



# streetscapes .02

An inventory of Melbourne's iconic streets and laneways

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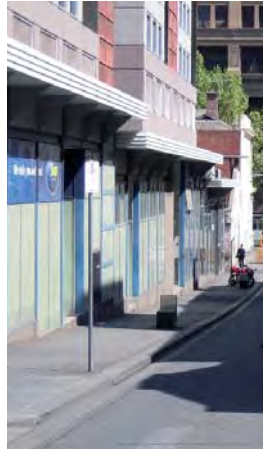
# Introduction

At the heart of the city of Melbourne numerous street types exists. Narrow laneways acting as service conduits to feed the city with produce and remove its garbage, grand tree lined streets and everything in between. This booklet aims to capture the core street types of Melbourne and collate them as an inventory in order to better understand the spatial ramifications of individual street design. The inventory is an organism that grows as additional research is conducted and the knowledge is collated in a formal manner within these pages

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# Little La Trobe St



**ABOVE:** Views to Swanston St and RMIT university are framed when traversing from Elizabeth St

**MIDDLE:** Differentiating footpath widths give a sense of hierarchy to the east side of the street

**TOP RIGHT:** Lt LaTrobe St slopes down towards Elizabeth St

**RIGHT:** Roller door access enables goods to be delivered





# Little La Trobe St

## TYPOLGY:

Service Street

## MATERIALS:

Asphalt road surface and footpath

Sawn bluestone kerb and channel

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Southern side: predominantly 6 levels

Northern side: predominantly 2-3 levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Apartments

Commercial

## ACTIVE EDGES:

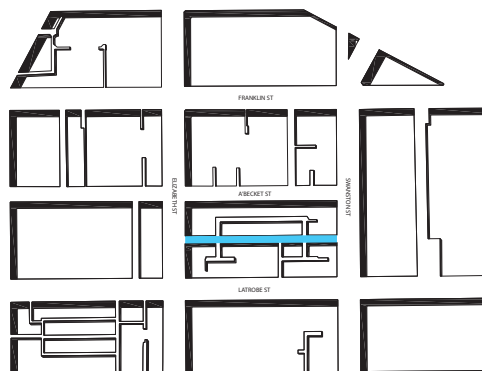
90% North side

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

One-way vehicular traffic.

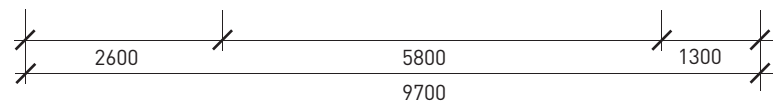
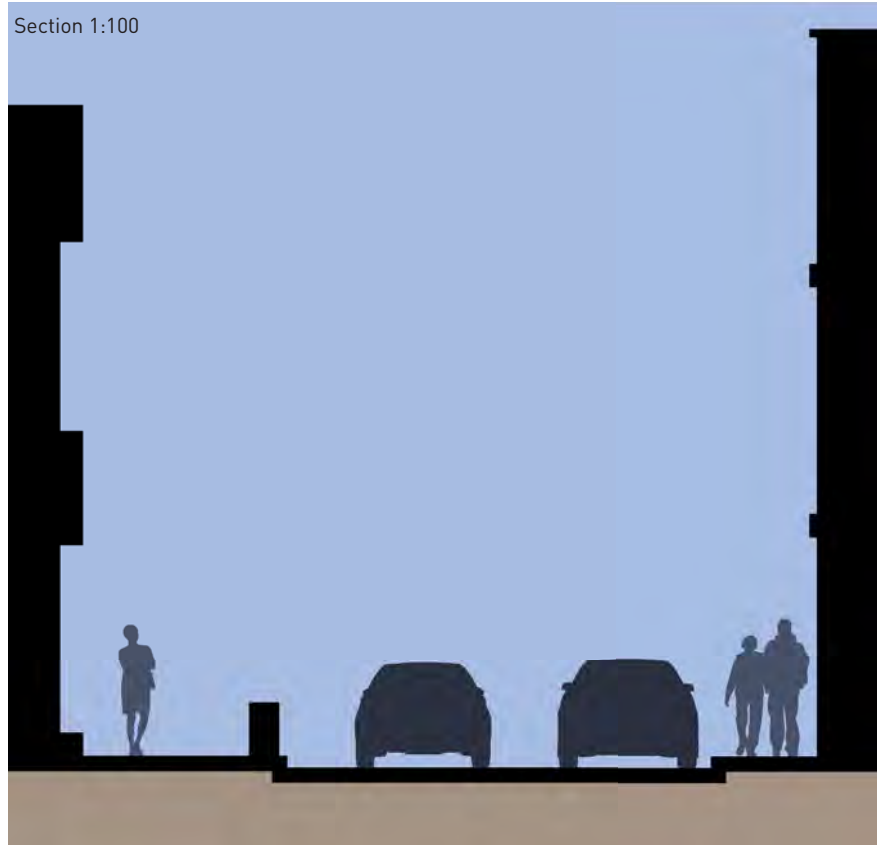
Parking on west side.

Site used as a pedestrian link between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets.



