

# Salamander Bay and Taylors Beach Liveability Index 2020



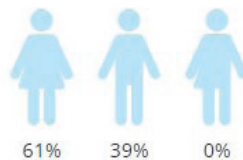
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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.

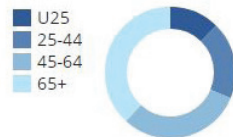
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responses from  
Salamander Bay and  
Taylors Beach

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.

**Salamander Bay+ Port Stephens National Average**



## OUR TOP 5 SALAMANDER BAY+ VALUES

**These are the things most important to Salamander Bay and Taylors Beach residents in their ideal neighbourhood:**



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 64%



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 60%



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



Locally owned and operated businesses — 53%



Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night) — 53%

In Salamander Bay and Taylors Beach your ideal neighbourhood has:

- easy to access shared community amenities, like the local shops, on foot or bike
- locally owned and operated businesses that provide the community with their daily needs
- 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)



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



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



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



Locally owned and operated businesses



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)



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



Protection of the natural environment



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



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



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



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



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



Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)



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



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



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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