

The St Kilda Esplanade Market

Attendee Research Presentation 2020



FOCUSED EVENT THINKING



Background and Methodology

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

IER set out to measure and assess the following objectives:

- Visitor origins
- Attendee profile
- Previous visitation
- Media consumption
- Awareness of the Esplanade Market
- Greatest impact on decision to attend the Esplanade Market
- Crowd estimate

Field staff were asked to randomly intercept attendees during their fieldwork commission. This random approach was implemented as a process of approaching every second person. IER worked closely with the City of Port Phillip to determine the optimum locations at the Market for the development of attendee data samples.

SAMPLE SIZES

In total, IER collected 395 surveys at the Esplanade Market. To ensure the most accurate data capture, IER executed the survey in tablet format (iPads).

METHODOLOGY

IER adopted a face-to-face survey aimed at addressing the overall objectives of the research.

The survey relied on randomly intercepting attendees at the Esplanade Market for the purpose of conducting an interview. IER conducted these interviews at the Esplanade Market when attendees were arriving and consuming the event across two Sundays:

Sunday 23rd February 2020

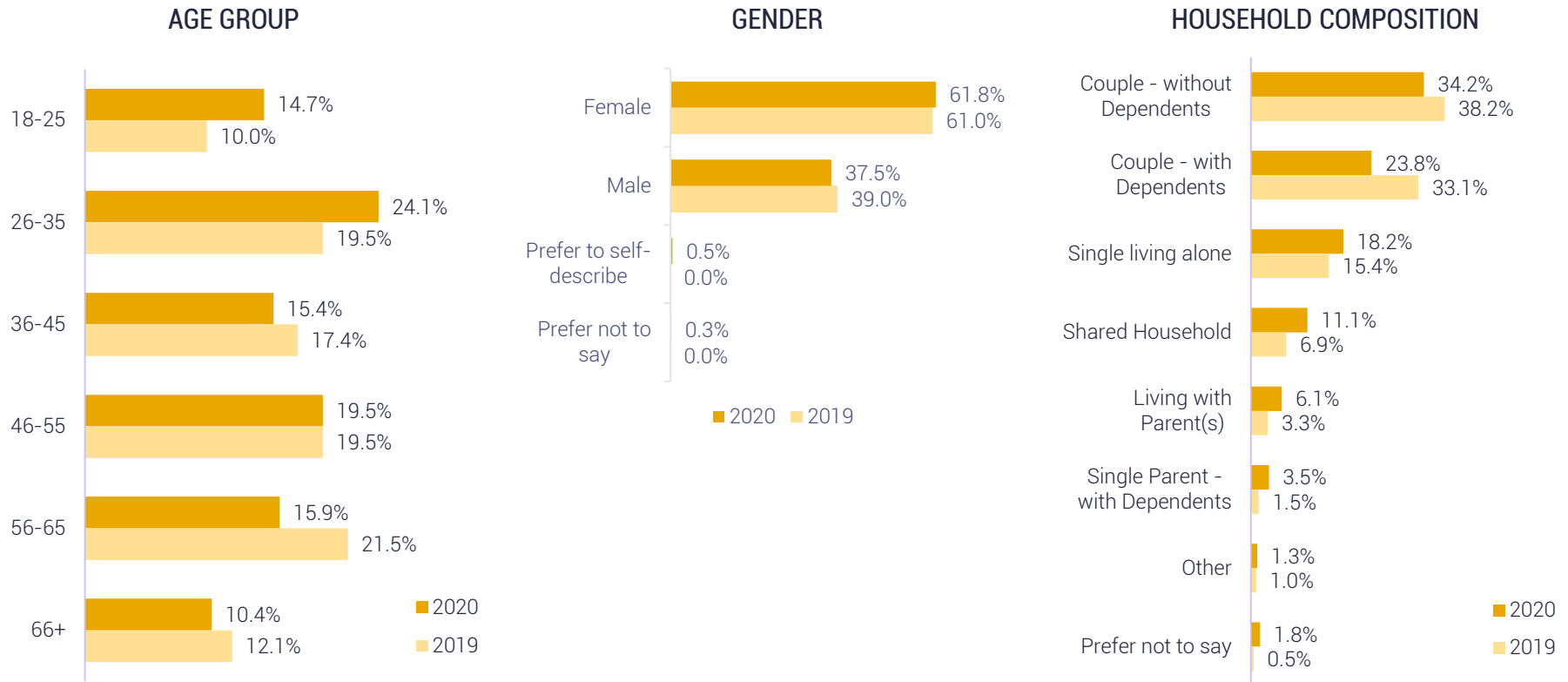
Sunday 1st March 2020





Attendee Research Insights

Attendee Demographics



- The market was attended by a good representation of age groups with those aged 26 – 35 years the largest (24.1%). There was an increase in younger attendees in 2020 over 2019 (18-25 years by +4.7% and 26-35 years by +4.6%) whilst a decline of -5.6% in those aged 56-65.
- Those attending the market are predominantly females making up 61.8 % of the respondent sample
- There has been a decline in respondents that reside as couples, most significantly 'Couples – with Dependents' (-9.3%) from 2019 to 2020

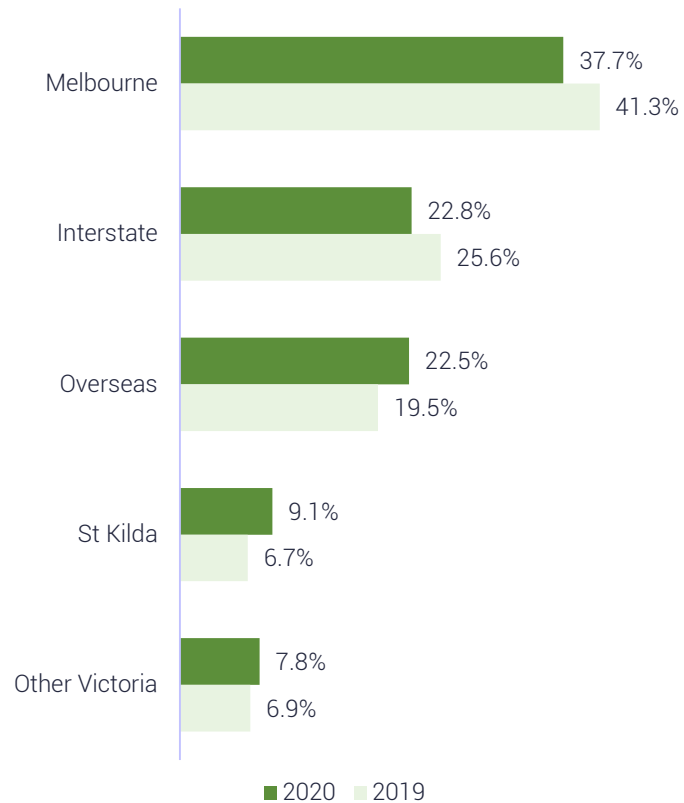
Q9. In what year were you born? (n=395)

Q12. Gender? (n=395)

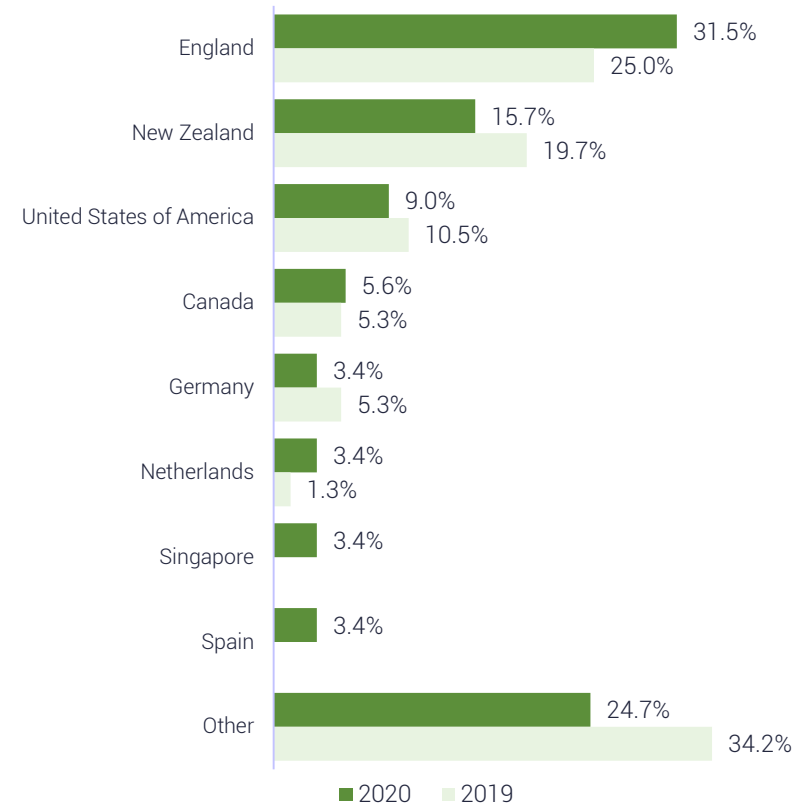
Q11. Which of the following best describes your household composition? (n=395)

