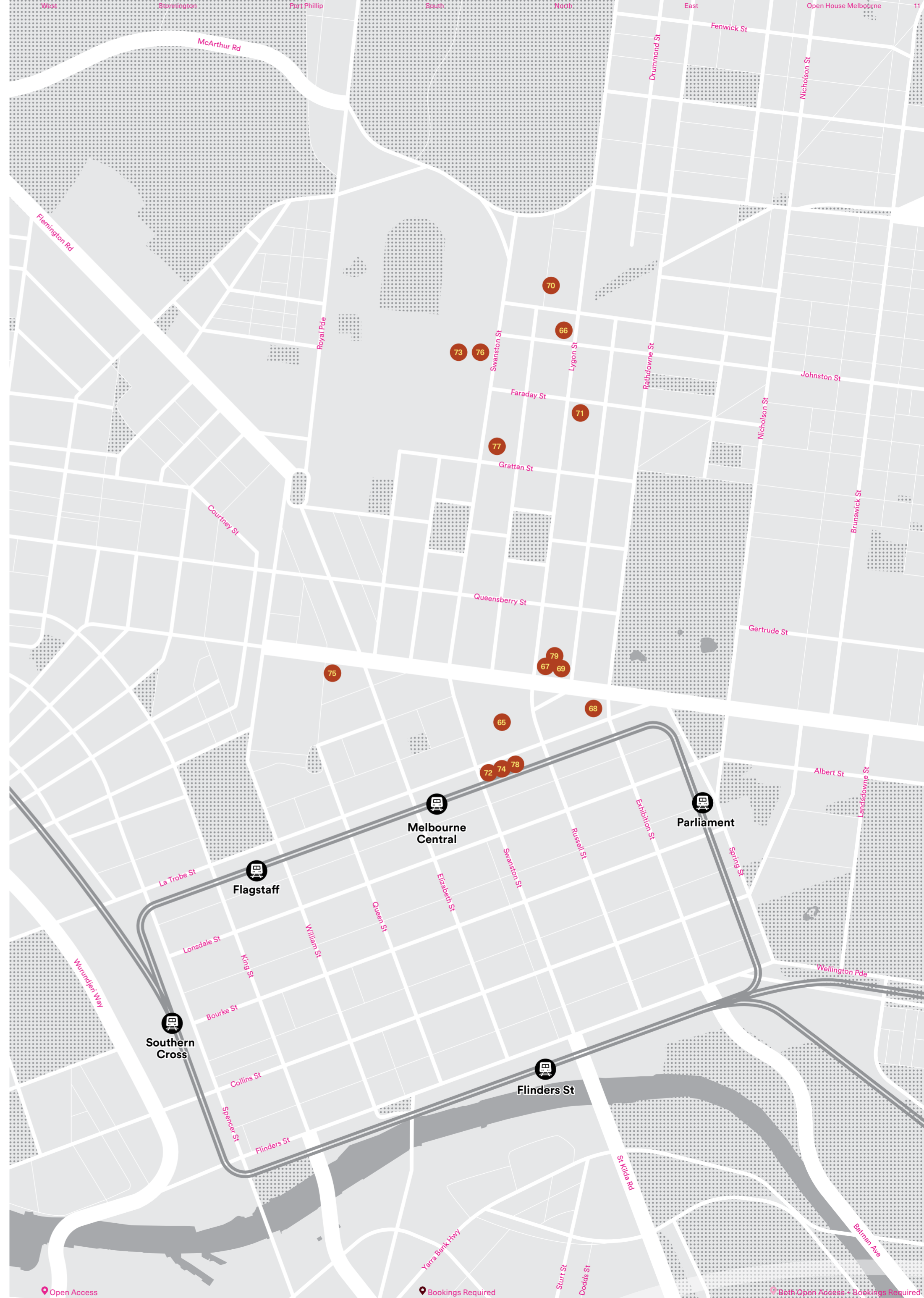


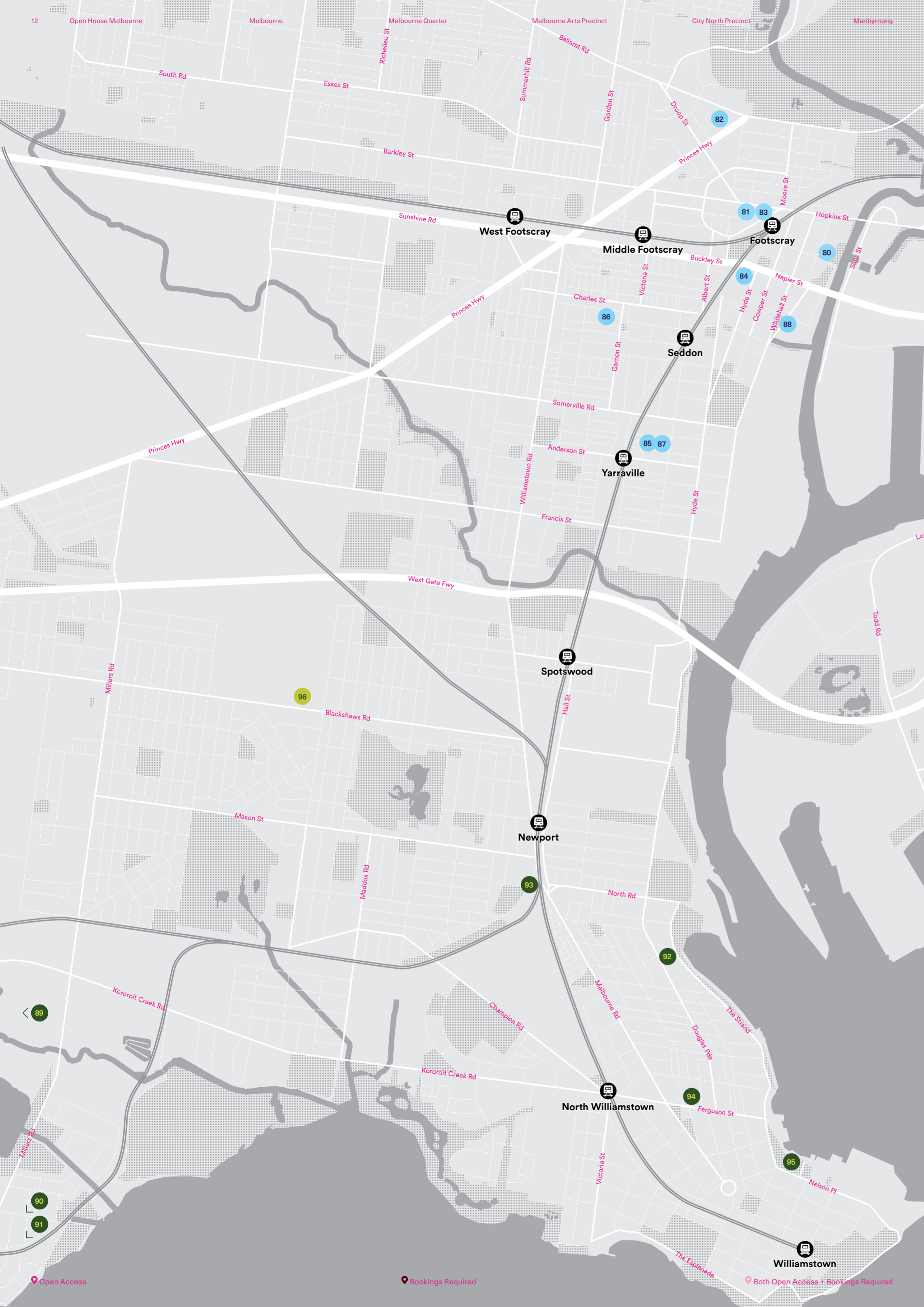
Explore Australia's oldest public library and the third busiest library in the world. Located in the heart of Melbourne's CBD and spanning an entire city block, State Library Victoria houses a combination of contemporary and historical spaces, combined with a dynamic calendar of events, bringing Melbourne's culture and history to life.

