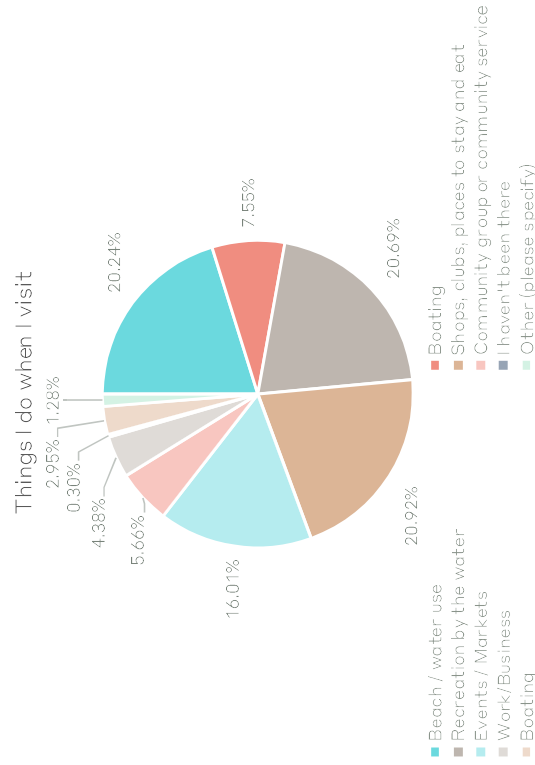


# Hervey Bay Esplanade (Point Vernon to Urangan)

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## Key Values

- Average value of 4.62 out of 5 (on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being 'very highly valued') – being the most valued location.
- Most popular destination for all activities on the survey (except boating)
- People love the beach – the swimming, access to sheltered beaches, bike paths, and access to parks and provision of accommodation.
- Values associated with cafes and restaurants, key features like the Pier, parks including the Torquay park precinct, and the Pier

*"The diversity of the waterfront along the Esplanade, that caters for all abilities and the continual improvement and upgrades to this."*

*"How beautiful, clean and maintained it is – best asset in our region!"*

*"Keeping as many trees on the Esplanade as possible."*

## Previous Engagement Findings (Hervey Bay Esplanade Engagement)

- Total of 344 responded to the Hervey Bay Esplanade project survey undertaken between March and April 2019
- The majority (74%) of respondents primarily use the Esplanade for recreation and activity, followed by exercise and fitness (49%)
- Key features valued at each of the 5 precincts along the Hervey Bay Esplanade are:
  - Point Vernon – spectacular views (33%), natural environment (22%), rock pools (10%)
  - Pialba – water park (20%), family activities (8%), native flora and fauna (7%)
  - Scarness – restaurant/ dining (19%), beaches (17%), parks/playground (11%)
  - Torquay – beachfront (16%), natural environment (11%), restaurant/ dining (9%)
  - Urangan – amenities (15%), spectacular views (15%), recreation/ socialising (9%)

The survey feedback indicated preservation of the natural environment/ vegetation as the primary vision (34%) for the Hervey Bay Esplanade over the next 20 years. Respondents also indicated they would like to see better infrastructure and amenities along the esplanade (18%) and maintaining and improving the current standard of cycling/ pedestrian tracks (17%).

# Point Vernon, Pialba, Eli Waters (and part of Scarness)

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## Values and Changes (all workshops)

### VALUES ●

1. Beach - walking, healthy living, oval ★★
2. Natural landscape/beauty ★★★★★
3. Protecting Esa Park and turtle nesting sites/rookery ★★★★★
4. Active and passive recreation facilities - boat ramps, parks ★
5. Great development of youth precinct - family activities/environment ★★
6. Promotion of Aboriginal, First Nations, historical/environmental influence ★★★★★
7. Wetland - all abilities, park, skate park, seafront wall, free entry ★★★★★
8. Amazing reef/ecosystem (Gatakers Bay) - sealife/fishing ★★★★★
9. Eli Creek - protect sea life habitat ★★
10. Enzons
11. Eli Waters - mangroves/natural amenities /kayaking/stringrays/turtles ★★★★★
12. Camping/caravan parks ★
13. Recreational beach use/parks ★★
14. Views
15. Playground (filled with memories) ★★
16. Spearfishing/diving - nice reef fish
17. Shopping centre ★
18. Tide pools ★
19. Reef of the Gables - great snorkelling ★
20. Rock pools (invertebrates) ★★