Location Plan 1:10,000

Section 1:100



# Hardware Lane



**ABOVE:** The laneway is defined by umbrellas and restaurant tables and chairs.

**TOP RIGHT:** When empty the laneway still feels lively due to the bright colours.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** When full the different coloured umbrellas define each restaurant.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The fittings are an afterthought and add onto the laneway character



# Hardware Lane

## TYPOLGY:

Street dining & retail lane

## MATERIALS:

Red brick paving throughout

Tactile paving included where appropriate

City of Melbourne steel street furnishings

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Eastern side: 2 levels

Western side: 4-5 levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Cafe/restaurant dining

Commercial

Active Edges:

High activity during the day

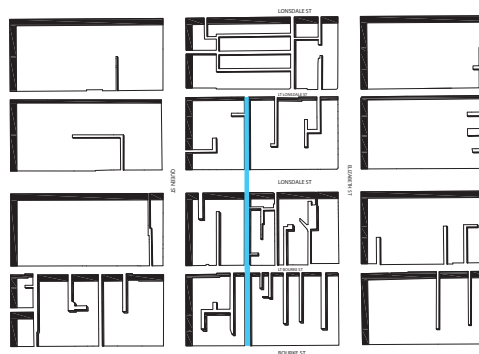
(equal for East & West)

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Dining

Pedestrian thoroughfare between Bourke,

Little Bourke & Little Lonsdale Streets



Location Plan 1:10,000

Section 1:100



# Block Place



**ABOVE:** Cafes line the edge of the laneway with a formal entrance into The Block Arcade defined by a metal gate.



**RIGHT:** Tables, chairs and awnings from the cafe spill out and allow an intimate walkway.



# Block Place

## TPOLOGY:

Street dining & retail

## MATERIALS:

Sawn bluestone paving throughout

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

4 - 6 levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

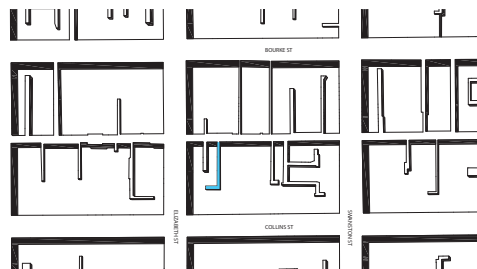
Cafe  
Restaurant  
Dining  
Bar  
Retail

## ACTIVE EDGES:

Equal dining activity on East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

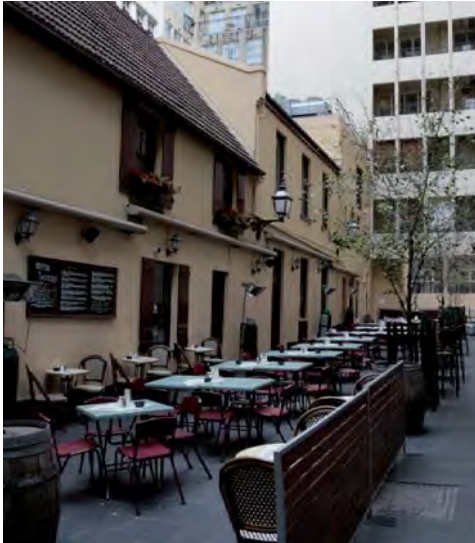
Pedestrian access to Block Arcade  
Pedestrian Thoroughfare between Little  
Collins, Collins & Elizabeth Streets  
via Block Arcade.  
Destination for dining & drinking.



Location Plan 1:10,000



# Bank Place



**ABOVE:** Semi-permanent barriers define the restaurant space in line with the permanent trees.

**TOP RIGHT:** Umbrella's and barriers define the walkway leaving a narrow pathway between restaurants.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Seats act as tree protection as well as providing lunch spots. A subtle tile pattern adds interest to the stark bluestone ground plane.



# Bank Place

## TYPOLGY:

Pedestrian Lane

## MATERIALS:

Sawn Bluestone paving with granite feature paving throughout

City of Melbourne steel street furnishings

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Eastern side: 3 - 7 levels

Western side: 2 - 8 levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Cafe/Restaurant/Dining/Bar

