

The culture of outdoor cafe life has developed rapidly in many countries around the world. This has significantly changed the usage patterns of city centres. Today summer activities are of a much more recreational nature. Drinking coffee is an uncomplicated way to combine several attractions: to be outdoors, enjoy pleasant views and the ever-present and changing amusement of watching people pass by.

Wellington offers an abundance of smaller establishments offering a wide range of various foods and cultures. Cafes providing outdoor seating (outdoor cafes) are spread over most of the central area with higher concentrations in a number of areas, while Lambton Quay and Manners Mall have practically none of this type.

By encouraging outdoor cafes in these streets public life along the Golden Mile can be maintained also in the evening. Many cafes extend their opening hours into the evening.

The number of cafes in Wellington is expected to increase due to a growing market. By encouraging and supplementing seating in general, including outdoor cafe seats, people are invited to stay longer, which will encourage spending and boost local businesses. As such public life is good value for money.



Outdoor serving in Woodward Street