### CHANGES OBSERVED ●

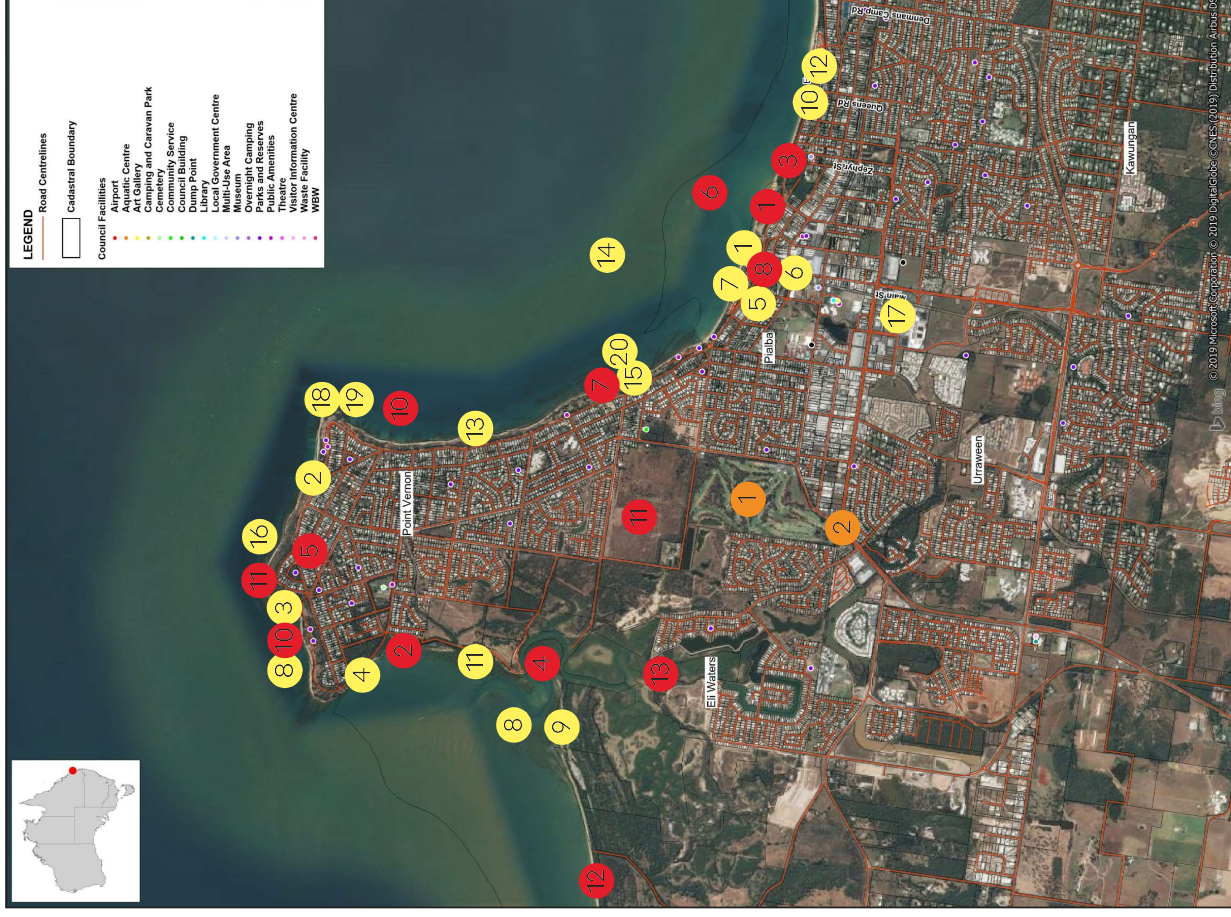
1. Rising seas/erosion ★★
2. No infrastructure planning footpaths and roads ★
3. Sand blows onto infrastructure every time there is a strong northerly wind, where dune vegetation has been removed ★
4. Eli Creek - no longer a Council dump. No effluent outfall ★★
5. Decrease in FCRC maintenance in the area (promoting weeds and non-native species of fauna and flora)
6. Creek outfall - many changes to stormwater outfall over last 50 years (no longer a dump)
7. Beach access
8. Why put a waterpark by the ocean (more benefit in another area)
9. Boat ramp sediments
10. Loss of coral/significant erosion ★
11. Plant more trees
12. Marine life sites, rehabilitation, protected sites
13. Artificial bund removed - is a good thing

