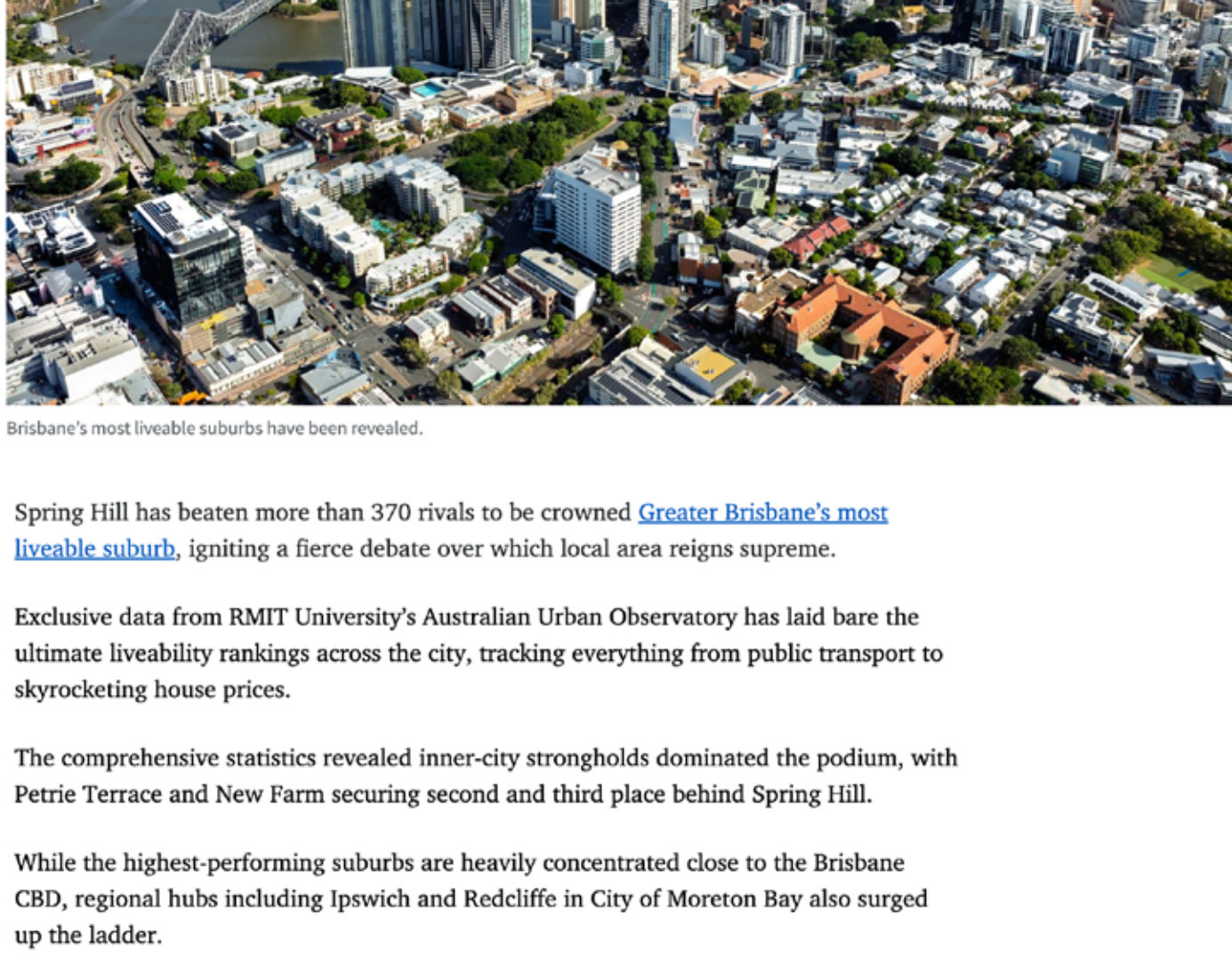


List: Greater Brisbane's best suburb revealed

Here's an ultimate guide to Brisbane's best suburbs, what makes them so liveable and what locals really think of them. INTERACTIVE MAP

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Brisbane's most liveable suburbs have been revealed.

Spring Hill has beaten more than 370 rivals to be crowned [Greater Brisbane's most liveable suburb](#), igniting a fierce debate over which local area reigns supreme.

Exclusive data from RMIT University's Australian Urban Observatory has laid bare the ultimate liveability rankings across the city, tracking everything from public transport to skyrocketing house prices.

