

1.10 A 24-HOUR CITY

The number and location of nighttime and weekend activities - including bars and restaurants, sporting and cultural venues - are important factors for the vitality and safety of the 24-hour city. Melbourne's inner city population boom supplies an expanded audience during periods when it was previously relatively inactive. With today's more portable work practices and flexible schedules, people also want ready access to recreation on a 'just-in-time' basis - and nightlife is considered a vital component of this lifestyle and amenity mix.

The combination of active frontages animating the nighttime landscape, mixed-use development incorporating commercial, retail and residential functions, and the wide distribution of activities (rather than being concentrated in a few areas) leads to a lively and safer city at night and weekends.



The night scene is lit up through extended hours for cafes (such as Hardware Lane, above, and City Square, right), and the city's full calendar of evening events (such as at Birrarung Marr, below).

