



Have a deco at a classic

MANCHESTER Unity Building will once again light Melbourne's skyline to mark its 80th anniversary.

Located on the corner of Swanston and Collins streets, the tower of the 1932 building was historically flood-lit on Friday and Saturday nights.

From tonight it will be illuminated every night.

Premier Ted Baillieu will flick the switch on the tower's new lighting system, as then Premier Sir Stanley Argyle did in 1932.

Mr Baillieu, who once practised as an architect, nominated the Manchester Unity Building as his all-time favourite building.

"In its time (it was) a soaring monument to aspiration and ambition," he said.

Dr Kia Pajouhesh, chairman of the building's committee of management, has been instrumental in restoring the building.

"The Manchester Unity Building is a magnificent structure," Mr Pajouhesh said. "It has a special place in the history of Melbourne."

Flying high: Model Sophie wears an art deco-inspired gown by Gwendolynne in front of the Manchester Unity building. Picture: ALEX COPPEL