ABOUT PLACE SCORE

PLACESCORE™ is a groundbreaking Place Experience (PX) diagnostic, engagement, benchmarking and tracking solution.

The PX tool captures your community's assessment of neighbourhoods as they stand. The Care Factor tool lets your community identify what is most important to them. Attributes with a high Care Factor and a low PX Score can be given priority, while high Care Factors and high PX Scores are the basis for celebration. Conducting a PX assessment before and after change is a great way to obtain definitive data regarding the impact of improvements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between 16 April and 26 May 2019 PLACESCORE, on behalf of the Townsville City Council, collected place experience assessments of Thuringowa Central via online and face to face surveys.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Thuringowa Central received a PX Score of 60/100.
- The strongest rated attribute is 'Ease of driving and parking'.
- The poorest rated attribute is 'Local history, historic buildings or features'.
- People aged 45-64 rate 'Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting etc.)' 7 points higher than people aged 25-44.
- People aged 25-44 rate 'Spaces suitable for specific activities or special interests (entertainment, exercise, dog park, BBQs etc.)' 10 points higher than people aged 45-64.
- Women rate Thuringowa Central 3 points higher than Men.
- Men rate 'Evidence of community activity (volunteering, gardening, art etc.)' 6 points higher than Women.
- Women rate 'Ease of driving and parking' 11 points higher than Men.
- People of European ancestry rate 'General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks etc.)' 6 points higher than people of Australasian ancestry.
- Visitors rate 'Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)' 3 points higher than Residents.
- Residents rate 'Things to do in the evening (bars, dining, cinema, live music etc.)' 28 points higher than Visitors.

THE PX SCORE¹ FOR THURINGOWA CENTRAL IS:



HOW DOES PX SCORE WORK?

PX Score provides you with a number between 0 and 100 that measures your community's experience of their neighbourhood. It allows you to identify the attributes that are contributing positively and negatively to neighbourhood experience; providing you with an important tool for prioritising investment.

METHODOLOGY

Participants were asked to complete online and face to face surveys rating 50 neighbourhood attributes in terms of the contribution to their personal experience. This report captures the findings of the survey.

NOTES ABOUT RESEARCH DATA

- 1. Respondents are asked to rate 50 attributes across 5 dimensions on how they contribute to the respondents' personal enjoyment of the area on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = "Fail" and 10 = "Perfect". Respondents can also select "N/A" if that attribute is not applicable to the area or does not impact upon their place experience.
- 2. This report only includes 100% completed surveys (compulsory questions only).
- 3. Place dimensions are scored out of 20.
- **4.** NPS (Net Promoter Score) is a standard tool for measuring respondent loyalty to a brand or entity. Respondents are asked "How likely is it that you would recommend this place to a friend or colleague?" on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "Not at all likely" and 10 is "Extremely Likely." The final NPS score is the difference between the percentage of Promoters (rating 9 or 10 out of 10) and the percentage of Detractors (rating 0 to 6 out of 10).
- **5.** Groups with <10 respondents are highlighted grey to indicate a small dataset and results are indicative only.
- 6. Percentages may not always sum to exactly 100% due to rounding.

ABOUT YOUR DATASET

Data was collected via online and face to face surveys between 16 April and 26 May 2019. A total of 147 participated with 147 completing all questions (100% completion rate).

TOTAL ² n=147



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AGE	
0-24 yrs	14% 14%
25-44 yrs	
45-64 yrs	30% 43%
65+ yrs	

IDENTITY	
Residents	49%
Visitors	36%
Workers	12%
Students	3%
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TOP 3 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

Australia	83%
United Kingdom of	5%
New Zealand	2%



THURINGOWA CENTRAL, TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, QLD, AUSTRALIA

This PX assessment is for the suburb of Thuringowa Central in the local government area of Townsville City Council. The suburb features the Willows Shopping Centre, a commercial hub around Cannon Park and residential housing. To the south east, it features a large recreational area along the Ross River including galleries and an arts centre. It is served by buses.

