



Salt Ash Liveability Index 2020

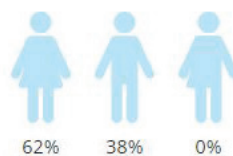
In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

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.

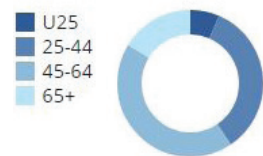
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responses from Salt Ash and surrounds

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.

Salt Ash+



Port Stephens



National Average



OUR TOP 5 SALT ASH+ VALUES

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



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 64%



Locally owned and operated business — 61%



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



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 55%



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks) — 52%

In Salt Ash and surrounding suburbs your ideal neighbourhood has:

- 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
- 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.



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

OUR LIVEABILITY PRIORITIES

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



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



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



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



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



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



Protection of the natural environment



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



Locally owned and operated businesses



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



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



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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



Spaces for group or community activities and/or gatherings



Spaces suitable for play (from toddlers to teens)



Free places to sit comfortably by yourself or in small groups



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



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