

## 1.6 A REVITALISED NETWORK OF LANES AND ARCADES

Accessible and active laneways in the city centre have been increased from 300m to 3.43km. Of these, 500m are completely new lanes or arcades – these are located within QV, the Melbourne Central, GPO and Southern Cross redevelopments, and future CH2/Lt Collins St Precinct redevelopment. More active facades and varied uses have been introduced into existing laneways, including the Causeway, Block Place, Centre Place, Degraeves Street, George Parade, Bligh Place, Equitable Place, Port Phillip Arcade, Manchester Lane and Driver Lane.

Many laneways are still used as service lanes only and are underutilised. Some of these present opportunities for future improvement, while others should be maintained for this important function and to protect the amenity of other streets and lanes. Collectively, Melbourne's laneways therefore offer highly varied experiences, ranging from art installations to garbage dumps, restaurant hubs and residential areas to main thoroughfares.

1994: 300m

2004: 3.4km

ACCESSIBLE AND ACTIVE  
LANES, ARCADES AND ALLEYS



*Integration of laneways into the walking pattern has had a very positive impact on the pedestrian network and the level of activity in the city centre.*