79 TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE
Trades Hall and Literary Institute
 54 Victoria St, Carlton VIC 3053
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



The Trades Hall & Literary Institute is the world's oldest continuously active trade union building. Dive into its history through a guided feminist history tour, a history tour or a technical tour outlining restoration works, or via self-guided tour. And don't forget to check out the museum!





City of Maribyrnong

80 FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS
Footscray Community Arts
 45 Moreland St, Footscray VIC 3011
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Come explore Footscray Community Art's evolving riverside precinct. Tour the heritage-listed bluestone Henderson House and it's Entrance Gallery, the Basement Theatre and the Warehouse, home to our Roslyn Smorgon Gallery. See the architecturally designed Lango Stage, a contemporary performance space that sits within re-Indigenised greenspace.

81 FOOTSCRAY HERITAGE THEATRES
City of Maribyrnong
 29 Leeds St, Footscray VIC 3011
 Sunday 26 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.

82 FOOTSCRAY HOSPITAL—WESTERN HEALTH
Western Health
 89 Ballarat Rd, Footscray VIC 3011
 Sunday 26 July



Step inside the future of healthcare at Melbourne's new People's Hospital. Wander through light-filled public spaces, landscaped outdoor areas and key clinical environments while discovering the vision, design and innovation shaping care for Melbourne's west through a self-guided audio tour featuring architects, artists and hospital staff.

83 FOOTSCRAY MARKET
Footscray Market
 18 Irving St, Footscray VIC 3011
 Saturday 25 July



Join a guided 45-minute walking tour through Footscray Market, exploring its history, architecture and vibrant multicultural trading culture. Guests can expect behind-the-scenes stories, introductions to long-standing traders, and curated tastings from selected food retailers. Learn about fresh food traditions, small business life and how the market operates day-to-day.

84 MARIBYRNONG CIVIC PRECINCT AND COMMUNITY HUB
Maribyrnong City Council
 61 Napier St, Footscray VIC 3011
 Friday 24 July



Footscray Town Hall is a landmark Romanesque Revival building, now reimaged as a contemporary Council Precinct and Community Hub. Join Designlink architect Jesse Newstadt for a guided tour. He'll discuss the process and challenges of transforming the historic landmark into a 6 Star Green Star-rated contemporary precinct.

85 SECRET MALL APARTMENT
DocPlay
 Sun Theatre, 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville VIC 3013
 Saturday 25 July



Secret Mall Apartment is a stranger-than-fiction documentary, executive-produced by Jesse Eisenberg, that recounts how a 2000s artist collective spent four years living inside a shopping mall. Come to this special one-off screening at the Sun Theatre, presented by DocPlay.

86 STACK & FIELD: GENEROSITY ON A TIGHT URBAN SITE
Welsh Studio
 Seddon VIC 3011
 Sunday 26 July



The design for this family home on a tight inner-city block shows how thoughtful planning, passive design and spatial efficiency can deliver long-term liveability. Join architect Steffen Welsh for a presentation and guided tour on how a compact space can be made to feel generous, comfortable and be sustainable.

87 SUN THEATRE
Sun Theatre
 8 Ballarat St, Yarraville VIC 3013
 Saturday 25 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 walking tour of the cinema to view the 70mm projector and watch a history newsreel screening in one of our theatres.

88 TRANSUBRAN FREEWAY CONTROL CENTRE
Transurban
 111 Whitehall St, Footscray VIC 3011
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Visit the brand new state-of-the-art Freeway Control Centre at Footscray which operates CityLink and the new West Gate Tunnel. You'll hear the stories behind the West Gate Tunnel's striking urban design, and see what it takes to keep traffic moving safely and smoothly 24/7 across Melbourne's busy motorways.

89 FOODBANK VICTORIA
Foodbank Victoria
 441-459 Kororoit Creek Rd, Altona North VIC 3018
 Saturday 25 July



Tour Foodbank's new warehouse facility, learn about our rich history and discover what it takes to feed 76,000 Victorians every day. Hop on board Dorothy or Dave, our 18-metre bendy supermarket buses that offer a mini supermarket experience on wheels. Whether you're curious about supply chains, food sustainability or social impact, a visit to Foodbank provides a look at food relief in action.

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93 THE SUBSTATION
The Substation
 1 Market St, Newport VIC 3015
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



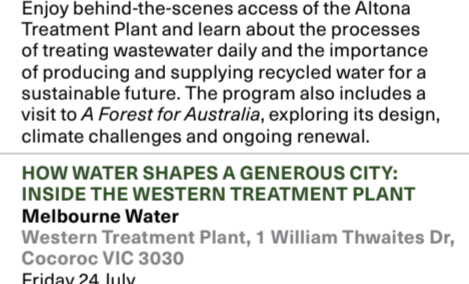
Established over a century ago to power Melbourne's suburban rail system, The Substation building is a landmark in the industrial history of Melbourne's Inner west. Peek behind the curtain of experimental art on a guided or self-guided tour, meet the people behind the building, and step into our history on archival film.

94 WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL
Hobsons Bay City Council
 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown VIC 3016
 Sunday 26 July



Williamstown Town Hall is a rare, intact example of interwar public architecture that reflects Williamstown's growth and evolving civic identity. Come explore or join a guided tour of the offices, former council chamber and the 100-year-old ballroom. Ensemble performances will take place in the grand ballroom across the day.

95 WILLIAMSTOWN'S HISTORIC PUBLIC HOUSES
Extent Heritage
 Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre,
 1 Syme St, Williamstown VIC 3016
 Friday 24 July + Sunday 26 July



Join historians and heritage consultants Michelle Bashta and Caitlin Mitropoulos of Extent Heritage for a guided walking tour of Williamstown's heritage landmarks. This tour will explore a selection of heritage-significant hotels, delving into their history, architecture and role in shaping the maritime and civic life of the suburb.

96 THE FABRIC
Mirvac
 198B Blackshaws Rd, Altona North VIC 3025
 Sunday 26 July



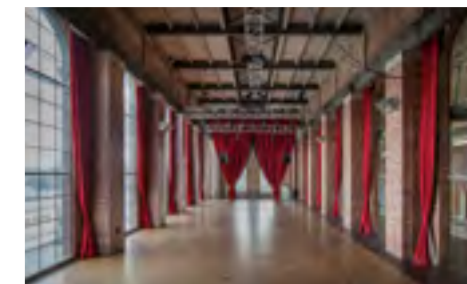
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92 MONOMEITH (FORMERLY WILLIAMSTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL)
Westbourne
 67-68 The Strand, Newport VIC 3015
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



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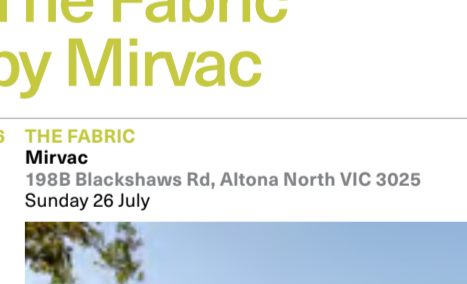
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City of Stonnington

97 CHAPEL STREET PRAHRAN HERITAGE WALK
 Prahran Town Hall, 180 Greville St, Prahran VIC 3181
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Step back in time and explore the golden days of shopping along Chapel Street, Prahran. Led by architectural historian Steve Stefanopoulos OAM, discover fascinating stories about Prahran's long gone department stores. This tour is perfect for everyone—families, individuals, and even your beloved pets!

