

Liveability Index 2026

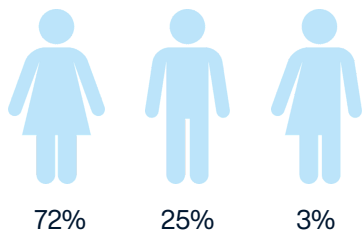
Cooran and Pinbarren

In February 2026 Noosa Council in conjunction with Place Score conducted our second Liveability Survey. This survey was completed by over 2300 community members who told us what they value most about their neighbourhood and how they rate their neighbourhood. These scores were then combined to provide an overall Liveability Index for each neighbourhood.

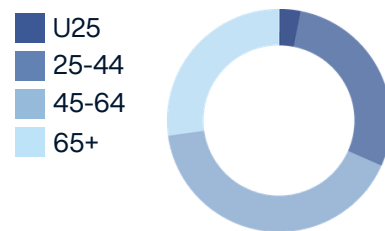
These results allow us to focus on the things most valuable to our community. It helps us plan and make decisions that will have the greatest impact on wellbeing. It also recognises that each neighbourhood is unique with its own values and lived experiences. By planning for liveability, we provide safe, healthy, active and resilient communities and places.

122 Responses from Cooran and Pinbarren

Gender



Age



Top 5 Values

These are the things most important to Cooran and Pinbarren communities in their ideal neighbourhood:

	General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks etc.)	72%
	Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife etc.)	66%
	Locally owned and operated businesses	64%
	Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks etc.)	61%
	Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)	57%

Liveability Index

Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in. Understanding the relationship between people and their places is the key to understanding local liveability, and how it can be enhanced. The Liveability Index is an assessment of how each community rates their neighbourhood. While two locations scores may be similar, how the community rates each Place Attribute may be quite different within each location.

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Noosa Shire



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So what does this score mean?

Based on the national average: 70+ is performing well | 65-69 – average | 50-64 – room for improvement | < 50 urgent care needed

Given the many external factors that contribute to community sentiment regarding local liveability, the Australian Liveability Census undertaken by Place Score in 2025 indicates an overall national and statewide trend with a drop in liveability across the majority of local government areas. Overall, Noosa Shire only dropped one point since the 2021 Liveability Survey with a 69/100.

Liveability in Cooran and Pinbarren is holding well with a score of 66/100 which is equal to the score from the 2021 survey.



Look and function



Sense of welcome



Things to do



Uniqueness



Care



Community Priorities for Liveability in Cooran and Pinbarren

Our Strengths

These are the things you care about most and say are performing well. We must continue to nurture and protect these.



Locally owned and operated businesses



Protection of the natural environment



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



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



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



Overall visual character of the neighbourhood



Sense of belonging in the community



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



Neighbourhood spirit/resilience (from external impacts, storms, economic downturns etc.)

Our Opportunities

These are important and performing at moderate levels. We must manage these attributes to improve their contribution to local liveability.



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



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

Our Liveability Priorities

These are the things most important to you and are underperforming. We must work to improve these as they will contribute significantly to neighbourhood liveability.



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



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



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



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



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



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

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