



Weekend 12-13 October 2013

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## **MEDIA RELEASE** **5 September 2013**

### **Brisbane Open House 2013 launch – let the secrets be revealed**

Brisbane's annual event to unlock the city's most historic and architecturally interesting buildings, Brisbane Open House, will be officially launched at QUT's new Science and Engineering Centre today.

Media and special guests will enjoy a guided tour of the QUT Science and Engineering Centre, a new addition to the program, immediately following the launch.

Spaces to be explored include the cube, one of the world's largest digital interactive learning and display spaces soaring across two storeys of the Science and Engineering Centre.

Queensland Governor Ms Penelope Wensley AC will officially launch the fourth annual Brisbane Open House at the Science and Engineering Centre's new function area, Room Three Sixty, ahead of the Brisbane Open House weekend on 12 and 13 October 2013. The Hon Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, the Hon Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Deputy Mayor, Cr Adrian Schrinner, and Brisbane Open House Ambassador Darren Lockyer will also be attending.

Brisbane Open House continues to grow each year thanks to strong support from Brisbane businesses, community groups and the public who are intrigued to discover long-kept secrets behind the city's iconic buildings, Queensland Government Architect Malcolm Middleton said.

"We are thrilled to have grown the program to a full-weekend and to showcase many more new and exciting buildings, as it allows Brisbane residents to appreciate the architecturally diverse and historic buildings in our great city," Mr Middleton said.

"Residents will have a range of new and exciting buildings to visit and they can rediscover their favourites from last year – 71 in total in 2013!

"QUT's new Science and Engineering Centre is a cutting-edge example of the standard of Brisbane's architecturally significant buildings in this year's program."

The opening of the Science and Engineering Centre presents the culmination of many years of planning, consultation, and communication within QUT.

Brisbane Open House is a free event which provides visitors with the rare opportunity to discover a wealth of architecturally diverse, well-designed and historic buildings in Brisbane city, South Bank, Fortitude Valley, Spring Hill, Bowen Hills and some suburbs further afield.

Visitors will learn more about the buildings thanks to a number of renowned Brisbane architects and informed volunteers holding special guided tours.

Brisbane Open House is part of the Open House Worldwide family and is an initiative of the Queensland Government Architect within the Department of Housing and Public Works, the Brisbane Development Association and the National Trust of Queensland



## LAUNCH EVENT:

**Date:** 5 September 2013  
**Time:** 9.30am – 11.00am  
**Venue:** Room Three Sixty  
Level 10, Y Block (Science & Engineering Centre)  
Queensland University of Technology  
Gardens Point Campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane

### Interview Opportunities (from 10.30am to 11.00am):

- Queensland Government Architect Mr Malcolm Middleton
- BDA President Michelle Lee

## ENDS

**For further information, to register your attendance or to request a media preview of the buildings please contact:**

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### About Brisbane Open House:

Brisbane Open House is a free event, providing visitors with the rare opportunity to discover a wealth of architecturally diverse, well-designed and historic buildings in Brisbane. Held over two days on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October, Brisbane Open House 2013 promises to build on the success of last year's event, with 71 buildings of historic and modern architectural importance included in the program.

Selected buildings are opened for the public with guided and self-guided tours to encourage them to explore, re-examine and engage with Brisbane's built environment – opening eyes and minds to good design and curious spaces.

Open House is an annual cultural event that raises awareness of the value of good design in cities across the world. Brisbane Open House is pleased to be a part of the Open House Worldwide family ([openhouseworldwide.org](http://openhouseworldwide.org)).