Office spaces throughout and Above

## ACTIVE EDGES:

50/50

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

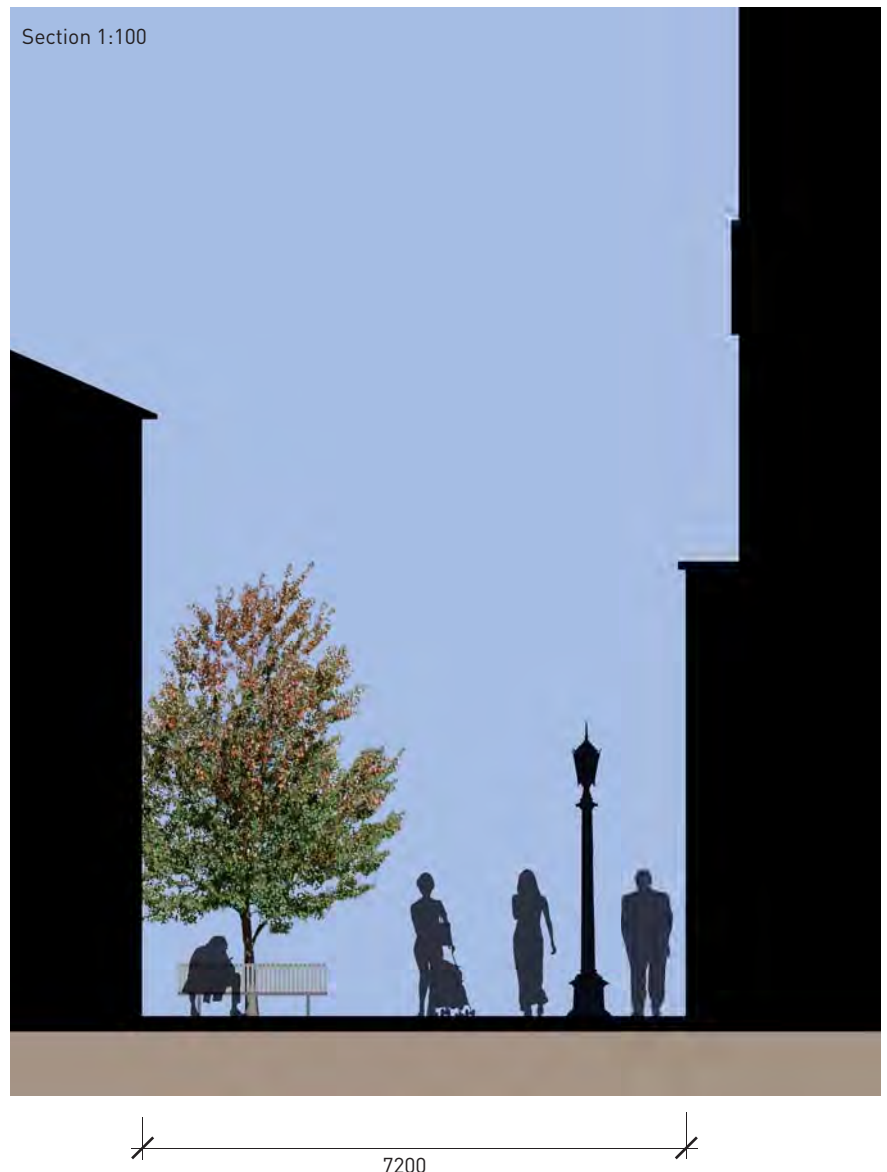
Pedestrian Thoroughfare between Little Collins & Collins Streets.

Provides major access into buildings on the site.

Outdoor cafe seating.



Location Plan 1:10,000





# Flinders Lane



**ABOVE:** A thin pavement allows two people to pass each other.



**ABOVE:** Parked bikes define the edge of the pavement, while kerb lowers to allow cars into a service lane.



**ABOVE:** Speed humps and pedestrian crossings ensure slow traffic for the pedestrian filled laneway.



**ABOVE:** Parked cars only park on one side of the laneway.



# Flinders Lane

## TYPOLGY:

Service Street

## MATERIALS:

Sawn bluestone paving

Asphalt Road

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Predominately 5 - 7 levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Retail

Nightclubs

Offices

## ACTIVE EDGES:

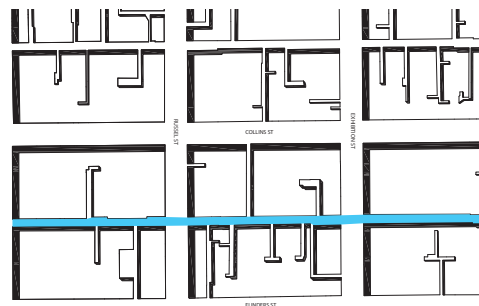
Varies between high activity to inactive on both sides along the length of the lane.

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Pedestrian thoroughfare through the city on an East - West axis.