98 COMO HOUSE & GARDEN
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
 16 Como Ave, South Yarra VIC 3141
 Saturday 25 July



Como House 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.

99 DULDIG STUDIO: HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS
 Duldig Studio Museum and Sculpture Garden
 92 Burke Rd, Malvern East VIC 3145
 Sunday 26 July



Step into the Duldig Studio and experience a story of refuge and creativity. The historic home of émigré modernist artists Karl Duldig & Slawa Horowitz-Duldig who fled Vienna at the cusp of WWII, join a tour to wander through as museum tour guides unveil the social and architectural histories within.

Open Access

100 FIRESTATION PRINT STUDIO
 Firestation Print Studio
 2 Willis St, Armadale VIC 3143
 Saturday 25 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.

101 NICA: THE JOYS OF CIRCUS
 National Institute of Circus Arts
 39-59 Green St, Prahran VIC 3181
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



The National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) is an internationally-renowned non-profit circus arts organisation. Tour the award-winning facilities, gain insights into our history, then experience the joys of circus in a guided workshop! For families, NICA will offer a family partner acrobatics workshop for children and their guardians to learn new skills together.

102 ONE HOUSE. FOUR GENERATIONS.
 Malvern VIC 3144
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



One House. Four Generations. is a lived-in multigenerational, ageing-in-place home conceived as an adaptable framework; one that questions the assumed necessity of aged care facilities. Join architectural designer, Gisele Benkemoun for a guided walkthrough, where she will discuss key architectural strategies including spatial planning, circulation, adaptability and discreet accessibility, while examining the opportunities and challenges this forward-thinking model presents. Drawings, models and visual material will be available throughout the visit.

Bookings Required

103 SOM MELBOURNE
 Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)
 Level 7, 189 Toorak Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Get a sneak peek into the Melbourne home of one of the world's largest and oldest design firms. See firsthand how hospitality-driven design and wellness features like circadian lighting are reshaping the modern workplace, and speak to our team of architects, interior designers and engineers about our latest projects.

104 SOUTH YARRA PRAHRAN SOCIAL HOUSING: UNDERSTANDING OLD, CELEBRATING NEW
 Homes Victoria
 259 Malvern Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



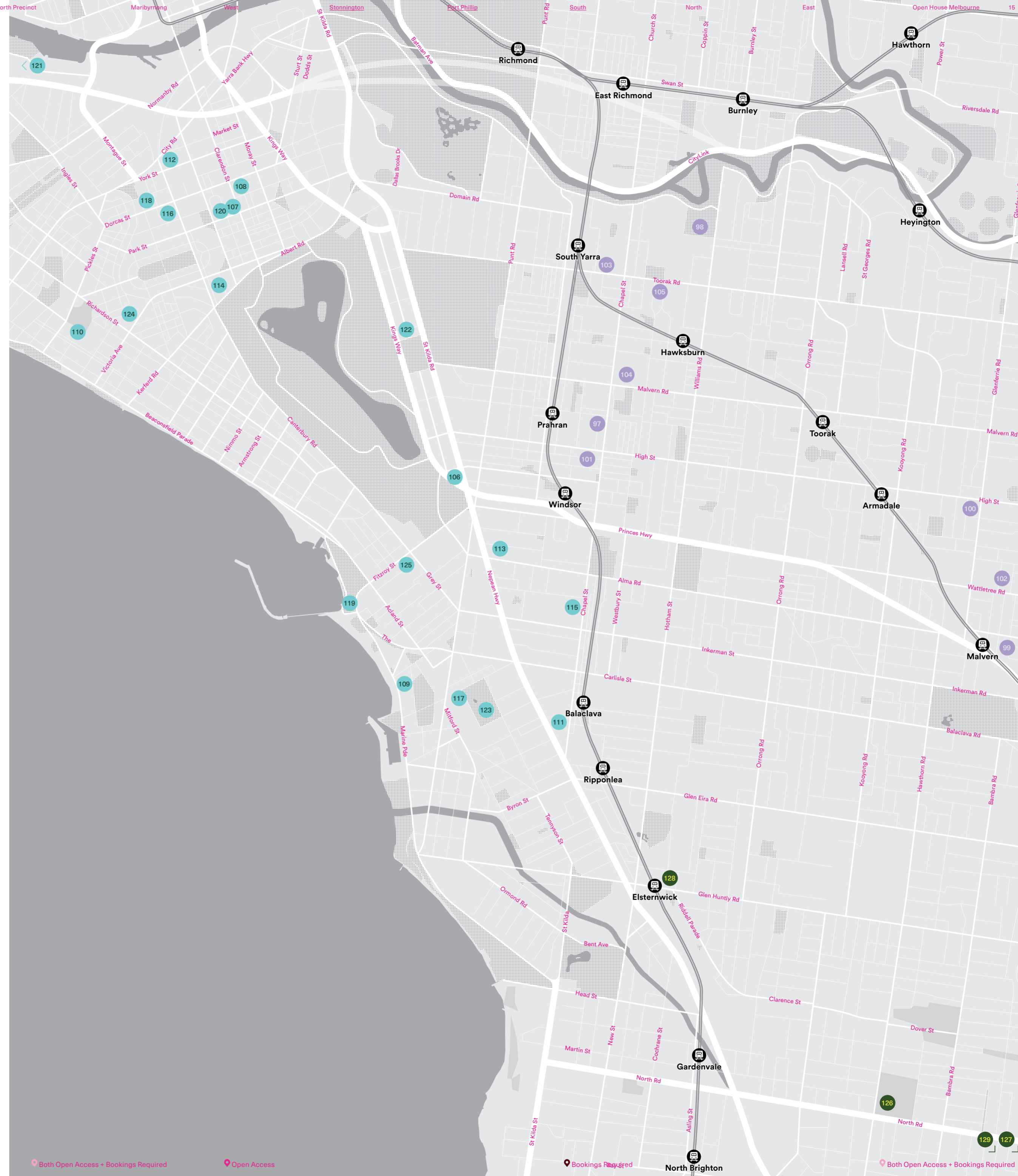
Join Homes Victoria and project partners for this rare, behind-the-scenes look at the history and the future of social housing and its urban design context. A guided tour will highlight post-war design elements of a high-rise on 259 Malvern Road, before touring new housing projects in the same precinct that serve as benchmarks for inclusive urban living.

105 SOUTH YARRA'S HISTORY AND HERITAGE: FROM RIVER PUNTS TO SKYSCRAPERS
 City of Stonnington
 Toorak/South Yarra Library, Meeting Room,
 340 Toorak Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141
 Sunday 26 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.

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City of Port Phillip

106 AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS: SYMPATHETIC STYLES AND STORIES
Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
 630 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



The Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists comprises two architecturally distinctive buildings: the 19th-century mansion Ulmaroa and the contemporary ANZCA House. Join a tour run by ANZCA staff and curators or attend a panel discussion on hospital design and architecture.

107 AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP
Australian Tapestry Workshop
 262-266 Park St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Saturday 25 July



Drop in and explore the Australian Tapestry Workshop (ATW). Enjoy open access to our galleries, weaving floor, Artists-in-Residence spaces, and a glimpse into our on-site dye laboratory. You can also join a guided tour covering ATW's history, unique building, and to learn about the specialised process of tapestry weaving.

108 BVIA ON BANK
Hansen Partnership, SheBuilt, Agius Scorpio Architects
 305-309 Clarendon St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Saturday 25 July



For nearly half a century, the site where BVIA on Bank stands was home to a family cobble. Today, the site has been thoughtfully restored and reimaged as a multi-award-winning architectural landmark in South Melbourne. Take this rare chance to step inside and hear the stories behind the project.

