

Street furniture

Wellington has over recent years been upgrading its design profile in terms of bins, lighting, benches etc. specially designed for the urban spaces. The future provides opportunities for a gradual replacement of the worn out street elements with new co-ordinated city furniture.



Lambton Quay

Lambton Quay suffers from a yet incomplete renovation. Narrow footpaths and the widespread use of sandwich boards are obstacles in a busy pedestrian street. Paving and lighting are of poor quality, benches are few and the street layout needs a re-design to upgrade Lambton Quay as a major retail street.



Courtenay Place + Manners Street

A renovation of Courtenay Place shows a good relationship between the amount of space for pedestrians and vehicles which can be used as a blueprint for other main city streets. Footpaths have been widened and repaved, greenery has been planted and footpaths have been taken across minor side streets.

Besides the positive aspects Courtenay Place does suffer from a weak beginning towards the west, where two minor parking streets and Te Aro Park obscures the streetscape and create a complicated pedestrian crossing across Taranaki Street.





Cuba Mall

A place for families where children playing, people eating outdoors and people promenading and shopping make a wonderful mix of activities and life throughout the day. The street attracts many visitors and in sheer eagerness to capture consumers, some cafes have utilized large parts of the street width to place their cafe seats thus making walking into an obstacle course. This is partly strengthened by the somewhat oversized planting areas.



Grey Street

By closing of Grey Street for vehicular passage to Lambton Quay a small area has been created for lingering close to Lambton Quay.

However this lingering is a mixed pleasure since the benches have been placed right next to the parked cars in Grey Street. A way forward could be to move the seating closer towards Lambton Quay and remove parking in the part of Grey Street closest to Lambton Quay.



Manners Mall

A recent upgrade of Manners Mall has updated the street to a modern design standard following a simple paving pattern with few elements in terms of benches, lamp posts, bins etc. Benches have been translated into metal “cages” covering greenery where aluminium seats offer pedestrians a rest. In addition ordinary wooden benches provide a better seating comfort for users of the mall. Manners Mall suffers from a relatively low quality of shop frontages and a proliferation of sandwich boards.

