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Melbourne retains top liveability ranking, but we cannot become complacent

Released today, The Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Survey ranks Melbourne as the world's most liveable city for the fourth year running.

Adding to our earlier accolade this week as the world's friendliest city according to Conde Nast Traveller, Committee for Melbourne CEO Kate Roffey is delighted that Melbourne has retained its top place ranking but warns that we must not become complacent.

"Today's Melbourne is a truly international city. We are home to the headquarters of some of the world's largest organisations, a world leader in health and medical research, and we play host to major global conferences, sporting and arts events. These things are not only key drivers of our economy, they add to our attractiveness as a great place to live, work and do business.

"But we must continue to make the most of these opportunities as Melbourne grows. Great cities do not happen by chance – they develop through visionary thinking and long-term planning," says Ms Roffey.

"We are in a great position, but we need to keep working harder to grow our economic prosperity and liveable advantages concurrently. If we are to retain our mantle as the world's most liveable city, we will need to be better at providing the jobs of the future that our population will need. At the same time, we need to maximise access to jobs by connecting community and the workplace via better transport options, in particular public transport. We also need to provide a much broader range of affordable housing options across our city, and ensure that all Melburnians have access to the support services and cultural opportunities our wonderful city has on offer."

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About Committee for Melbourne

Committee for Melbourne has been a major driving force behind the development of Melbourne for 30 years. Our role is to raise issues and generate ideas that make Melbourne a better place to live, work and do business. Entirely member funded, the Committee's membership crosses all sectors, from major international and national corporate entities, universities, small to medium enterprises, and genuine community-focused charitable organisations. The Committee brings together leaders of industry to engage in rigorous debate and share ideas and strategies for the future growth and development of Greater Melbourne.

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