



MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE 2010 SETS A NEW RECORD

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A record number of people have participated in Melbourne Open House 2010 with 64,841 visits to the 61 buildings open over the weekend.

MOH spokesperson Robert Larocca said Melbournians have shown a great interest in the city's rich architectural history, flocking to some of our oldest and newest buildings.

"The aim of the weekend was to showcase Melbourne's rich architectural history by inviting people into buildings from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

"The fact that even more people participated than last year is a sign of success.

"By visiting one or more of the 61 open sites people have learnt more about Melbourne and why design is an important aspect of making Melbourne an even more livable city.

"The new themes this year, residential buildings and green roofs have also proved popular, the Origin Roof Garden recording the highest number of visits on Saturday and then saw an increased number of visits today making it the most popular site for the 2010 open house. The green roof on 131 Queen was also in the top 10.

"The ongoing popularity of Melbourne Town Hall, 271 Collins St, Old Treasury and Donkey Wheel House shows the high interest in the buildings that pre date WW1. They help explain our history and are an important part of the city's fabric.

"We are also very pleased that the residential buildings had a constant stream of visits, people are interested to see just how a well designed medium or high density dwelling will add to the city's rich architectural history over the coming years " Mr Larocca concluded.

TOP 10 BUILDINGS BY VISITS OVER WEEKEND

Origin Roof Garden	5522
Melbourne Town Hall and Offices	3236
271 Collins Street	2625
Denmark House	2442
Scots Church and Assembly Hall	2413
Old Treasury	2355
The Melbourne Athenaeum	2279
131-141 Queen Street	2239
Donkey Wheel House	2103
Supreme Court	1967
KPMG House	1953

An initiative of the Committee for Melbourne in its third year, Melbourne Open House showcases Melbourne's unique architecture and urban realm and is part of The Victorian Government's State of Design Festival.

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