Attendee Demographics

VISITOR ORIGIN



OVERSEAS ATTENDEES



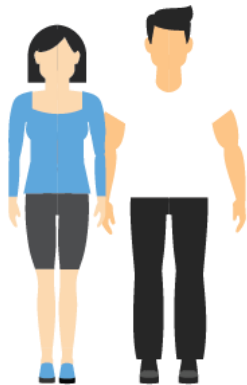
- Melbourne residents (other than St Kilda) represent the largest group of attendees at the market (37.7%) with strong attendance from interstate (22.8%) and overseas (22.5%).
- Overseas visitors increased by 3.0% over 2019 with England having the highest number of visitors, followed by New Zealand and the United States of America.
- Other includes a small number of attendees from many countries. See appended Data Table for full list of attendees Country of Origin for 2019 and 2020

Q10. Where do you live? (n=395)

Q10b. Where do you live? (n=89)

Target Segments

**YOUNG SINKS
(SINGLE INCOME, NO KIDS) &
DINKS
(DUAL INCOME, NO KIDS)**



**COUPLES AND SINGLES
NO CHILDREN
AGED UNDER 30**

2020	2019
29.3%	22.5%

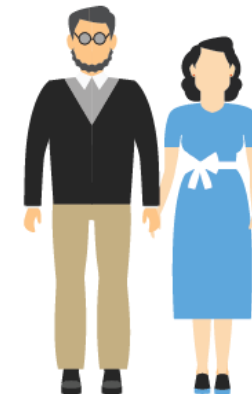
FAMILIES



**COUPLES AND SINGLES
WITH CHILDREN
LIVING AT HOME**

2020	2019
36.0%	41.5%

EMPTY NESTERS



**COUPLES AND SINGLES
CHILDREN HAVE LEFT HOME
AGED 50+**

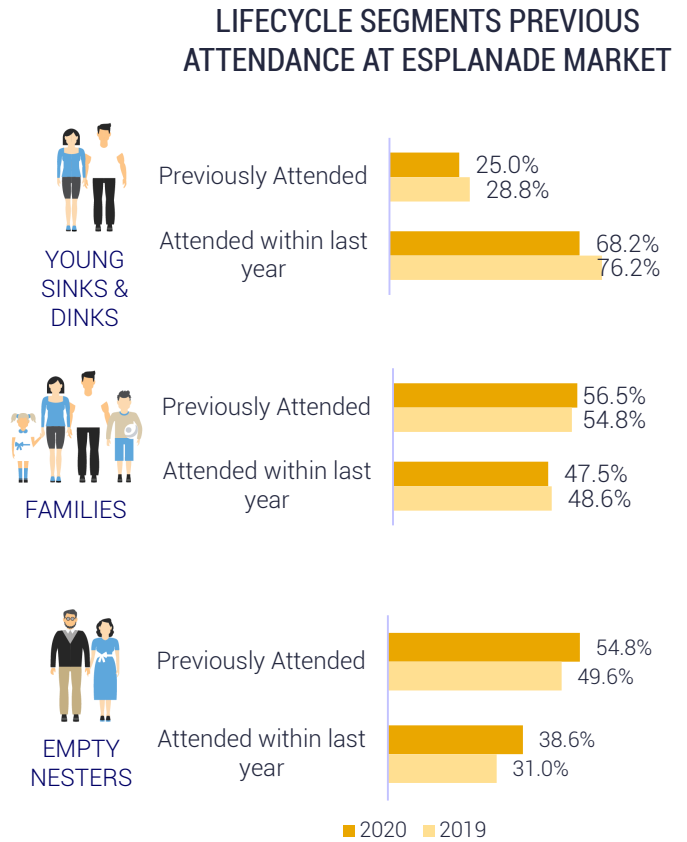
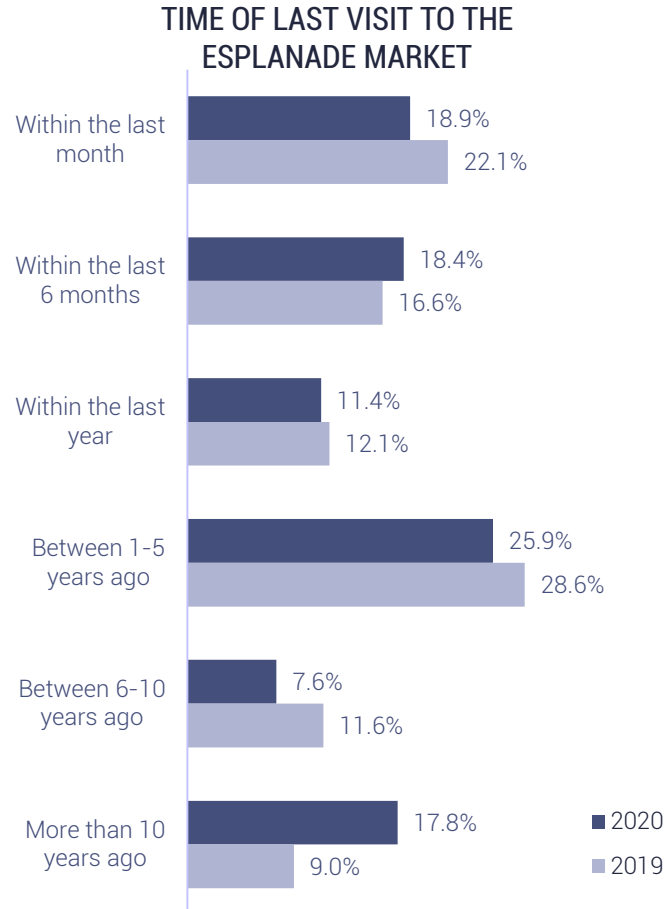
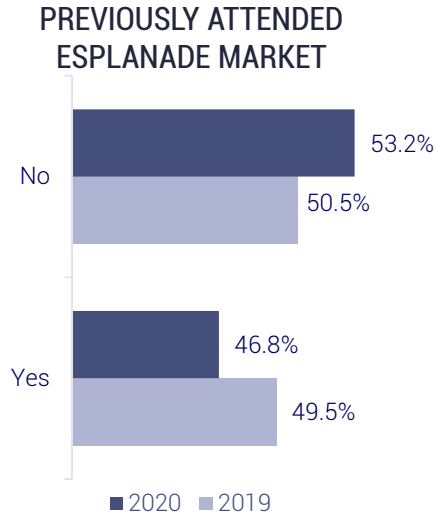
2020	2019
34.7%	36.0%

- All target segments were evenly represented at the Esplanade Market in 2020 with 'Families' representing 36.0%, 'Empty Nesters' 34.7% and 'Young SINKS & DINKS' 29.3%.
- There was a rise in attendance by 'Young SINKS&DINKS' (6.8%) but an evident decline in 'Families' (-5.5%) and slight decline in 'Empty Nesters' (-1.3%) from 2019 to 2020

