

Karuah and surrounds Liveability Index 2020



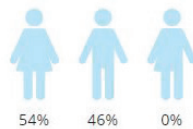
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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.

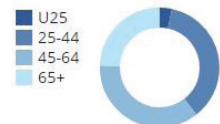
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responses from
Karuah and surrounds

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.

Karuah+



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 KARUAH+ VALUES

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



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 67%



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 66%



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



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks) — 59%



Locally owned and operated businesses — 56%

In Karuah and surrounding suburbs your ideal neighbourhood has:

- well maintained and managed public domain; footpaths, parks, roads and other public assets
- 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

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)



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



Locally owned and operated businesses

OUR LIVEABILITY PRIORITIES

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



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



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



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



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



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



Spaces suitable for specific activities or special interests (entertainment, exercise, dog park, BBQs)



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



Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)



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



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



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



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



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



General condition of private open space (verges, driveways)



Sustainable behaviours in the community (water management, solar panels, recycling)



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