109 EDGEWATER TOWERS
 12 Marine Pde, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Saturday 25 July



Driving along Marine Parade in St Kilda, you can't miss Edgewater Towers. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the lobby, which retains many of its original mid-century modern features, and view information collected by our historians. Speak to residents to find out what it's like to live in an iconic building, before heading to the rooftop for views of the city and the bay.

110 GASWORKS CREATIVE PRECINCT
Gasworks Arts Inc
 21 Graham St, Albert Park VIC 3206
 Saturday 25 July



A vibrant arts precinct on the site of the former South Melbourne Gas Plant, Gasworks hosts galleries, theatres, artist studios, workshops and a café. Explore the artists' open studios and see how these old utilitarian buildings have been re-purposed to become places of creativity.

111 HOLY TRINITY BALACLAVA AND ELWOOD
Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood
 175 Chapel St, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



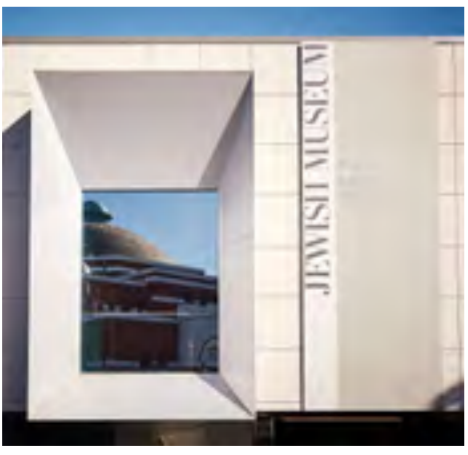
Illuminated with natural light from all sides, Holy Trinity is a shared space built by local people, opened in 1883. Come visit the church—there will be guided tours of the interiors and stained glass windows. Enjoy live opera and jazz music, or sing along at the Sunday service. All are welcome.

112 HV HOTEL AT FERRARS & YORK
HIP V. HYPE
 Ferrars & York, 201 Ferrars St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Saturday 25 July



Located atop the award-winning Ferrars & York building enabled by HIP V. HYPE, HV Hotel allows guests to experience the benefits of sustainable living firsthand. 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.

113 JEWISH MUSEUM AUSTRALIA GUIDED TOURS
The Jewish Museum of Australia
 26 Alma Rd, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Friday 24 July + Sunday 26 July



The Jewish Museum is one of Australia's leading community museums. During Open House Melbourne, join a guided tour of our permanent galleries at 11am or explore Zahaikaworld at 2pm. You can also visit independently to discover our collections, history, and role as a cultural and community space.

114 LOLA'S HOUSE
Maggie Edmond in association with Claire Sisson
 21 Graham St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



A collaboration between Claire Sisson and Maggie Edmond, Lola's House shows how a compact site can feel expansive. Explore the house via self-guided tour with timed entry, or listen to a panel discussion about the design. Don't miss the photo essay exhibition by John Gollings.

115 MATERIA: A ST KILDA PASSIVHAUS
Obsessive Architecture
 St Kilda VIC 3182
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Explore Materia, a cutting-edge Certified Passivhaus in St Kilda. Join lead architect Maurie Novak of Obsessive Architecture on a guided tour, revealing how high-performance building science meets bold, tactile design. The experience includes a detailed walkthrough and a technical Q&A regarding the challenges of inner-city sustainable builds.

116 MELBOURNE CAMERA CLUB: OUR GENEROUS CITY
Melbourne Camera Club
 254-256 Ferrars St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



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, *Our Generous City*, exploring how design, creativity and architecture can offer space, care and possibility to the people who live, work and play here.

117 PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE
City of Port Phillip
 65A Blessington St, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Sunday 26 July



Tour the redeveloped Port Phillip EcoCentre with architects Bourke and Bouteloup to explore its sustainable design features: cross-laminated timber construction, innovative use of recycled materials, thermal performance, and the challenges overcome to achieve a high Green Star-rated building. Visitors can also participate in activities in the Citizen Science Lab.

118 PORTABLE IRON HOUSES
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
 399 Coventry St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Sunday 26 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.

119 ROYAL MELBOURNE YACHT SQUADRON
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
 1 Pier Rd, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Sunday 26 July



One of the last remaining Art Deco-period sporting clubhouses in Victoria, the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron has welcomed Royal and Vice Regal visitors. Today, guests are welcomed in the same generous spirit. Join a member-led tour through the building's layered history, before ascending to the rooftop for panoramic views.

120 SQUARE METRE COMMUNITY GARDENING: HOW TO TURN WASTE INTO VEGGIES IN AN APARTMENT
South Melbourne Sustainability Group
 Foundry Park Community Garden, cnr Park Place & Gardner Pl, South Melbourne VIC 3205
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Walk through Port Melbourne and South Melbourne to see our raised garden beds where we turn compost into fresh produce. Come learn about the practicalities of household composting, particularly for apartment dwellers. Kids are invited to our seed planting workshop to learn how to grow seeds at home, and perhaps even bring seedlings back to plant later in the season!

121 ST. ALI COFFEE ROASTERY TOUR
ST. Ali Coffee Roasters
 Unit 2B 706 Lorimer St, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
 Saturday 25 July



The ST. ALI HQ where all the magic happens. Enjoy an in-depth roastery tour with Lucy, our Head of Sourcing. We'll deep dive into the world of coffee and how it goes from bean to cup, finishing with a cup of coffee.

122 STANHILL APARTMENTS
 34 Queens Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004
 Sunday 26 July



Frederick Romberg's Stanhill is a superb example of pre-war European Modernism, designed in 1942 as a mixed-use building for apartments, offices, studios and medical rooms and completed after WW2 in 1950. Join a guided walk through the grounds, with the chance to explore a private suite upstairs.

123 THE CONQUERING FLAT: CONTINENTAL LIVING
City of Port Phillip
 St Kilda Botanical Gardens, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Sunday 26 July



After World War I, flats were promoted as a solution to Melbourne's housing shortage. By the mid-1930s, flat construction surged across the city, particularly in St Kilda. Explore why the suburb became a hub for flat development, and how this building boom reshaped both its architecture and social life.

124 TOBRUK HOUSE
Rats of Tobruk Association
 44 Victoria Ave, Albert Park VIC 3206
 Sunday 26 July



Home to the Rats of Tobruk Association since 1956, Tobruk House contains much of the association's memorabilia, as well as a 28-panel series of storyboards telling the story of the famous Siege of Tobruk. There will be guides will be on hand to explain the history.

125 VICTORIAN PRIDE CENTRE
Victorian Pride Centre
 79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda VIC 3182
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



The Victorian Pride Centre (VPC) is Australia's first and only purpose-built centre for LGBTIQ+ communities. Step inside one of Melbourne's most architecturally distinctive and culturally significant buildings on a guided tour led by the Victorian Pride Centre's knowledgeable volunteers and staff.

South

126 BRIGHTON CEMETERY: GENEROUS IN THINKING AND GENEROUS IN DOING
Brighton Cemeterians Inc
 261 North Rd, Caulfield South VIC 3162
 Saturday 25 July



Join the Brighton Cemeterians at the front gate for a walk through the cemetery to hear about seven inspirational women whose innovations still impact Australia today, or take your own self-guided walk anytime throughout the day. The Lodge will be open all day.

127 BUNJIL PLACE SINGS
Bunjil Place
 2 Patrick NE Dr, Narre Warren VIC 3199
 Sunday 26 July



Spend the day at Bunjil Place and shape your own experience across live choirs, storytelling set to music, guided tours, and *The Offbeat Sari*—a major touring exhibition by the Design Museum, London—all within the precinct's award-winning design and iconic timber wing roof.

128 MELBOURNE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
Melbourne Holocaust Museum
 13 Selwyn St, Elsternwick VIC 3185
 Friday 24 July + Sunday 26 July



The 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).

