

Fern Bay Liveability Index 2020



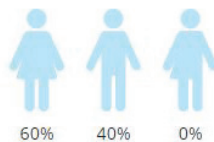
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

The results allows us to focus on the things most valuable to our community. It helps us plan and make decisions that will have the biggest impact on your wellbeing.

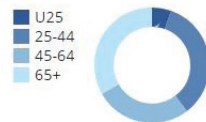
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responses from
Fern Bay+

Gender



Age



Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in — a liveable place is a healthy place.

Liveability is influenced by safety, the natural environment, infrastructure, accessibility, things to do, attractiveness and inclusivity.

Fern Bay+



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 FERN BAY+ VALUES

These are the things most important to Fern Bay+ residents in their ideal neighbourhood:



Elements of natural environment — 74%



Access to neighbourhood amenities (cafes, shops, health and wellness services) — 71%



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 64%



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 62%



Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night) — 62%

In Fern Bay and surrounding suburbs your ideal neighbourhood has:

- locally owned and operated businesses that provide the community with their daily needs
- easy to access shared community amenities, like the local shops, on foot or bike
- well maintained and managed public domain; footpaths, parks, roads and other public assets

OUR STRENGTHS

These are the things you care about most and say are performing well. We must continue to celebrate and protect these.



Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife etc)

OUR LIVEABILITY PRIORITIES

These are the things most important to you and are underperforming. We must work to improve these.



Access to neighbourhood amenities (cafes, shops, health and wellness services)



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)



Locally owned and operated businesses



Evidence of Council/government management (signage, street cleaners)



Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks)



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



Landscaping and natural elements (street trees, planting, water features)



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)



Things to do in the evening (bars, dining, cinema, live music)



Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools)



Connectivity (proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres, shops)



Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting)



Sustainable urban design (water sensitive design, transport-oriented design, sustainable building design, density)



Access to shared community and commercial assets (library, bike/car share, sports facilities, gyms)



Spaces for group or community activities and/or gatherings



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