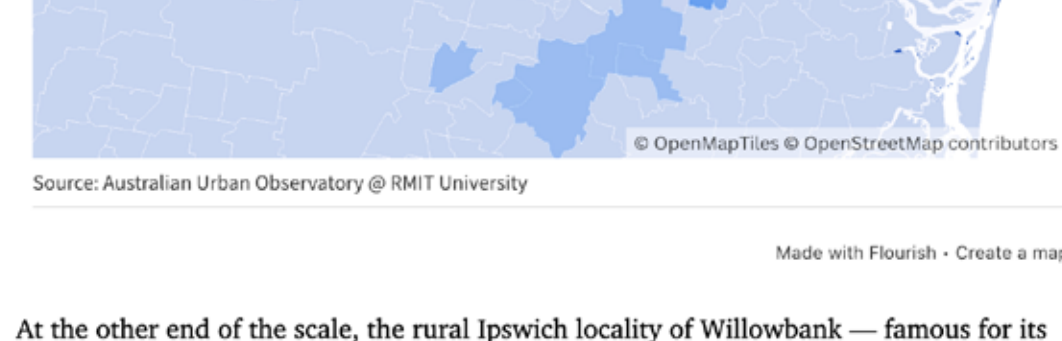
The comprehensive statistics revealed inner-city strongholds dominated the podium, with Petrie Terrace and New Farm securing second and third place behind Spring Hill.

While the highest-performing suburbs are heavily concentrated close to the Brisbane CBD, regional hubs including Ipswich and Redcliffe in City of Moreton Bay also surged up the ladder.

Logan Central proved to be the shining light for Logan, while coastal Cleveland topped the grid for Redland City.

Greater Brisbane's most liveable suburbs

Suburbs ranked by liveability



Source: Australian Urban Observatory @ RMIT University

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At the other end of the scale, the rural Ipswich locality of Willowbank — famous for its two motorsport raceways — was branded the least liveable area in the region after its social infrastructure score plummeted to nearly zero.

Other suburbs languishing at the bottom of the liveability index included Clear Mountain in City of Moreton Bay, Carbrook and Woodhill in Logan, and Amberley in Ipswich.

Australian Urban Observatory director Melanie Davern said [liveability directly linked urban planning to the social determinants of health](#).

My suburb is ranked ...

Too high

Too low

About right

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New Farm has been rated one of Greater Brisbane's most liveable suburbs. Picture: Brendan Radke

"We have literally used a lot of research to devise indicators that measure the factors that we know are influenced by urban planning that affect your health," Ms Davern said.

"It's not saying that everywhere is not a nice place to live, or either a great place to live.

"The places in our map that come up with high liveability are places that are good for your health."

The sweeping index graded suburbs across key metrics including social infrastructure, walkability, transport, employment, public open space, housing, food, alcohol and demographics.

Greater Brisbane's most liveable suburbs

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Suburb	Liveability Index	Housing Stress
Spring Hill	108.4	54.3%
Petrie Terrace	108.2	50.4%
New Farm	106.6	40.8%
Fortitude Valley	106.3	64.4%
West End	106.2	48.6%
Highgate Hill	106.1	43%
South Brisbane	106.1	66.7%
Brisbane City	106	62.6%
Stones Corner	104.7	43.1%
Newstead	104.3	52.3%

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Source: Australian Urban Observatory @ RMIT University

Ray White economist Atom Go Tian said property prices heavily mirrored these liveability scores, pointing to Coorparoo (ranked 51) which commands a hefty median house price of \$1.8 million.

"These places are more liveable and more connected, they tend to be more expensive," he said.

"In terms of convenience and access, that's where the inner-city does the best."

■ [See the 2025 liveability rankings](#)

Which part of Greater Brisbane is the most liveable?

Northside

Southside

Westside

Moreton Bay and Redcliffe Peninsula

Rodlands and bayside

Logan

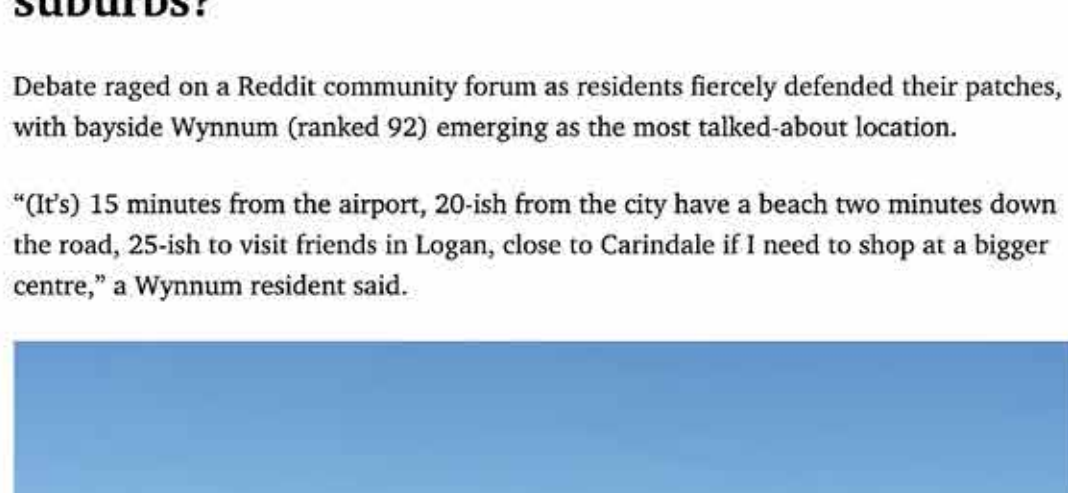
Ipswich

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What do Brisbane locals think of their suburbs?