129 PARKDALE STATION
COX Architecture
 Parkdale Station, Como Parade West, Parkdale VIC 3195
 Saturday 25 July



The Parkdale Level Crossing Removal Project re-envisioned the existing rail corridor, creating safer connections and providing a new train station, tram stop and infrastructure to the local community. Join senior project leaders from COX for guided tours of the station and hear more about the design concept and approach.

GOOD DESIGN MATTERS

Let's keep the doors open to good design
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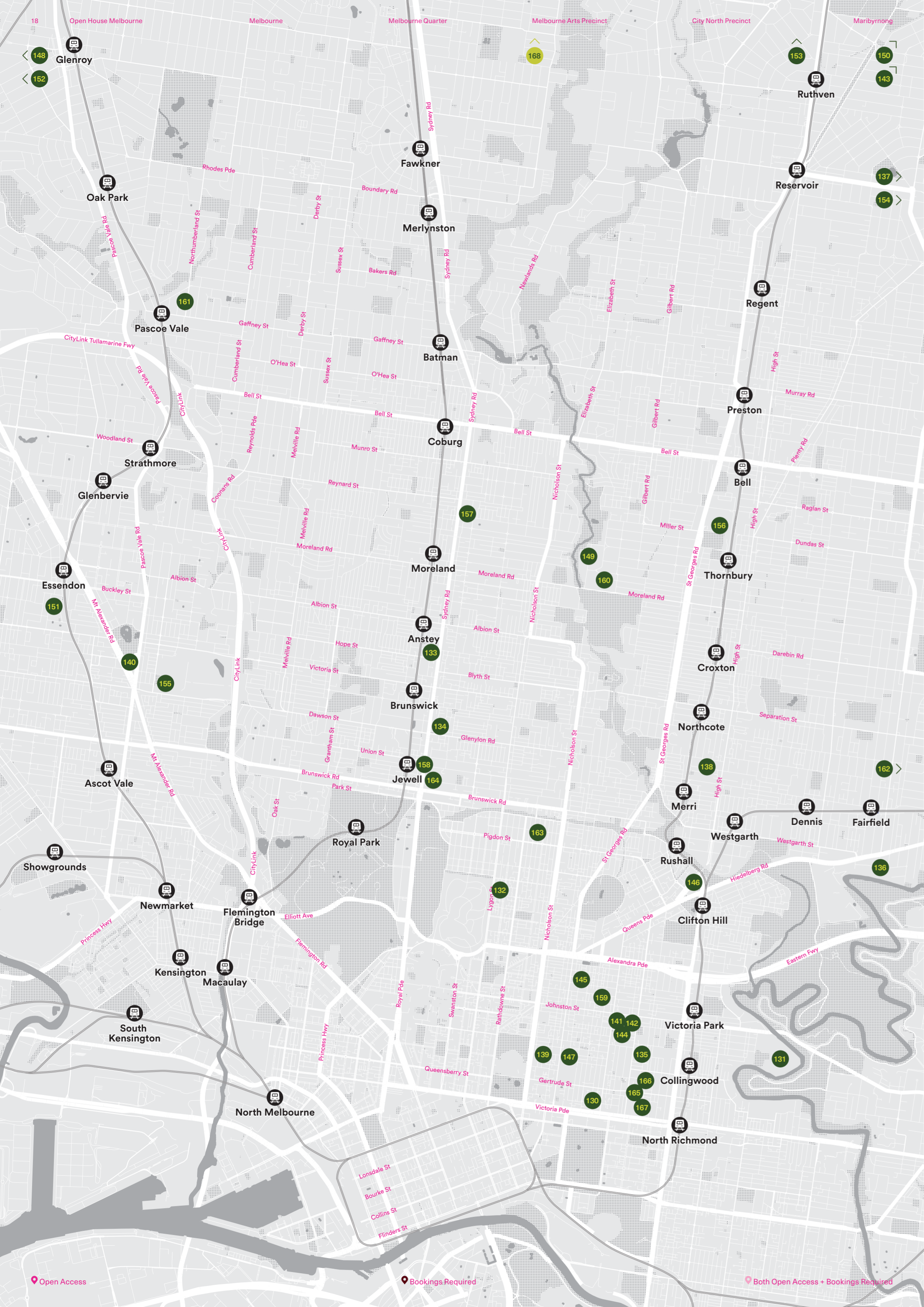
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North

130 3CR COMMUNITY RADIO
3CR Community Radio
 21 Smith St, Fitzroy VIC 3065
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



3CR Community Radio is one of Australia's oldest community radio stations, operating since 1976. Come celebrate 50 years of operation with us at our studios on Smith Street, Fitzroy! Look inside a radio studio, meet local broadcasters, learn more about broadcast transmission pathways and even jump into a studio and record yourself.

131 ABBOTSFORD CONVENT
Abbotsford Convent Foundation
 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford VIC 3067
 Sunday 26 July



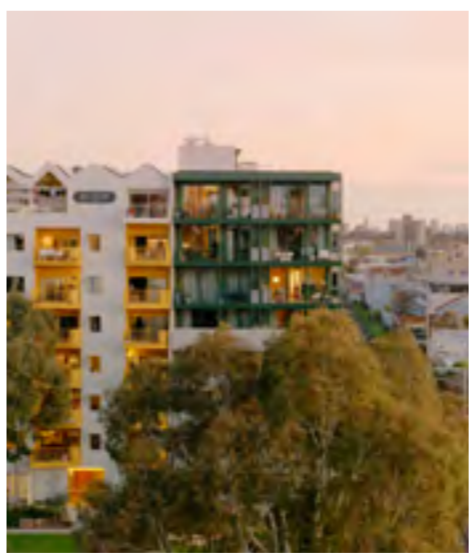
Now a beloved community creative hub, Abbotsford Convent operated as a monastic site for over 100 years. Take an architect-led tour to explore heritage building styles, or join a panel reflecting on heritage as a creative opportunity. There will also be exhibitions in The Store gallery and St Heliers Street Gallery.

132 ALBANIAN MOSQUE
Albanian Mosque, Carlton North
 765 Drummond St, Carlton North VIC 3054
 Sunday 26 July



Melbourne's first mosque, the Albanian Australian Islamic Society (AAIS) mosque, serves the local Albanian Muslim community as well as Muslims of the inner north of Melbourne. Tour the mosque, multipurpose room and social room as well as the new ablution area and courtyard. Visitors will also be able to see the AAIS History Exhibition. Light refreshments will be provided.

133 ANSTEY VILLAGE
Hansen Partnership
 Anstey Village, Brunswick VIC 3056
 Saturday 25 July



Join us for a tour of Anstey Urban Village in Brunswick, where housing, public space and everyday amenities are closely integrated. Through insights into transport infrastructure and planning, this seven-stop guided tour will dive into what's worked, what's been challenging, and what's shaping the next stage of the precinct.

134 AROUND THE BLOCK AT NEXT WAVE
Next Wave
 Brunswick Mechanics Institute,
 270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Visit Next Wave on Friday for a curator-led walking tour of moving image works in *Around the Block*, and on Saturday for an archival exhibition offering a glimpse into Next Wave's 40-year history. Located in the heritage-listed Brunswick Mechanics Institute, Next Wave is a non-profit arts organisation supporting early-career artists across multiple art forms.

135 ARTBANK: BEHIND THE SCENES
ARTBANK
 15-24 Down St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 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.

136 BIRRARUNG
Up the Creek
 Fairfield Park, Fairfield Park Dr, Fairfield VIC 3078
 Saturday 25 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.

