



Liveability Survey 2024

Fern Bay and surrounds

In late 2024 we partnered with Place Score to conduct our second Liveability Survey. This helps us focus on what matters most to our community, guiding our planning and decision making to have the greatest impact on your wellbeing.

We were able to compare these findings with the results from our 2020 survey to see how priorities have shifted over time.

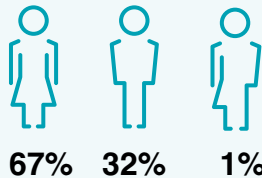
About you



111

responses from
Fern Bay in **2024**
129 in 2020

Gender



Age



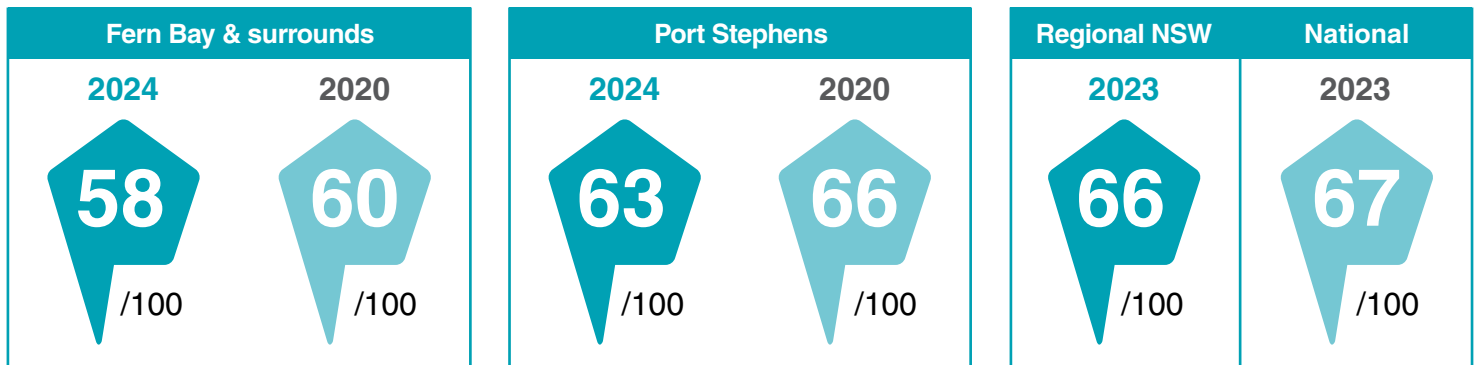
Our top 5 values for Fern Bay & surrounds 2024

Percentage of people who ranked the attributes as important

	2024	2020
Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)	75%	74%
General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)	68%	62%
Access to neighbourhood amenities (cafes, shops, health and wellness services etc.)	58%	71%
Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks etc.)	57%	50%
Sense of belonging in the community	56%	44%

Liveability score

In 2024 Fern Bay and surrounds liveability score decreased to 58 which is consistent with trends across Australia in the post COVID environment.



Liveability Recommendations



Nurture

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 etc.)
- Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)



Manage

These are things you care about that need improvement but aren't urgent.
We must address them to prevent future challenges.

- Sense of belonging in the community
- Spaces suitable for specific activities or special interests (entertainment, exercise, dog park, BBQs etc.)
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution etc.)



Prioritise

These are the things most important to you and are areas for us to focus on improving.
We must prioritise these.

- Access to neighbourhood amenities (cafes, shops, health and wellness services etc)
- Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery shops, pharmacy, banks etc)
- Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools etc.)
- Locally owned and operated businesses
- General condition of public open space (streets, trees, footpaths, parks etc.)
- Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks etc.)
- Connectivity (proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres, shops etc.)
- Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting etc.)