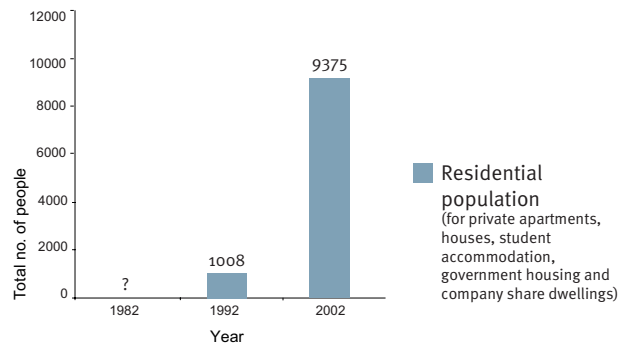
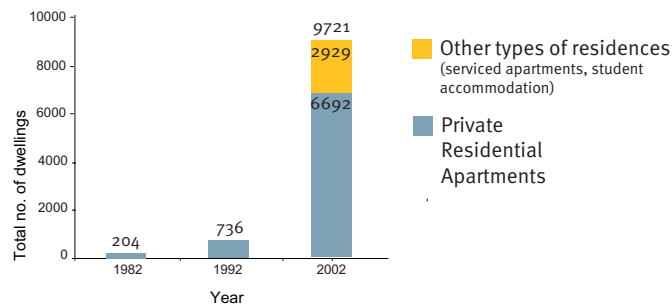


1.2 A LARGER RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Residential Population



No. of private residential apartments



830%
MORE RESIDENTS 1992-2002
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3311%
MORE APARTMENTS 1983-2002

densities within central Melbourne have helped the greater metropolitan area to develop in a more compact manner. A finer grained mix of uses also continues to strengthen the local character of the city's inner neighbourhoods and support strong community outcomes.

The visual amenity and recreational opportunities offered by Melbourne's waterfronts are now well understood, and two patterns of change have been of particular significance since 1994:

- Continuing improvement of the **Yarra River corridor** has consolidated the city's recreational and civic spine, with water spaces and public promenades acting as the stage for many city celebrations and events.
- **Docklands** has moved from a development concept into a new piece of city where people are living and working in significant numbers.

Several **whole-of-block redevelopments** in the city centre have had a profound impact on its social as well as physical fabric:

- Federation Square
- QV
- Melbourne Central
- Spencer Street Station
- Southern Cross

Each of these redevelopments has provided areas suitable for multiple uses, as well as some specialised facilities to meet particular requirements. They have also made an important contribution to the city's network of public pathways that interconnect with surrounding streets and lanes.

Southbank has continued to develop from a place at the margins of the city centre and South Melbourne into an

important district in its own right, complementing the Hoddle Grid to define the centre of Melbourne with the Yarra River as its focus. Cultural activities and visitor/tourism/recreation are the main local employment areas, in contrast with the City of Melbourne as a whole which is dominated by property and business services.³



Infill residential development complementing the scale and articulation of adjacent facades, and enabling conversion of a previously underutilised site to desirable new uses