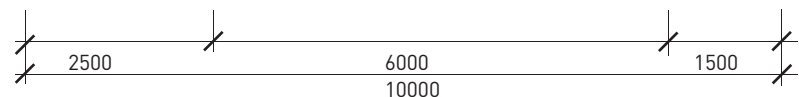
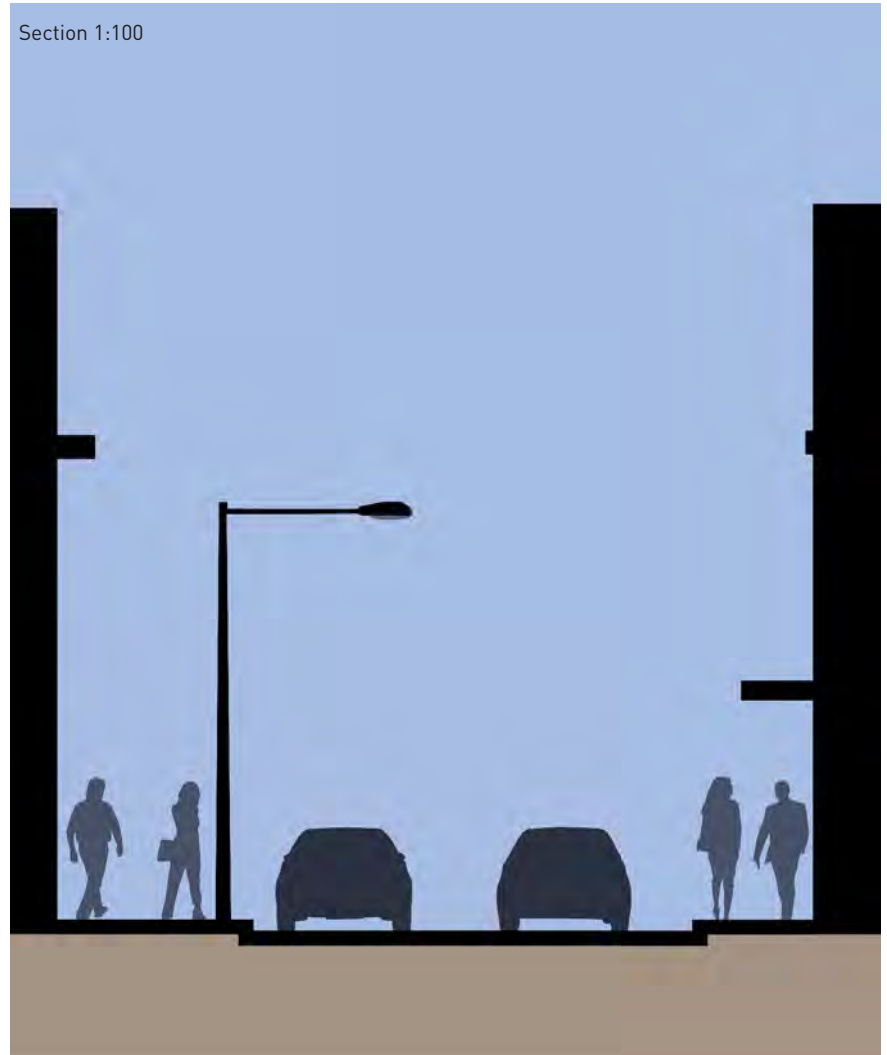
One way vehicular traffic flow from East to West is heavy.

Parking on South side of road.



Location Plan 1:10,000

Section 1:100



# Service Lane



**ABOVE:** The service lane drops away from the street to ensure good drainage and provides lower levels in the buildings for storage.

**TOP RIGHT:** Service lanes often have lots of graffiti either illegal or artistic through the council and often lined with bins.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bins and dumpsters often line service lanes, while a garbage truck can access the bins to empty.



# Service Lane

## TYPOLGY:

Service Lane

## MATERIALS:

Sawn bluestone kerb and channel

Asphalt Road

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Varies within CBD

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Retail

Nightclubs

Offices

## ACTIVE EDGES:

Low activity during the day

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Pedestrian thoroughfare through the city on  
an East - West &

North - South axis.

Serves city's restaurant & nightclubs.

Used for a variety of installation pieces.



Location Plan 1:20,000





# Degraves St



**ABOVE:** Each shop has an individual frontage that adds to the character of the street.

**TOP RIGHT:** Filled with cafe tables and chairs, Degraves St is lively with many good food outlets.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bollards define the section of the street that is accessible to vehicles.





# Degraves St

## TPOLOGY:

Street dining

## MATERIALS:

Sawn bluestone paving

on footpaths

Bluestone Paved Road

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Predominately 4 Levels

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Retail

Nightclubs

Offices

## ACTIVE EDGES:

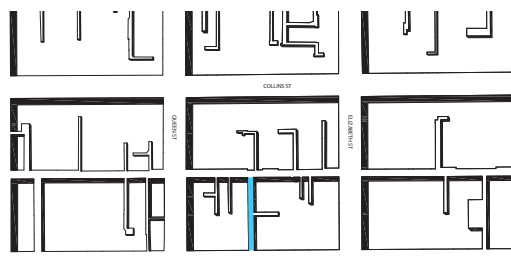
50/50 East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Pedestrian thoroughfare through the city on a North - South axis, linking to Flinders Street and the train station.

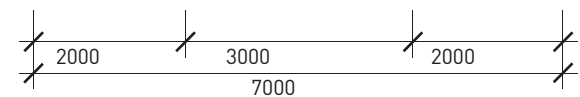
Generally no vehicular access but is possible if required.

Space used largely for cafe style dining.



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Section 1:100



# Queen St



**ABOVE:** A tree lined street provides dappled light and protection of sun for cars, pedestrian and buildings.

**TOP RIGHT:** Bus zones along Queen Street provide reasonable public transport for commuters.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Parking in the middle and along the edges of Queen Street defines this as a main artery for the CBD.



# Queen St

## TPOLOGY:

Commercial Street

## MATERIALS:

Sawn bluestone paving

on footpaths

Asphalt Road

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Predominately 10 Levels or more

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Commercial

Offices

## ACTIVE EDGES:

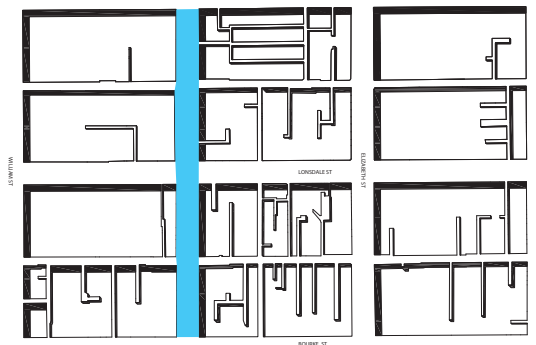
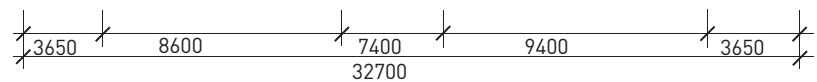
50/50 East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Bus route

