



Medowie Liveability Index 2020

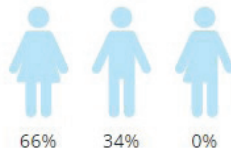
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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.

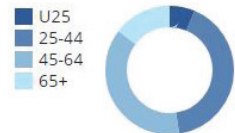
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responses from
Medowie and surrounds

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.

Medowie+



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 MEDOWIE VALUES

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



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 68%



Locally owned and operated business — 60%



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 59%



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 57%



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks) — 56%

In Medowie 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.



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



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



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.



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



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



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



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



Protection of the natural environment



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



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



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



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



Spaces suitable for play (from toddlers to teens)



Local education opportunities (from elementary to adult education)



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



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



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



Landmarks, special features or meeting places



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