137 BUSH MODERN: HAND-CRAFTED HOMES ON THE EDGE OF THE CITY
Yarra Plenty Regional Library—Eltham Branch
 1 Panther Pl, Eltham VIC 3085
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Come listen to the authors of *Bush Modern*, Jessica Lilloco and Sean Fennessy, speak with Kaitlin Butler about their beautiful new book that explores homes built on Melbourne's north-eastern fringe. The library is open for visits across the weekend.

138 BUSTLE HOUSE
FMD Architects
 Northcote VIC 3070
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Inspired by the design motif of the bustle, this housing extension on an elongated corner site for a gracefully ageing 19th-century Victorian home evokes a conversation about how we live with and within the architecture of the past. Come tour the project with the client and architect.

139 CAIRO FLATS
 Fitzroy VIC 3065
 Saturday 25 July



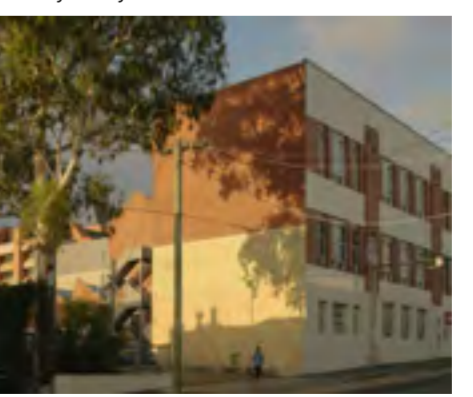
Built in 1936, Cairo Flats sought to provide a distinctive type of accommodation: the custom-designed bachelor flat. Join for tours of the building, grounds and two flats, including an award-winning Agius Scorpio Architects-renovated studio, plus a one-bedroom flat that retains some original features from 1936.

140 CLOCKTOWER CENTRE
Moonee Valley City Council
 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Take a walking tour through Moonee Valley's premier performing arts venue, housed within the heritage-listed former Essendon Town Hall. The building's distinctive clock tower has long been a local landmark. Learn the history, and see behind the curtain in this special experience.

141 COLLINGWOOD YARDS
Collingwood Yards
 35 Johnston St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Saturday 25 July



Explore Collingwood Yards through guided tours sharing the precinct's history, design, and ethos. Gain behind-the-scenes peeks of artist studios and visit leading galleries to discover current exhibitions. Join a guided tour to explore how local materials and craftsmanship were used to safeguard affordable creative spaces in rapidly changing areas.

142 COLLINGWOOD YARDS PANEL: SAFEGUARDING CREATIVE SPACES IN TRANSFORMING CITIES
Collingwood Yards
 CY Venue, 35 Johnston St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Saturday 25 July



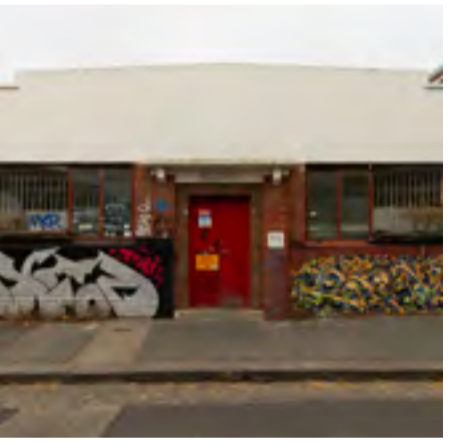
Collingwood Yards presents a panel discussion, *Safeguarding Creative Spaces in Transforming Cities*, with key experts including urban geographers, architects, developers, artists, and industry leaders. Drawing on different perspectives, the panel will examine what it takes to facilitate accessible, community-focused cultural spaces, and whose responsibility it is to ensure their future.

143 COONAWARRA WILLAM AQUATIC CENTRE—IVANHOE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Ivanhoe Grammar School
 730 Bridge Inn Rd, Doreen VIC 3754
 Sunday 26 July



The Coonawarra Willam Aquatic Centre was conceived to address the need for an integrated aquatic centre and learning facility to support both educational and community use. Meet the architects and hear from representatives from the school, community learn-to-swim program, construction company and design team to learn about how they achieved this sustainable, inclusive facility.

144 EVERFRESH STUDIO
EVERFRESH
 5 Perry St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Enjoy this rare opportunity to access the usually private Everfresh workspace, home to many of Melbourne's most influential creative hubs. Explore the studio, view works in progress, and see how the space reflects the personalities and practices of its artists.

145 FISHER & PAYKEL EXPERIENCE CENTRE
Fisher & Paykel
 396 Brunswick St, Fitzroy VIC 3065
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Located in a restored 1920s heritage motor garage, Fisher & Paykel's Melbourne Experience Centre by Clare Cousins Architects embodies a sense of warm minimalism grounded in earth, craft and hospitality. Join a guided tour to explore how local materials and craftsmanship were used to create the site's distinctive, experiential interior.

North

146 FITZROY & CO
Est Rentals
 249 Queens Pde, Fitzroy North VIC 3068
 Saturday 25 July



Fitzroy & Co is a build-to-rent neighbourhood in Fitzroy North that reimagines modern apartment living through comfort, community and long-term security. Join a guided tour to explore the building's carefully designed amenity spaces. The tour will also highlight Fitzroy & Co's extensive contemporary art collection.

150 LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BUNDOORA CAMPUS: ART, ARCHITECTURE, HERITAGE AND NATURE TRAILS
La Trobe University
 La Trobe University Melbourne Campus, Plenty Rd, Bundoora VIC 3086
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



La Trobe University's 255-hectare Bundoora campus is regarded as one of the most intact examples of 1960s university planning in Australia. A combination of self-guided and guided tours enables visitors to explore and enjoy the diversity of environments across the site.

154 MONTSALVAT FOUNDRY: BEHIND-THE-SCENES WITH AN ARTIST AND SCULPTURE
Montsalvat
 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham VIC 3095
 Sunday 26 July



Join a special guided tour of Montsalvat this year, starting at the rarely-accessible Old Foundry. Go behind-the-scenes with public artist Amanda Grant and learn about her creation of a permanent sculptural at Montsalvat, before touring Montsalvat's heritage buildings and galleries. Visitors can also explore the galleries, studios, ceramic centre and cafe.

158 NINE WILSON AVE
MA+Co and Neometro
 9 Wilson Ave, Brunswick VIC 3065
 Saturday 25 July



Nine Wilson Avenue is a pragmatic and optimistic response to the pressures shaping contemporary apartment housing. Gain an insight into the design journey and the development process, through tours led jointly by the architect, MA+Co, and the developer, Neometro, offering two complementary perspectives on the project.

162 ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE
St George's Anglican Church
 47-51 Warncliffe Rd, East Ivanhoe VIC 3079
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



St George's is one of only two Australian churches designed by Australia's most prominent architect, Robin Boyd. Join a guided tour of the property and view documents and electronic displays of historical documents. There will also be a choral evensong to conclude the weekend.

166 UNITED TANNERY: FROM BOOT FACTORY TO ARCHITECTURAL STUDIO
Wolveridge Architects
 United Tannery Wolveridge Architects, 121 Rokeby St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July



Join a tour or come explore the new home for Fitzroy Neighbourhood House (FNH), created by Kennedy Nolan with Wilderness Building Co. Find out more about how they refitted a disused ground floor space to create a vibrant, sustainable, efficient, durable, cost-effective and welcoming community space.

147 FITZROY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Kennedy Nolan
 140 Brunswick St, Atherton Gardens Housing Estate, Fitzroy, VIC 3065
 Saturday 25 July



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151 LOWTHER HALL ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL—EARLSBRAE HALL
Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School
 17 Leslie Rd, Essendon VIC 3040
 Sunday 26 July



Built in 1890 for Melbourne brewer Coiler McCracken, Earlsbrae Hall later became home to Cole's 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.