Thoroughfare through CBD grid

Centre road parking



Location Plan 1:10,000

# St Mangos Lane



**ABOVE:** The footpath is defined by a colour and stone change, while the trees are premature.



**RIGHT:** The vehicle access is wide and not defined by lines however defined by the material change, and planting.



# St Mangos Lane

## TYPOLGY:

Commercial  
Residential

## MATERIALS:

Precast concrete pavers  
Sawn in-situ concrete pavers on footpath

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Predominately 6 Levels or more

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

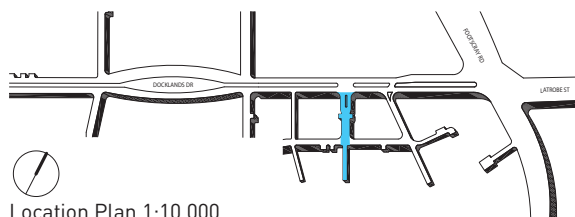
Retail spaces  
Residential apartments

## ACTIVE EDGES:

50/50 East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Pedestrian thoroughfare through to water  
Residential overhang of balconies  
Retail uses



# Lygon Street



## ABOVE:

Attractive shop fronts and original veranda enclose the space while cafe and restaurant table and chairs make moments intimate.

## TOP RIGHT:

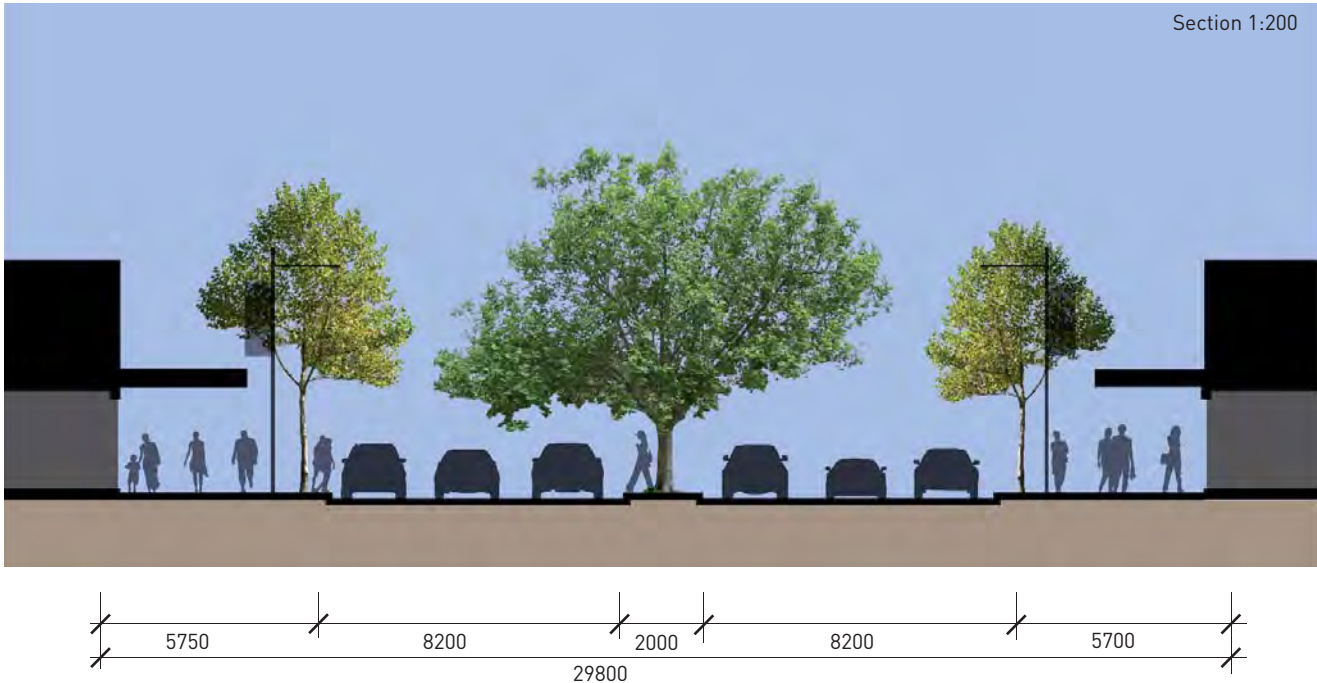
Attractive shop fronts and original veranda enclose the space while cafe and restaurant table and chairs make moments intimate.

## BOTTOM RIGHT:

Large plan trees provide shade and dappled light for users of the street.



