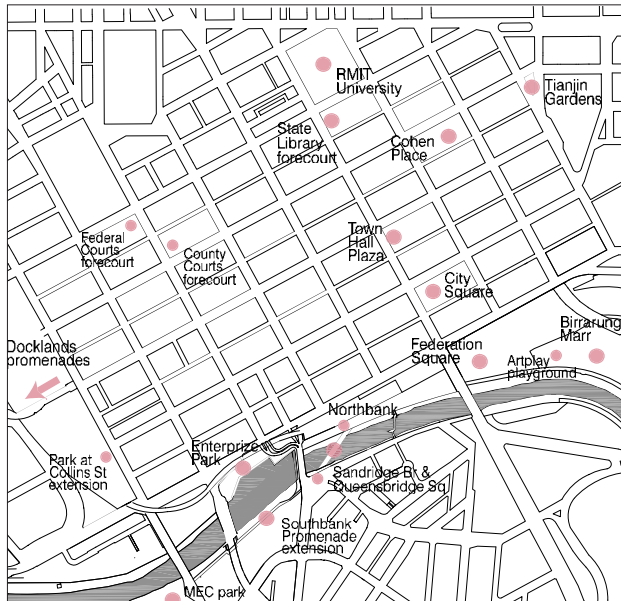


1.5 NEW SQUARES, PROMENADES AND PARKS



Squares, promenades and parks introduced to Melbourne after 1994

Melbourne's three major public spaces in 1994 were Southgate Promenade, Bourke Street Mall and the southern half of Swanston Street Walk. Each of these has been upgraded and improved, and a diverse range of smaller, but nonetheless significant and meaningful, spaces have been introduced into the city. Major new public spaces have been developed at City Square, Federation Square and Birrarung Marr, and the State Library forecourt has been wholly rejuvenated. Collectively these represent a big step forward for a city previously lacking urban squares in the city centre.

The role of the city's public spaces as locations for animated activities (both organised and incidental) has become increasingly important as the city centre's entertainment and residential uses extend and diversify. In general they offer adaptable settings with the flexibility to accommodate diverse activities. These public areas have also begun to form a network and the future will indicate further dimensions associated with their impact on Melbourne's public life.

Southbank Promenade

Southbank Promenade has been extended westwards to include the Crown Casino and Melbourne Exhibition Centre river frontages. The promenade extends Southgate's well-scaled terraces and promenade, sunny spaces, vibrant restaurant edge and slowly moving 'passing parade' of the river.



71%
**MORE SPACE FOR PEOPLE AND
 ACTIVITIES ON STREETS AND SQUARES**

SQUARES, MALLS, PROMENADES
 1994: 42,260m²
 2004: 72,200m²
 + NEW CITY PARK:
BIRRARUNG MARR: 69,200m²