

# Port Stephens 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.

  
**1,717**  
rated a  
neighbourhood

  
**3,700**  
people shared  
their values

  
**3,738**  
people shared  
ideas for change

**Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in — a liveable place is a healthy place.**

**Port Stephens**

**66**  
/100

**National Average**

**67**  
/100

Liveability is influenced by safety, the natural environment, infrastructure, accessibility, things to do, attractiveness and inclusivity.

## OUR TOP COMMUNITY VALUES

**These are the things most important to us in our ideal neighbourhood:**



Elements of natural environment



Locally owned and operated businesses



General condition of public open space



Local businesses that provide for daily needs



Sense of neighbourhood safety



Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity



Protection of the natural environment

In Port Stephens our ideal neighbourhood has:

- Locally owned and operated businesses that provide the community with their daily needs
- A 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.



Sense of personal safety



Access to neighbourhood amenities



Elements of natural environment



Locally owned and operated businesses



Local businesses that provide for daily needs

## 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
- General condition of public open space
- Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport
- Protection of the natural environment
- Sense of neighbourhood safety
- Evidence of recent public investment
- Quality of public space
- Evidence of Council/government management
- Things to do in the evening
- Sustainable urban design
- Local employment opportunities
- Sustainable behaviours in the community
- Spaces suitable for specific activities or special interests
- Landscaping and natural elements
- Amount of public space
- Local history, historic buildings or features



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