

## 1.12 AN INTEGRATED STREET FURNITURE COLLECTION

Melbourne's bluestone pavements are an integral part of the heritage of the city and one of the defining elements of its character. Since the early 1980s there has been an extensive program of retention and repair of bluestone surfaces, and upgrading asphalt footpaths to sawn bluestone paving, particularly in the city centre retail core area. Where original bluestone pitchers exist, they are re-laid to improve drainage or to ensure smooth passage for all pedestrians, including people with disabilities, or replaced with sawn bluestone (below). Traffic measures such as road widenings, road closures, medians and roundabouts are, as much as possible, constructed in a manner sympathetic to adjacent bluestone kerb and channels. Sawn bluestone is also the standard material for all new kerbs and gutters, except where equality of access issues, bicycle lanes or vehicle safety issues require an alternative treatment.



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