# Lygon Street



**TYPOLGY:**  
Retail

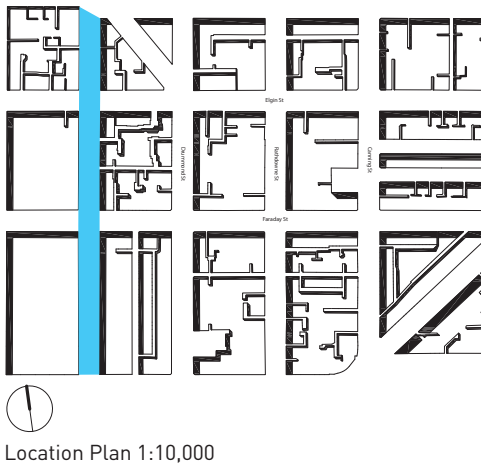
**MATERIALS:**  
Asphalt roads and footpaths  
Granitic gravel tree pits

**TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:**  
Varied retail shop frontages  
Verandah roofing setback 100mm from kerb

**ADJACENT LAND USES:**  
Retail spaces

**ACTIVE EDGES:**  
50/50 East and West sides

**PRIMARY FUNCTION:**  
Shopping precinct





# Rathdowne Street



**ABOVE:** Original veranda encloses the shop frontage, while the kerb provides parking.

**TOP RIGHT:** Wide unmarked roads give the driving experience a spacious feeling.

**ABOVE:** Large garden beds are planted with single trees and heavily mulched.





# Rathdowne Street

## TYPOLGY:

Retail

## MATERIALS:

Asphalt roads and footpaths

Granitic gravel tree pits

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Varied retail shop frontages

Verandah roofing setback 100mm from kerb

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

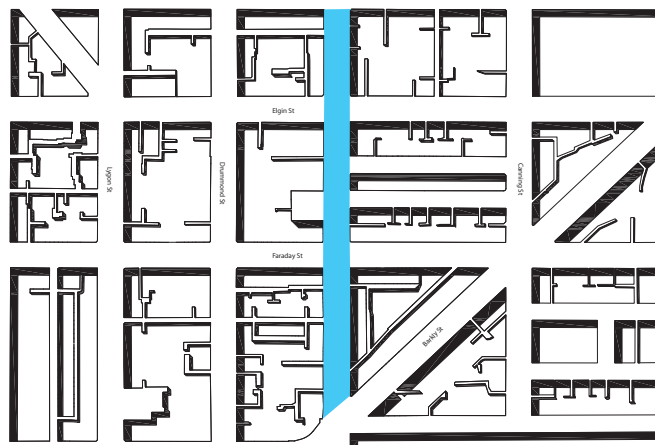
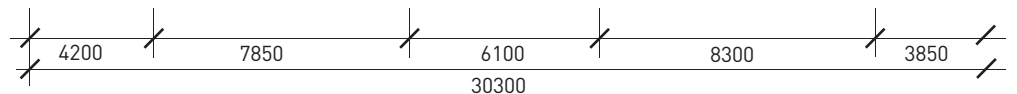
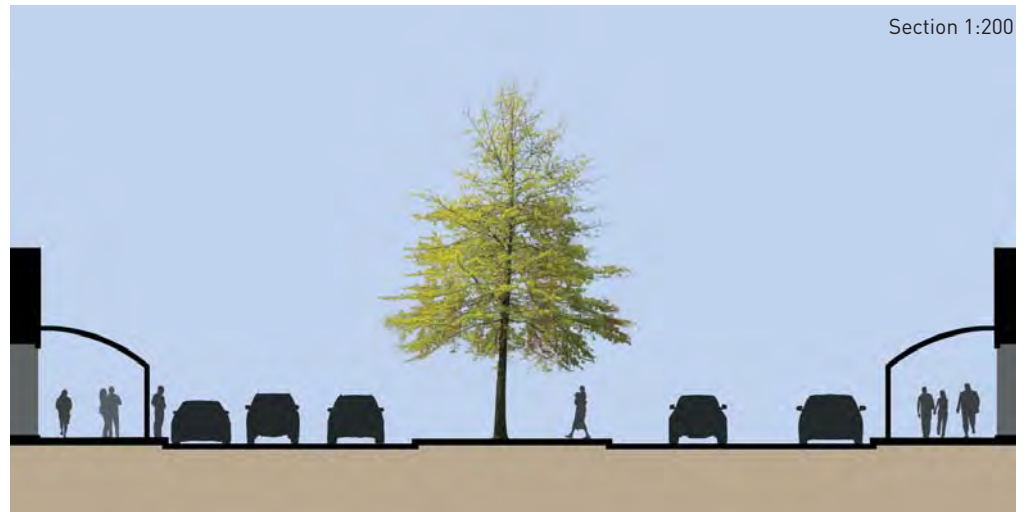
Retail spaces

