

melbourne cbd laneways builtform review



client:
Melbourne City Council

project team:
hansen partnership



project description:

hansen was engaged by Melbourne City Council in early 2004 to develop a series of recommendations based on extensive site and desktop analysis that would enable efficient management of future development along Melbourne's laneways.

The laneway system whilst not as rigid as the other street networks has become a vital network which contributes to the broader city form providing unique spaces within the central city.

It is these lanes that provide some of the most important and unique public spaces within the city centre. They provide a setting for people, buildings and activities and more importantly the exchange between these elements. The intimate scale of these lanes offer exciting opportunities for pedestrian access through the city within a secluded environment lined with a variety of small unique cafes, restaurants and boutique businesses.

The purpose of the CBD Lanes Built Form Review was to acknowledge the unique and valued characteristics of Melbourne's laneways and determine an appropriate built form outcome for future development. The review was in response to a growing concern that inappropriate development is occurring within some of the City's lanes.

The study involved the following key tasks:

- define the quality of different lanes based on site visits and reference to existing Council policies/strategies.
- provide recommendations for new built form outcomes including height, setbacks and interface treatment.
- consider options for appropriate planning scheme mechanisms to implement the study's recommendations.

urban planning urban design landscape architecture

hansen partnership pty ltd
melbourne | vietnam
level 4 136 exhibition st
melbourne vic 3000
t 61 3 9654 8844 f 61 3 9654 8088
e info@hansen-online.com.au
w hansen-online.com.au

