

Fingal Bay Liveability Index 2020



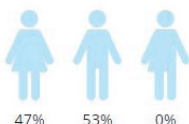
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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
Fingal Bay

Gender



Age

■ U25
■ 25-44
■ 45-64
■ 65+



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.

Fingal Bay



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 FINGAL BAY VALUES

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



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 76%



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 70%



Locally owned and operated businesses — 61%



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 61%



Protection of the natural environment — 59%

In Fingal Bay 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
- having a good amount of high quality and diverse shared open spaces

OUR STRENGTHS

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



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



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



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



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

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)



Protection of the natural environment



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



Locally owned and operated businesses



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



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



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



Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)



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



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



Local history, historic buildings or features



Evidence of community activity (volunteering, gardening, art, community-organised events etc.)



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



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



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