## ACTIVE EDGES:

50/50 East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Shopping precinct



Location Plan 1:10,000

# Geelong Mall



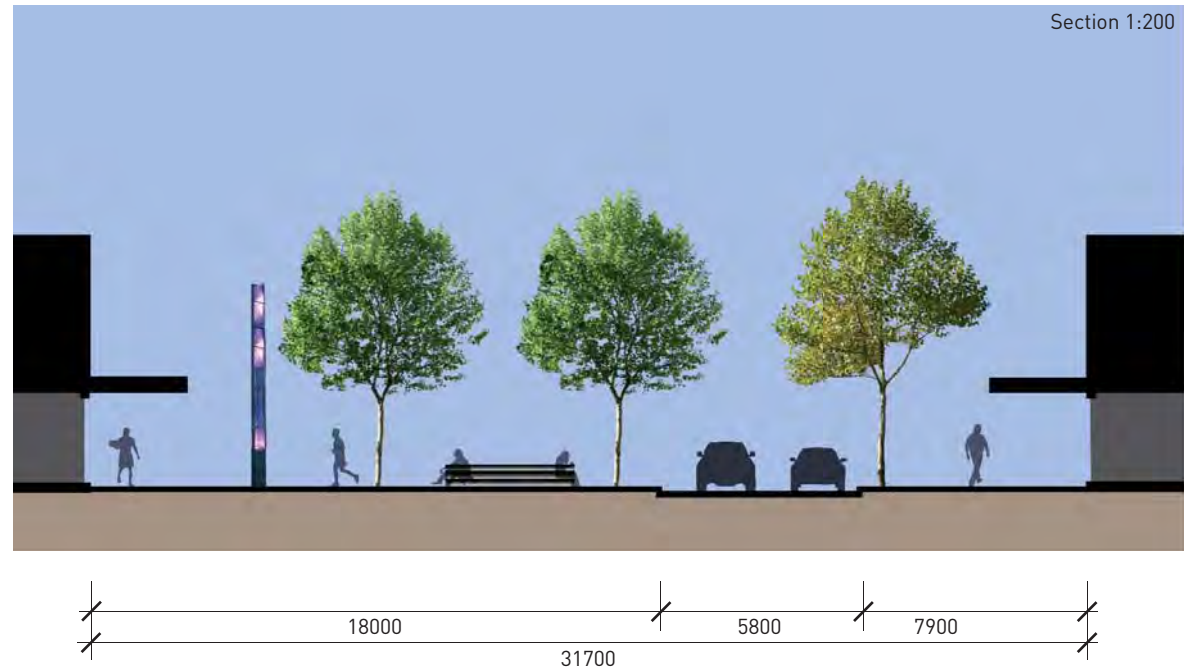
**ABOVE:** Lighting at night provide a safe and warm environment.

**ABOVE MIDDLE:** Lighting pillars stand tall and provide a strong character for the Geelong Mall.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Specifically designed seats provide a distinctive character to the mall and you can see the trees in the background that will grow into a large canopy.



# Geelong Mall



## TPOLOGY:

Retail street

## MATERIALS:

Granite setts  
Granitic gravel

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Varied retail shop frontages

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

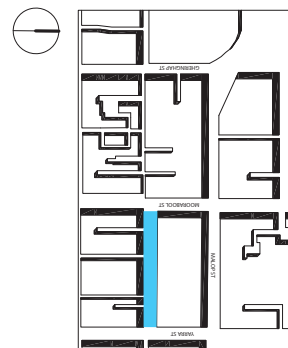
Retail spaces

## ACTIVE EDGES:

50/50 East and West sides

## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Shopping precinct/Mall



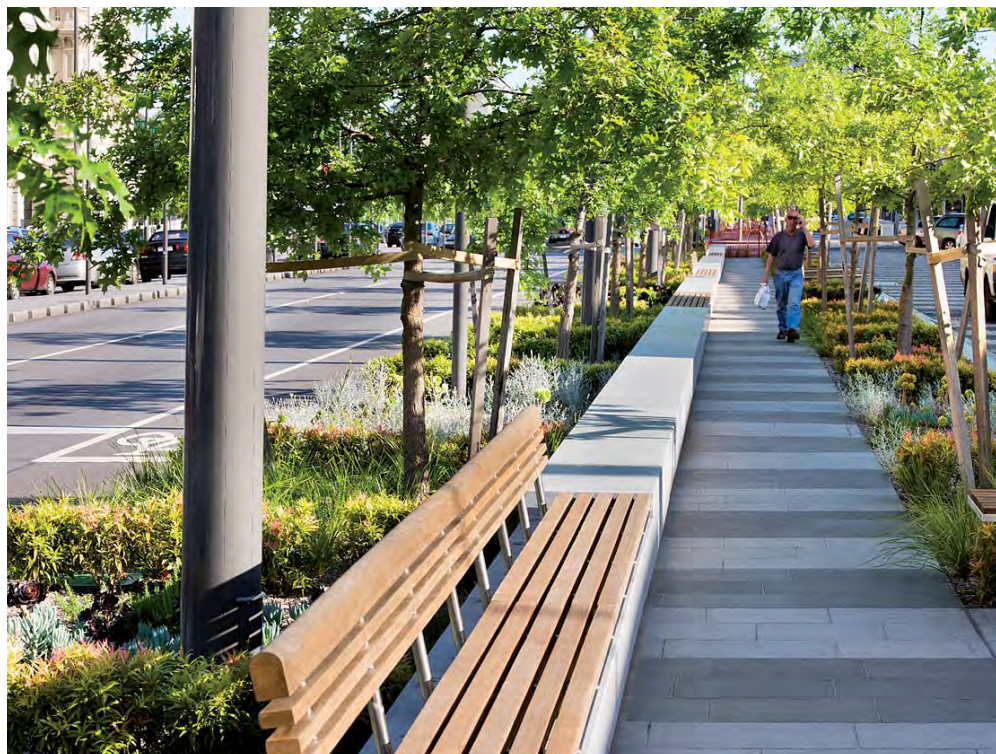
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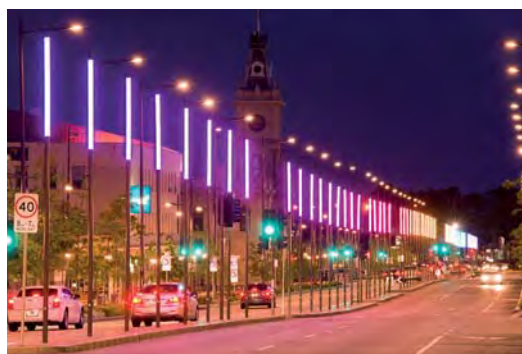
# Lonsdale Street - Dandenong