Access a glimpse of life at Moonee Valley Park, exploring the parks, gardens, streets and public spaces that form this new neighbourhood, and take in heritage features including the refurbished Tote building. Guided by the project team, you'll get an insight into the planning, architectural and landscape design processes.

159 PICCOLO HOUSE GORE STREET
Piccolo House
 385 Gore St, Fitzroy VIC 3065
 Saturday 25 July



Piccolo House at 385 Gore Street seamlessly integrates architecture, landscape and interiors through materiality and character. Join us on a curated tour of the buildings' common areas and through a selection of available residences.

163 STABLES HOUSE
Rob Kennon Architects
 Carlton North VIC 3054
 Saturday 25 July



Stables House transforms a historic, workshop building into an inner-city dwelling. In contrast to the austere, utilitarian character of the existing structure and laneway context, the renovation acts as a beacon of warmth and light. Light-filled interiors radiate through carefully framed apertures, creating intrigue and revealing glimpses of life within.

167 WARDLE
Wardle
 25 Rokeby St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Saturday 25 July



Come visit our studio to wander through, ask questions and see our current projects. Don't miss our special On Top of the World ceremony, where we'll raise a bespoke flag designed by a local artist in conjunction with Spacecraft and hear the thought-provoking ideas behind their design.

148 HARPSDALE HOMESTEAD
 860 Craigieburn Rd, Yuroke VIC 3063
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Harpsdale is an historic pastoral homestead dating from 1875. See remains of what farming was like in the 1950s, including old machinery and the shearing shed. Take a self-guided tour of the grounds, machinery yard and shearing shed or join a guided tour of the homestead.

152 MELBOURNE AIRPORT—NEW DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONES
Melbourne Airport
 PARKROYAL, Melbourne Airport Arrivals Dr, Tullamarine VIC 3042
 Saturday 25 July



The biggest change to Melbourne Airport's road network in its 56-year history is opening this Spring. Join the project team for a sneak peek of the roads, buildings and bridges that will change the way you pick up and drop off at the airport.



Step behind the scenes of the world's largest tram network. Experience daily life at a working tram depot, learn how our tram drivers are trained, and see how trams are repaired. To top it off, you'll have the chance to sit in the driver's seat of a real tram!

160 ROCK POSTERS PRINTING FACTORY: AUSTRALIA'S MUSIC STORY REVEALED THROUGH THE ART OF THE STREET POSTER
Rock Posters
 226 Normanby Ave, Thornbury VIC 3071
 Sunday 26 July



Rock Posters is the factory behind Australia's most captivating street posters for concerts and festivals. Led by Marcus Seal, Rock Posters' general manager, guests can enjoy a free guided tour and learn about the history of the business, the evolution of street poster design and the step-by-step printing process.

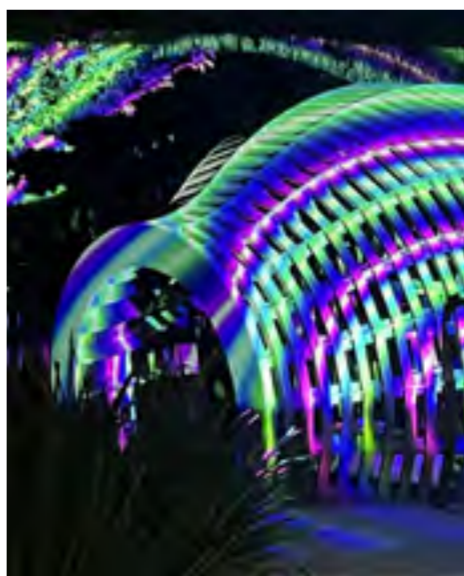
164 THE WILD GEESSE HOTEL
The Melbourne Celtic Club
 29 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056
 Sunday 26 July



Established in 1854, this heritage-listed building represents a significant chapter in Irish-Australian history. Now the site of Australia's oldest Irish club, the Celtic Club (formed 1887), this is an exclusive opportunity for the public to access members-only areas of the club. Explore at your own pace or join a tour.

Oli Glows at Olivine Place by Mirvac

168 OLI GLOWS AT OLIVINE PLACE
Mirvac
 995 Donnybrook Rd, Donnybrook VIC 3064
 Saturday 25 July



Celebrate the best of Olivine Place and Gumnut Park with Oli Glows. Come along for a relaxed evening of lights, stories, and community, where visitors can wander through illuminated pathways and discover interactive projections. During the day, families can enjoy creative workshops, live music and food trucks.

149 ISLAMIC MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA
Islamic Museum of Australia
 15A Anderson Rd, Thornbury VIC 3071
 Saturday 25 July



The Islamic Museum of Australia is the first centre of its kind in the country, a civic cultural space that brings together architecture, art and storytelling to showcase diverse Islamic art forms and cultural heritage. Explore the galleries and exhibitions via a self-guided visitor experience.

153 MILK AND HONEY: HOW GERMAN DAIRY FARMS SUSTAINED MELBOURNE
Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum & Heritage Garden
 100 Gardena Rd, Thomastown VIC 3074
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Learn how the Ziebell family, their peers and descendants shaped the dairy industry in Melbourne and helped feed the Plenty Valley. Tour Ziebell's Farmhouse, taste some recipes, and learn about the site's significance as a place of medicinal plants, flowers and produce. There will also be demonstrations on making butter.



Discover Nightingale Umakoo Way, designed by architects Kennedy Nolan with landscape by Amanda Oliver Gardens. Join us for a guided tour, see how careful design, sustainability, and community values come together in our latest project, and gain a deeper understanding of what 'density done well' can look like.

161 SOCIAL HOUSING AT NORTHUMBERLAND RD, PASCOE VALE
Housing Choices Australia
 Pascoe Vale VIC 3044
 Sunday 26 July



This new social housing development in Pascoe Vale showcases a community-focused and sustainable approach to social housing. Developed by not-for-profit community housing provider Housing Choices Australia, the project highlights innovative architectural and landscape design, environmental sustainability, and a vision for creating connected, inclusive communities.

165 TODAY: A SUSTAINABLE DESIGN STUDIO
Today
 8/54 Wellington St, Collingwood VIC 3066
 Saturday 25 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.

