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Committee for Melbourne supports world-class architecture and design at Open House Melbourne 2014

Committee for Melbourne CEO Kate Roffey urges Melburnians to get behind Open House Melbourne 2014, one of the city's great initiatives.

"Melbourne has some truly wonderful, iconic buildings that we should all be celebrating. Our rich heritage and diversity of architecture will be on display for all to experience and enjoy in this year's Open House Melbourne on 26 and 27 July," says Ms Roffey.

The annual Open House Melbourne weekend is free and provides an opportunity for people to discover more than 100 significant buildings from a broad range of building types, styles and periods. It gives the community a chance to better understand the legacy of good design and its role in our city's future.

Committee for Melbourne is proud of the success of Open House Melbourne, which was conceived in 2008 by a team of eight business leaders participating in the Committee's two-year business leadership program, the Future Focus Group.

The first event of its kind in Australia, 'Melbourne Open House' was delivered under the Committee's Future Focus Group program in 2008 and 2009. Later in 2009, Open House Melbourne became a self-sustaining and independent not-for-profit entity, focused on public education.

Open House Melbourne is just one of many achievements of the Committee's Future Focus Group program, which challenges its participants to advance the Committee's vision through projects that create a positive and lasting difference to Melbourne. Now in its 19th year, the program has been involved in the development of initiatives such as the Magic Pudding Sculpture and Children's Garden in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Free Trams in the CBD, the Frankston TimeBank and many more.

Members of the Committee have the opportunity to nominate future leaders in their organisations to be part of the unique two-year program, which develops practical leadership skills by providing an enduring learning experience and exceptional access to senior business and community leaders.

One of the Future Focus Group Program's most noteworthy achievements, Open House Melbourne is still going strong in its seventh year and has become a vital part of Melbourne's annual events calendar. In 2011, Open House Melbourne continued its leadership role in this sector by becoming the first Southern Hemisphere member city to join the global network of [Open House Worldwide](#).

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About Committee for Melbourne

Committee for Melbourne is about making Melbourne better for all Melburnians. With over 130 member organisations, Committee for Melbourne is an active connector, bringing together leaders of industry to engage in rigorous debate and share ideas and strategies for future growth and development. Working with, and on behalf of its members, the Committee aims to ensure Melbourne's challenges and opportunities are addressed in ways that keep our city vital, inclusive, progressive and sustainable.

As a not-for-profit member funded entity, the Committee is politically independent and entirely impartial, allowing it to freely and purposefully raise issues of importance to the economic, structural, social, and environmental growth and development of Greater Melbourne.

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