**ABOVE:** WSUD rain gardens and Pin Oaks separate the calmed car parking traffic from pedestrian pavements.



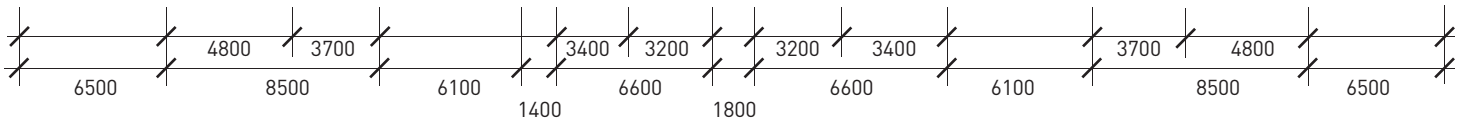
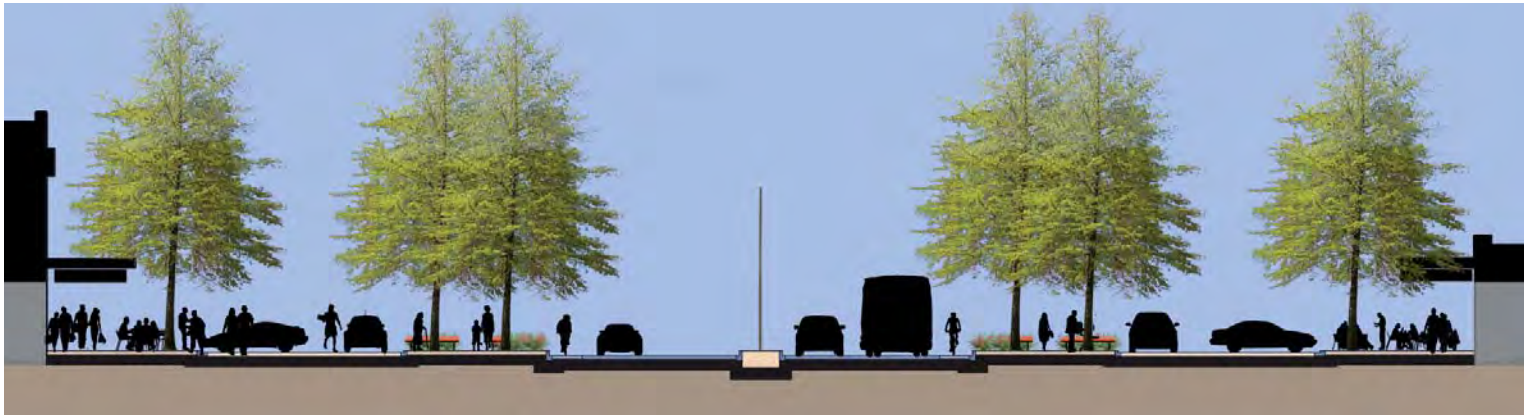
**ABOVE:** Integrated seats merge with retaining wall and Pin Oaks beginning to form a lush canopy.



**LEFT:** LED lighting bollards emit a rainbow of colour for a vibrant scene at night.



# Lonsdale Street - Dandenong



## TPOLOGY:

Retail street  
Commercial

## MATERIALS:

Granite setts  
Concrete  
Asphalt

## TYPICAL HEIGHT OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

Varied retail shop frontages

## ADJACENT LAND USES:

Retail spaces  
Municipality spaces

## ACTIVE EDGES:

East and West sides


## PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Shopping precinct/Mall

## PLANTING:

Rosemary, *rosmarinus* 'Blue Pacific'  
Black Rose, *Aeonium* 'Zwartkop'  
Blue Chalk Sticks, *Senecio serpens*  
Cushion Bush, *Leucophyta brownii*  
Tree Aeonium, *Aeonium arboreum*  
Cerulean flaxlily, *Dianella caerulea*  
Rock Tryptomene, *Thryptomene saxicola compact form*  
Spiney headed mat rush, *Lomandra longifolia* 'Tankia'  
Southern belchnum banksia, *Banksia blechnifolia*  
Prostrate net bush, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*  
*Banksi spinulosa* 'Birthday Candles'  
Midgen Berry, *Austromyrtus dulcis*  
Dwarf bottlebrush / Great balls of fire, *Callistemon* 'Great balls of Fire'  
Dianella Breeze, *Dianella caerulea* 'Breeze'  
White Iris, *Diplarrena moroea*  
Pin Oak, *Quercus palustris*





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