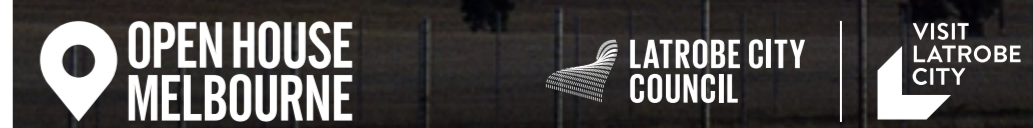


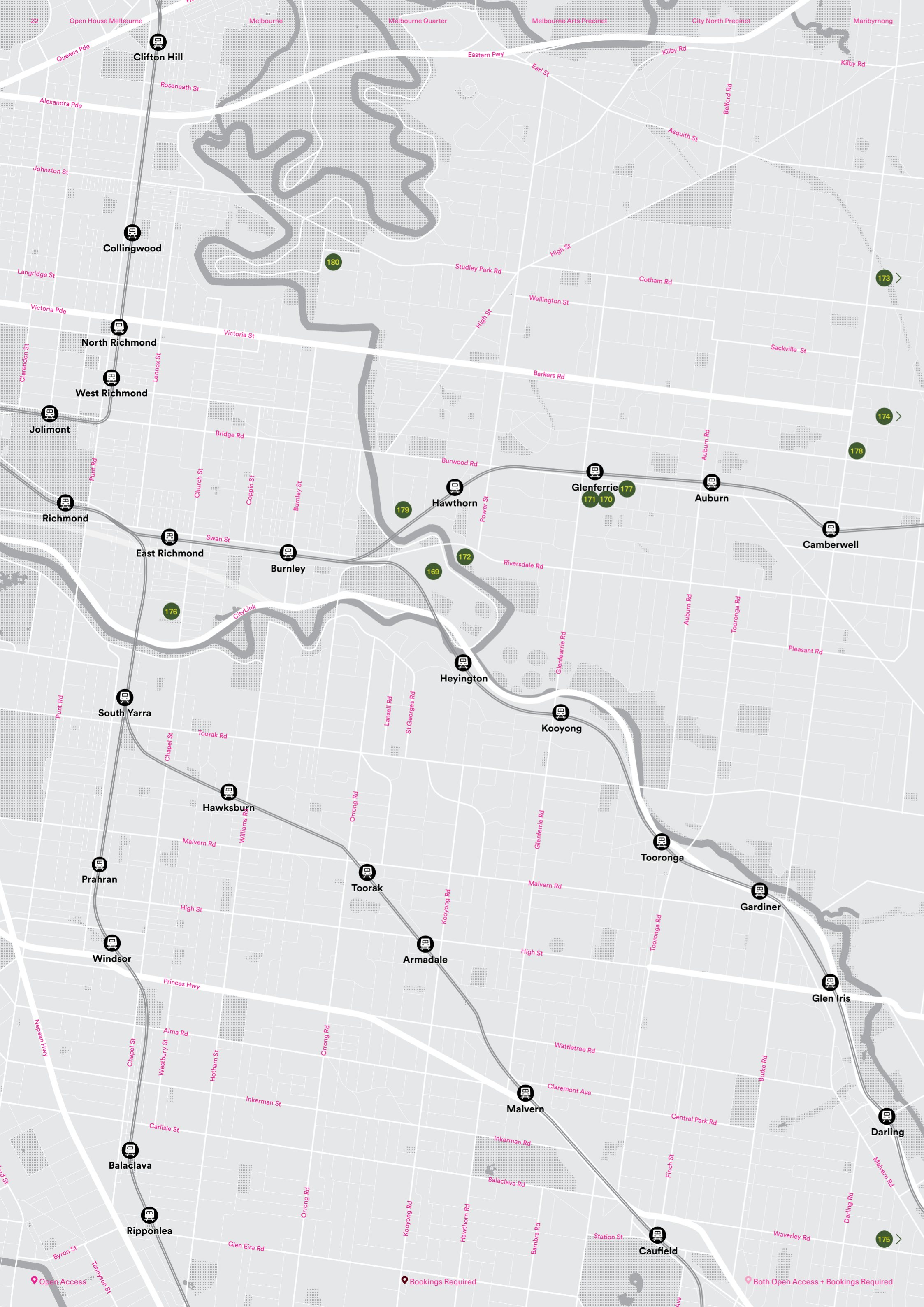
OPEN HOUSE LATROBE COMING SOON...

FRIDAY 9 TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

Open House Latrobe celebrates the region's architecture, industry and cultural identity, inviting locals and visitors alike to explore how design shapes Latrobe's past, present and future.

Keep up to date





East

169 BURNLEY GARDENS—CULTIVATING GENEROSITY: WOMEN WHO SHAPE CIVIC SPACE
LOLA (Ladies of Landscape Architecture)
 University of Melbourne Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Blvd, Richmond VIC 3121
 Friday 24 July



Set within the historic landscape of Burnley Gardens that has been shaped through horticultural practice, knowledge and cultivation, this salon explores generosity as something made spatial through judgement, collaboration and care. Led by three landscape architects, the discussion reflects on how generosity is sustained and embedded within public life.

170 CONNECTED COMMUNITY HACKERSPACE
Connected Community HackerSpace Inc
 5 Kent Ln, Hawthorn VIC 3122
 Sunday 26 July



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.

171 DENSITY DONE WELL
Housing Committee of the Victorian Chapter of the AIA
 Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122
 Friday 24 July + Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



What does good density look like? *Density Done Well* collects diverse housing projects from across Victoria to demonstrate successful approaches to housing density. These examples illustrate what we should be aspiring to in order to ensure good outcomes for our cities, our precincts, and our neighbourhoods.

172 HAWTHORN TRAM DEPOT
Hawthorn Tram Depot
 8 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122
 Saturday 25 July



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

173 LIGHT WELL HOUSE
GML Heritage
 Donvale VIC 3111
 Sunday 26 July



Light Well House is a highly intact and accomplished example of early 1970s residential modernism. Gain an insight into the architectural thinking behind its design in a special Q&A session with the original architect, his son, plus the current owner, or explore the beautifully curated interiors on your own.

174 LOCAL: BOX HILL
Local: Residential
 5-11 Cambridge St, Box Hill VIC 3128
 Sunday 26 July



Local: Box Hill takes the art of living seriously, treating renting as a long-term choice in the middle of one of Melbourne's most connected suburban hubs. Hear about designing density for an existing community before a tour of the existing Build-to-Rent. Finish at Box Hill's newest destination for food and retail.

175 NGURRAK BARRING
Yarra Ranges Shire Council
 Grants Picnic Ground, 70 Monbulk Rd, Kallista VIC 3791
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



ngurrak barring invites you to explore the cultural and creative history of goranwarrabi (the Dandenong Ranges). Come to Grants Picnic Ground for a guided or self-guided bushwalk to discover Country-themed trails involving rich storytelling, audio recordings, sculpture commissions and an Architectural Node.

176 SHAPING CREMORNE: THE ARCHITECTS' PERSPECTIVE
Fieldwork
 22-26 Gordon St, Cremorne VIC 3121
 Saturday 25 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.

177 ST COLUMB'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HAWTHORN
St Columb's Anglican Church
 5 St Columbs St, Hawthorn VIC 3122
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



St Columb's Church is a beautiful Gothic Revival bluestone building dating back to 1883. Come in and view the church building, and see archival items on display, or take a guided tour of the building's highlights.

178 ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CAMBERWELL
St Mark's Camberwell
 4 Canterbury Rd, Camberwell VIC 3126
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



A centrepiece of the community for over 100 years, St Mark's stands out for its historic pipe organ and stained glass windows designed by Napier and Christian Waller. Come enjoy choral and organ performances, a guided tour of the church, and learn more about this vibrant heritage-listed site.

179 TAY CREGGAN
Strathcona Girls Grammar
 30 Yarra St, Hawthorn VIC 3122
 Sunday 26 July



Explore one of Victoria's most remarkable heritage buildings dating back to 1893, guided by Strathcona alumnae, students, and staff. Tours will highlight the building's rich history, architectural significance, and transformation from private home to a centre for learning and leadership. Guests are also invited to explore the interiors and gardens.

180 VILLA ALBA MUSEUM
Villa Alba Museum Inc
 44 Walmer St, Kew VIC 3101
 Saturday 25 July + Sunday 26 July



Villa Alba's decorated interiors were created by leading interior art decorating firm Paterson Bros. in 1884. Come explore the ground floor of the house and recreated heritage garden, and learn more about the community activism that saved and maintains the house.

FAMILY FRIENDLY TOP PICKS:

- 📍 **OLI GLOWS AT OLIVINE PLACE**
- 📍 **CONNECTED COMMUNITY HACKERSPACE**
- 📍 **FIRESTATION PRINT STUDIO**
- 📍 **THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA MUSEUM**
- 📍 **KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST**
- 📍 **QUEEN VICTORIA WOMEN'S CENTRE**
- 📍 **MILK AND HONEY: HOW GERMAN DAIRY FARMS SUSTAINED MELBOURNE**
- 📍 **OPEN PLAY AT THE STATE LIBRARY**
- 📍 **AND MORE!**



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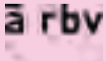


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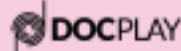
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