

2.7 LINK DOCKLANDS WITH THE CITY



Melbourne Docklands has added thousands of square metres of land area and water frontage to the fabric of the inner city. Where the initial impetus for development was largely residential, an integrated, mixed-use community is becoming well established.

- Identify the main open space links to the city and to the water, and strengthen these physically and visually.
- Redevelop existing sites to maintain the heritage values of the area and possibly allow lower rent paying businesses to move in.
- Expand the range of active water-based activities.
- Introduce a ferry service to link with the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay systems.
- Actively develop the three key themes for the 'blue park': the working waterfront, integrated transport, and a recreational focus combining land- and water-based activities.

- Support and promote the proposal to construct a footbridge linking the north and south banks of the Yarra to the west (between the MEC precinct/South Wharf and public open space at North Wharf) to integrate the exhibition, tourism and convention facilities on both sides of the river, as well as to form part of a regional link from South Melbourne to Docklands.
- Provide a pedestrian link aligned with Lonsdale Street and meeting the concourse level at Docklands Stadium.
- Improve the amenity and accessibility for pedestrians at the intersection of Flinders Street and Wurundjeri Way.



New bridges have been constructed to extend the city's main east-west streets to Docklands (above) and to provide north-south pedestrian access across the Yarra River (above left).