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## Open House Hobart 2016 Program Launch

Tasmania's most popular architecture and design event, Open House Hobart, releases its 2016 program next Thursday at Wrest Point Hotel, one of Hobart's most recognisable buildings.

The 2016 program features 44 buildings open to the public over two days on the weekend of 5–6 November. It is the major event in Hobart Architecture and Design Month, which runs for the month of November.

Last year, more than 10,000 locals and tourists enjoyed a look behind the scenes of Hobart's built environment to see how others live, work and play, see how the city's infrastructure works and take in the incredible views from different vantage points around town.

For most buildings, members of the public need only turn up during the opening hours advertised. However, some buildings require registration to visit. In true Tassie style, it's first in, best dressed! So be sure to reserve your place online at [openhousehobart.org](http://openhousehobart.org).

Organised and run by the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, Open House Hobart is the local version of a global event first held in London in 1992 and now staged in more than 30 cities around the world.

"Hobart's built environment is a unique tourism asset for Tasmania," says Open House producer Dale Campisi. "It includes some of Australia's oldest examples of colonial architecture, such as the country's oldest military barracks, Jewish synagogue, shot tower and real tennis court, all of which are free to visit at this year's Open House."

"But Open House is not all about ye olde architecture. Visitors can this year see inside Australia's first Modernist church, which was designed by the celebrated Tasmanian architect Esmond Dorney; explore the past, present and future of Wrest Point; and see inside a number of contemporary homes."

The 2016 Open House Hobart program will be launched at Wrest Point from 5:30–7:30pm on Thursday 13 October. The program is attached, and the information contained within is embargoed until 7pm Thursday 13 October.

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