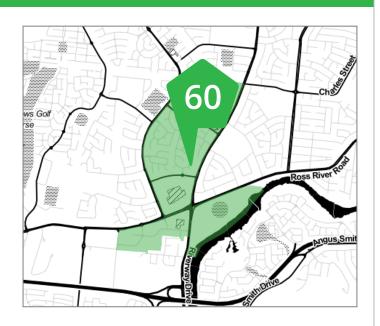
How does this compare with other similar places?



TOWNSVILLE CITY, TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, QLD



AITKENVALE, TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, QLD



YOUR HIGHEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following neighbourhood attributes rated highest overall:

- ***1** Ease of driving and parking
- *2 There are people like me (age, gender, interests, ethnic backgrounds etc.)
- #3 Connectivity (proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres, shops etc.)

YOUR LOWEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following neighbourhood attributes rated most poorly overall:

- ****49** Local history, historic buildings or features
- #49 Unusual or unique buildings and/or public space design
- #48 Cultural and/or artistic community

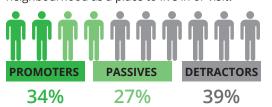
BREAKING DOWN YOUR SCORE

Your PX Score is made up of 5 key place dimensions³, each rated out of 20, that influence people's attraction and attachment to place.

LOOK & FUNCTION

NET PROMOTER SCORE⁴

How likely are your community to recommend this neighbourhood as a place to live in or visit?



-5

-100 TO +100

53% 38% 7% 1% 0%

"I care about this neighbourhood and its future"

STRONGLY AGREE NEUTRAL DISAGREE STRONGLY
AGREE DISAGREE

How did your community respond to the statement...

COMMUNITY GROUP PX SCORES 5

Groups within your community may perceive neighbourhood experience differently to one another. The following infographics provide you with the PX Scores for different demographic groups:

BY GENDER







BY AGE



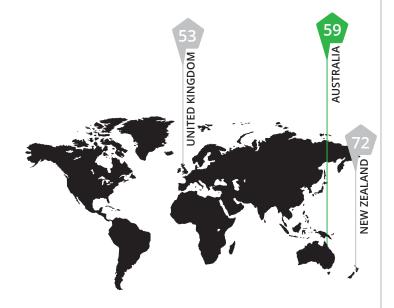






65+ yrs

BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



BY IDENTITY



Residents **Visitors**







Students

BY ANCESTRY











Mixed

ATTRIBUTES BY GENDER



Our strongest rated attribute is:

'Ease of driving and parking'

Our poorest rated attribute is:

'Unusual or unique buildings and/ or public space design'

Our strongest rated attribute is:

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

Our poorest rated attribute is:

'Local history, historic buildings or features'





THE 5 DIMENSIONS OF GREAT PLACES:

The **PLACE**SCORE™ attributes have been defined as a result of extensive investigation of community, academic and commercial research to identify the factors that contribute to place experience under 5 key place dimensions.

The strongest and weakest attributes overall are noted under the respective place dimension.



PLACE DIMENSION

STRONGEST

WEAKEST



LOOK & FUNCTION

The physical characteristics of the area - how it looks and works, its buildings, public space and vegetation

Ease of driving and parking

Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks etc.)

Connectivity (proximity to other neighbourhoods, employment centres, shops etc.)

SENSE OF WELCOME

Whether the place inviting to a range of people regardless of age, income, gender, ethnicity or interests

There are people like me (age, gender, interests, ethnic backgrounds etc.) Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution etc.)



THINGS TO DO

Activities, events and the invitation to spend time in the place that might lead to a smile, a nod or even a new friend

Local education options (from elementary to adult education)

Evidence of community activity (volunteering, gardening, art, community-organised events



UNIQUENESS

Things that make the area interesting, special or unique - these could be physical, social, cultural or economic aspects of the place

Mix or diversity of people in the area

=#49 Local history, historic buildings or features

=#49 Unusual or unique buildings and/or public space design

#48 Cultural and/or artistic community



CARE

How well the area is managed, maintained and whether improvements are being made - it considers care, pride and both personal and financial investment

General condition of housing and other private buildings

Evidence of recent private investment (renovations, landscaping, painting etc.)

