

1.10 A 24-HOUR CITY

The public life of the 24-hour city has been supported by various lighting and safety initiatives. A whole-of-city approach to city safety is being applied, with measures including lighting in parks and streets, provision of safe city car parks and taxi ranks, greater security at public transport stops, cleaner and more active laneways, and glazed retail frontages and fewer blank walls. Other features such as facilities and services for young people and improved siting and design of public toilets assist in crime prevention, building community and modifying behaviour.

In particular, a lighting strategy is being implemented to ensure that places which are attractive by day will be safe, comfortable and engaging after dark. This program promotes extensions and improvements to the city's lighting system and sets up a hierarchy of lighting appropriate to the scale, form and function of different places. While the strategy provides direction for public and private external lighting throughout the municipality, its focus is to improve the quality, consistency and efficiency of night lighting in areas intended for public use and access.

Special emphasis is given to upgrading lighting at the edges of streets where most people walk to provide better visibility within ancillary spaces such as lanes, car parks, forecourts and recessed building entrances – many of which are often associated with nighttime activities. Event lighting and temporary illuminated displays are encouraged, especially when they are linked to Melbourne's busy calendar of festivals and other events.

Legend

- ▲ Accommodation - hotels, apartments...
- + Entertainment - theatres, cinemas, clubs...
- Eateries - restaurants, cafes and pubs
- 24hr convenience stores &
- Retail - shops, kiosks, stalls...

