

Melbourne City # 50 Safe Community Redesignation October 2006



City of Melbourne Lord Mayor John So, David Pitchford, Chief Executive and Dr Carolyn Coggan, Director, Safe Communities Foundation NZ completing the formalities.

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On 30th October, 2006 Melbourne City confirmed its status as an International Safe Community at a re-designation event in the Melbourne Town Hall. Lord Mayor John So accepted the honour and stated that *“the City of Melbourne ensures that safety is at the forefront of all policy and planning decisions”*.

This is demonstrated by the City Safety Taskforce which outlined in May 2006 their new statement of purpose:

“To ensure that Melbourne is a diverse city where all community members feel safe and respected regardless of age gender, religious and ethnic origin, and levels of ability and where there are attractions for all; it is vibrant, accessible and clean with an embedded culture of safety and wellbeing”.

The site visit and redesignation application clearly demonstrated this vision.

Members of the site visit team were impressed with the high standard of design features which have been adopted to ensure that City areas are kept safe. Melbourne city has successfully integrated crime and injury prevention in an innovative way and brought it together in one strategic framework to inform policy and programme delivery.

Melbourne was the first capital city to be designated a Safe Community by the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety in 2000 and remains the only Australian capital city to record this achievement. The CEO for the City of Melbourne stated that *“today’s redesignation shows we have successfully maintained our safety standards”*.

Melbourne’s redesignation as a Safe Community represents the culmination of five years work with the community to develop and drive a range of innovative and successful safety programmes. These programmes and initiatives have helped to position Melbourne as a world leader in community safety.

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