Debate raged on a Reddit community forum as residents fiercely defended their patches, with bayside Wynnum (ranked 92) emerging as the most talked-about location.

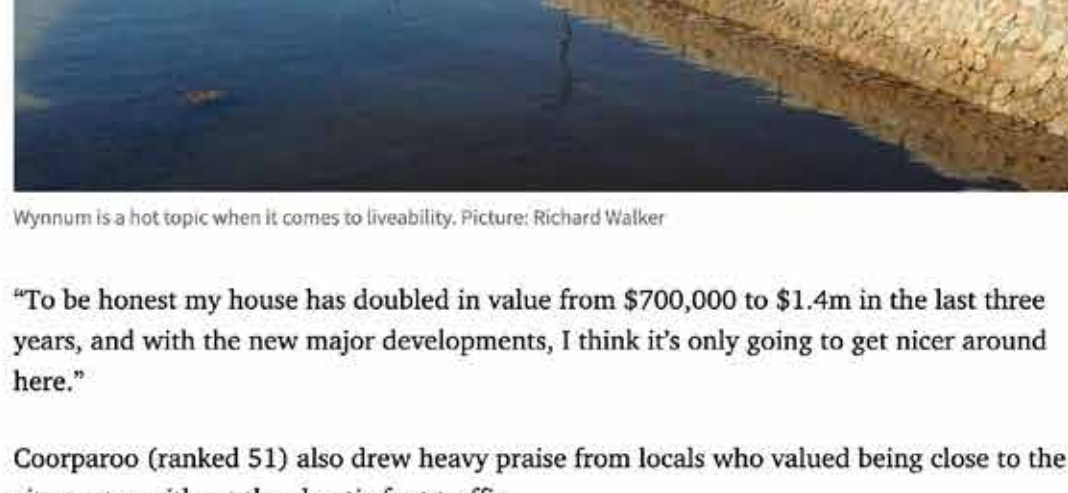
"(It's) 15 minutes from the airport, 20-ish from the city have a beach two minutes down the road, 25-ish to visit friends in Logan, close to Carindale if I need to shop at a bigger centre," a Wynnum resident said.



Wynnum is a hot topic when it comes to liveability. Picture: Richard Walker

"To be honest my house has doubled in value from \$700,000 to \$1.4m in the last three years, and with the new major developments, I think it's only going to get nicer around here."

Coorparoo (ranked 51) also drew heavy praise from locals who valued being close to the city centre without the chaotic foot traffic.



Australian Urban Observatory has laid bare the ultimate liveability rankings across the city, tracking everything from public transport to skyrocketing house prices. Picture: Nigel Hallett

"There's still an 'older' feeling thanks to the Queenslanders and '70s walk up unit blocks on most streets," a resident said.

Another local backed the suburb for its community feel, noting: "I can walk to all three supermarkets and a pub from my current place."



Logan Central proved to be the shining light for Logan.

In the inner-north, a Fortitude Valley (ranked 5) resident claimed the entertainment precinct faces unfair criticism.

"Great train station, close to city centre and city river walk (Howard Smith Wharves), close to other lovely suburbs like New Farm and Newmarket too," the resident said.

"The valley night-life can be hectic but the place is always buzzing with something going on. [It's] super easy to go to concerts at Fortitude Music Hall and showgrounds."



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Further south, a Highgate Hill (ranked 7) resident talked up the local vantage points, claiming Dornoch Terrace boasts the finest views of the Brisbane skyline alongside stellar transit options.

"(It's) close to West End and the top tier restaurants in and around West End," the resident added.

Out on the peninsula, a long-term resident of Redcliffe (ranked 19) praised the coastal lifestyle and local rail link, though admitted rental costs remained high.

"Now we have rail, (so) public transport is good. (We) get a good sea breeze often on hot day. Weather is good most of year," the resident said.



Brisbane's worst traffic hotspots can impact liveability. Picture: Nigel Hallett

Meanwhile, an Ashgrove (ranked 43) local highlighted the unique balance of the suburb: "Great cafes and local businesses, all adds up to a good community atmosphere."

Ms Davern said while people often love where they live regardless of the data, true liveability relied on reducing car dependency.

"What you tend to see is that people will either drive to a neighbouring area to go and get the services they need," Ms Davern said.



A Highgate Hill resident talked up the local vantage points. Picture: realestate.com.au

"We don't want people driving. We want people walking, riding, and using public transport, because even using public transport means you're doing incidental physical activity that you wouldn't do."

Does crime rate affect liveability?

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"Crime exists everywhere, and it can be a factor in influencing people's decisions but in terms of the urban environment and how it's designed to promote health, this means you're more likely to put people out in the street," Ms Davern said.

"When there are more people around, people feel safer."

As Queensland grapples with housing shortages, Ms Davern urged authorities to embed these health and infrastructure pillars into future developments.