### Other observations

- Increase of shoreline debris - people littering ★★★★★
- Tree poisoning
- Vandalism of beach restoration

### WOULD YOU CHANGE ANYTHING? (YOUTH) ●

1. Maze (its a golf club)
2. Roundabouts



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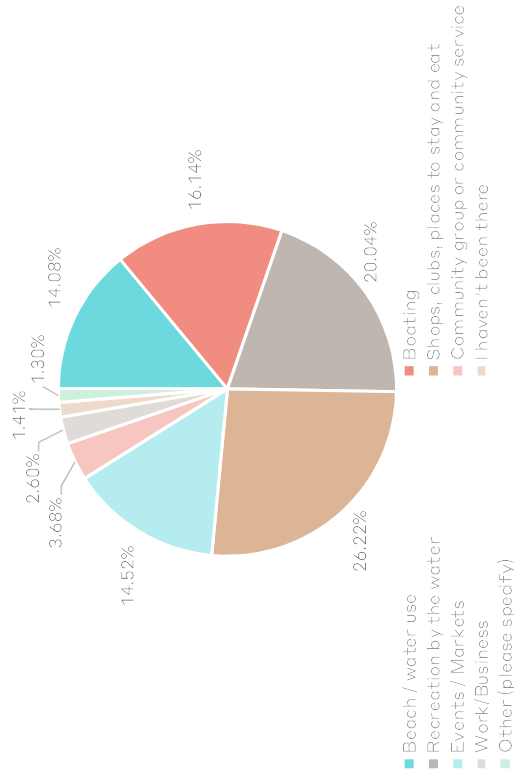
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# Urangan Boat Harbour

Things I do when I visit



## Key Values

- An average score of 4.31 out of 5 on the survey (with 5 very highly valued)
- Workshop feedback confirmed that the harbour was highly valued as a great location to recreate in and also for boat access



# Scarness, Torquay and Urangan

## Values and Changes (all workshops)

### VALUES

- Love our beach (swimming, access, bike, paths) ★★★★★
- Pier ★★★★★
- Marina is awesome ★★★★★
- Torquay Park precinct - children playing, equipment, walking ★★★★★
- Lagoons ★★★★★
- Wide buffer/vegetation on foreshore (sand dunes, storm protection) ★★★★★
- Indigenous fish ★★★★★
- Fishing (boat access) ★★★★★
- Urangan markets ★★★★★
- Enzos ★★★★★
- Parks ★★★★★
- Esplanade (drive, walking) ★★★★★
- Restaurants/cafes ★★★★★
- Locally owned business, picnic/BBQ spots ★★★★★
- Vegan business ★★★★★
- Parklands ★★★★★
- Airport ★★★★★
- Swimming, snorkelling, surf ski, jet ski ★★★★★
- Dog walking with/without leash ★★★★★
- Coral reef - snorkel off the mainland ★★★★★
- Islands! ★★★★★
- Whale watching cruises ★★★★★
- 5km sheltered beaches, accommodation, van parks (good for economy) ★★★★★

### Other observations:

- Harmony rocks, toilets and water taps

### CHANGES OBSERVED

- Remove above ground sewer pipes. Are they tested for ecoli (social media) ★★★★★
  - Sand blows onto infrastructure in strong northerly winds, where ever dune vegetation has been removed ★★★★★
  - High tides can wash onto esplanade (Elizabeth St) inadequate buffer zone ★★★★★
  - Declining water quality from runoff (nutrients/moving to lagoon edge) ★★★★★
  - Sea wall (surf club/yacht club) ★★★★★
  - Increase in events ie. triathlon ★★★★★
  - Fishing ★★★★★
  - Parking on esplanade ★★★★★
  - More information of pier history ★★★★★
  - Boardwalks fallen into the sea during cyclones ★★★★★
  - Coral death from bleaching due to temperature, sediment covering/smothering
- Other observations:
- Turning into esplanade from back street
  - More street lights
  - Lack of Aboriginal representation
  - Get rid of all esplanade caravan parks ★★★★★

### WOULD YOU CHANGE ANYTHING? (YOUTH)

- Disabled access
- Structures built less close to shoreline

