

Nelson Bay Liveability Index 2020



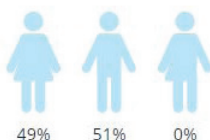
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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.

361

responses from
Nelson 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.

Nelson Bay



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 NELSON BAY VALUES

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



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 77%



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 68%



Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks) — 68%



Protection of the natural environment — 60%



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

In Nelson 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
- 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)



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



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



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



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.



Protection of the natural environment



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)



Local history, historic buildings or features



Quality of buildings (design and construction of homes, shops, schools)



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