

Co-creating inclusive and welcoming spaces in Victoria Street

Why Victoria Street?

Victoria Street's well-established identity as a cultural and social hub, has recently been overshadowed by a range of challenges impacting liveability, perceptions of safety and economic prosperity within the area.

The Safe and Liveable Victoria Street Project, funded by the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program, aims to build confidence in this precinct by reactivating public spaces and encouraging people to reengage with community life.

Our approach

We engaged world leading lighting specialists Arup to conduct an interactive night time lighting workshop with 40 community, business and council stakeholders. The event aimed to enable a better understanding of how light impacts the way people use, engage with and experience Victoria Street at night.

The 3-hour walk covered a 1km area within the Victoria Street West Precinct. Throughout the hands-on event, participants learned about the lighting techniques used to

This project applies a collaborative co-design approach that brings people together to:

- Share their unique and collective perspectives
- Confront the big issues and question assumptions
- Use their experiences as the basis of design

This platform facilitates meaningful discussion and enables the community to actively contribute to the development process, to inform practical and actionable solutions that address real needs within Victoria Street.

improve perceptions of safety, worked together to prototype lighting designs and explored a range of lighting sources including solar powered photoluminescent (light-in-the-dark) materials.

Community insights and data collected during the walk will be used to design an integrated lighting concept for the project area. This includes colourful recycled glass surfaces, bio-luminescent ground coverings, in-ground marker lighting, and custom paint finishes, to create a sense of community, intrigue and play for all ages.

Event snapshot

3hr

Workshop exploring Victoria Street at night

40

Community, business and council participants

24

Dolphin torches and colour filters



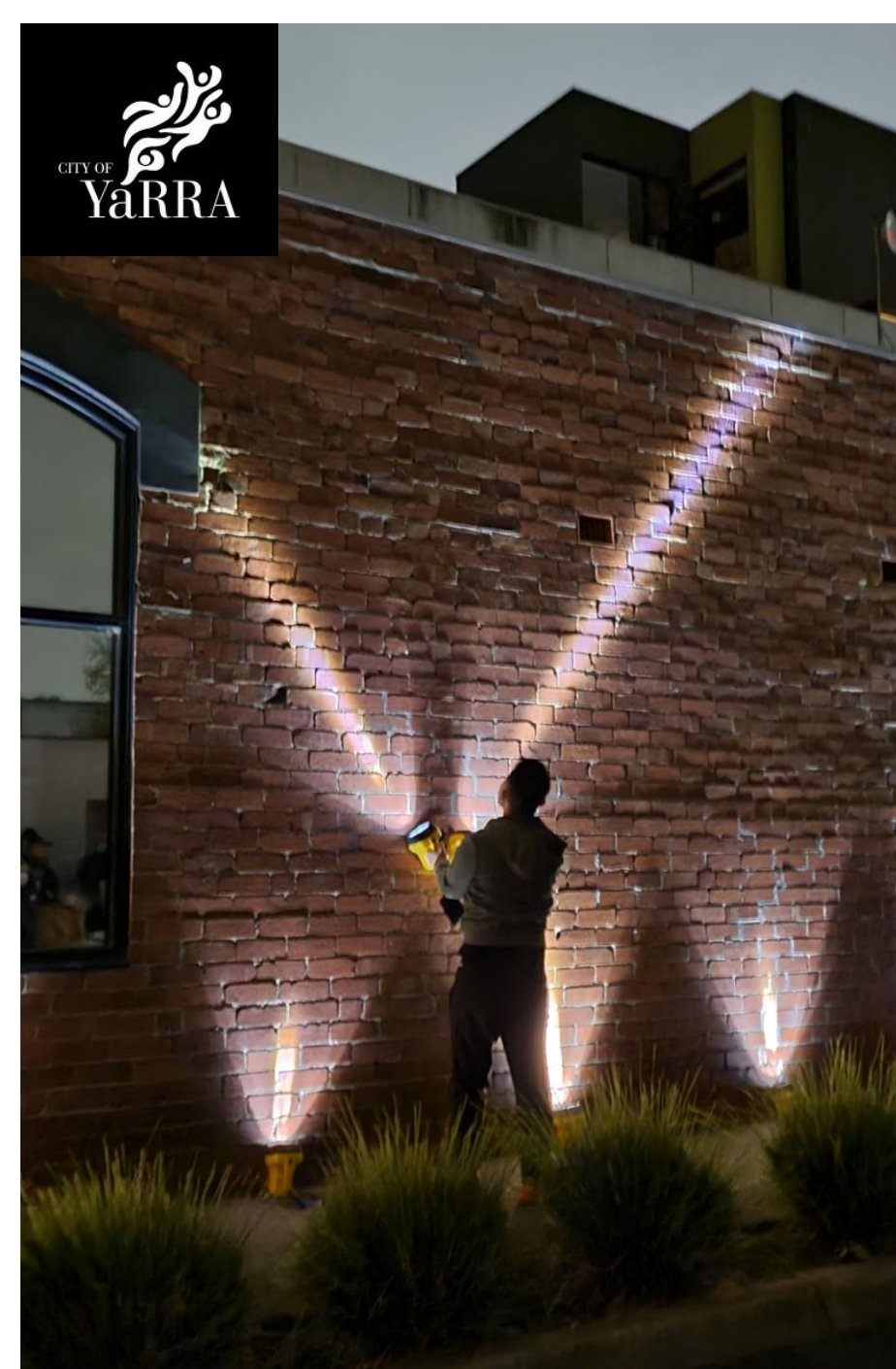
Rapid prototyping. community led lighting and safety responses



Lighting design. using a practical human-centred framework



Smart technologies. photoluminescent (light-in-the-dark) materials





This is a smart partnership project involving

- Advocacy and Engagement
- Arup (external partner)
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (external partner)
- Economic Development
- Social Strategy and Community Development
- Victoria Police (external partner)
- Yarra CityLab

Connect with us

Please contact us to learn more about this project and others like it. We look forward to connecting with you as we progress Yarra Council's Smart City Approach.

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