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Previous Attendance



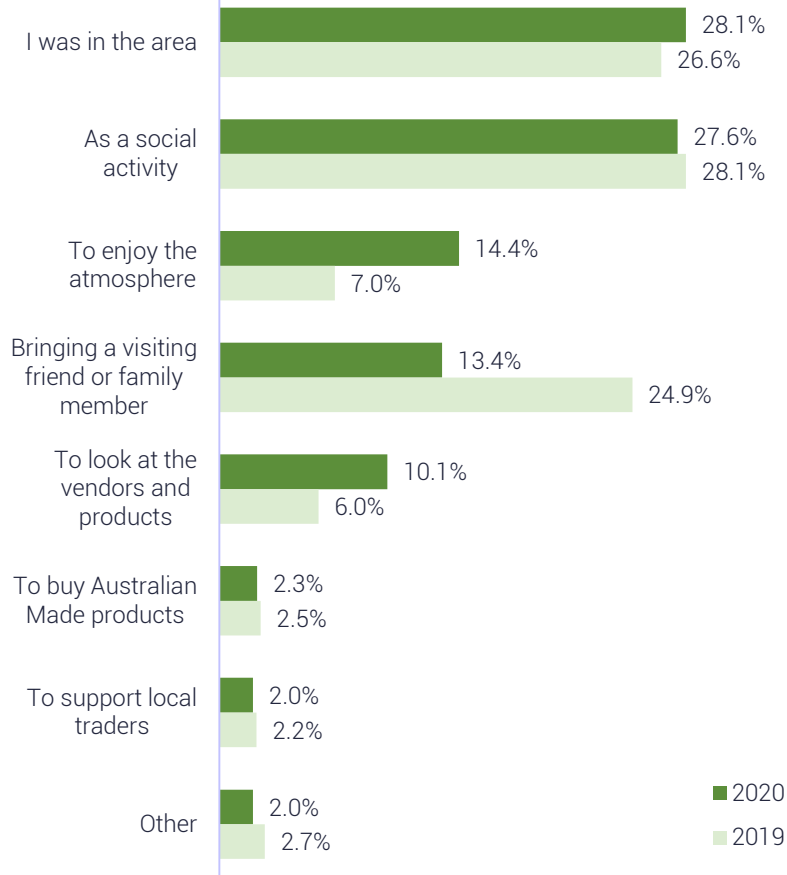
- The majority of visitors (53.2%) were attending for the first time.
- Of those that had previously attended most (25.9%) had attended 'between 1–5 years ago'. There was a significant increase (8.8%) of those that attended 'more than 10 years ago'
- 'Families'(56.5%) and 'Empty Nesters' (54.8%) remain most likely to have previously attended the Market Attendance in 2020.

Q1. Have you been to the Esplanade Market before today? (n=395)

Q2. When was your last visit? (n=185)

Attendance Behaviour

MAIN REASON FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE ESPLANADE MARKET



AVERAGE TIME PLANNED TO STAY AT THE ESPLANADE MARKET

2020	2019
1 hour 23 mins	1 hour 20 mins

LIFECYCLE SEGMENTS ATTENDANCE BEHAVIOUR



YOUNG SINKS AND DINKS

Average time	1 hr 20 mins
Main reason for attendance	I was in the area



FAMILIES

Average time	1 hr 40 mins
Main reason for attendance	As a social activity



EMPTY NESTERS

Average time	1 hr 50 mins
Main reason for attendance	As a social activity and I was in the area

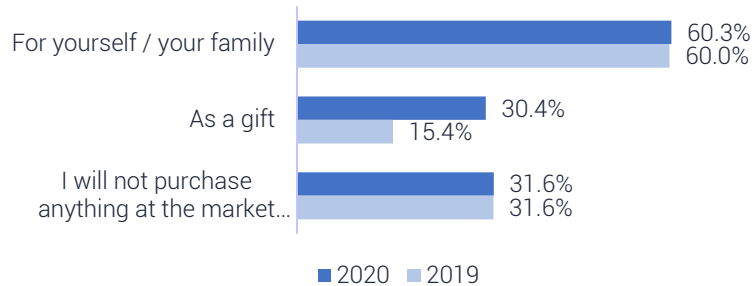
- The main reasons for attending the Market was because 'I was in the area' (28.1%) and 'As a social activity' (27.6%). These are the same Top 2 reasons as 2019.
- 2020 saw an increase (+7.5%) in attendance 'To enjoy the atmosphere' and a decline (-11.5%) in those 'bringing a visiting friend or family member'
- The average planned dwell time at the Market was 1 hour, 23 mins, a similar amount of time to 2019, with 'Empty Nesters' staying for 1 hr, 50 mins..

Q3. What was the main reason for your attendance at the Esplanade Market today? (n=395)

Q8A. How long are you planning to stay at the St. Kilda Esplanade Market today? (n=395)

Purchasing Behaviour

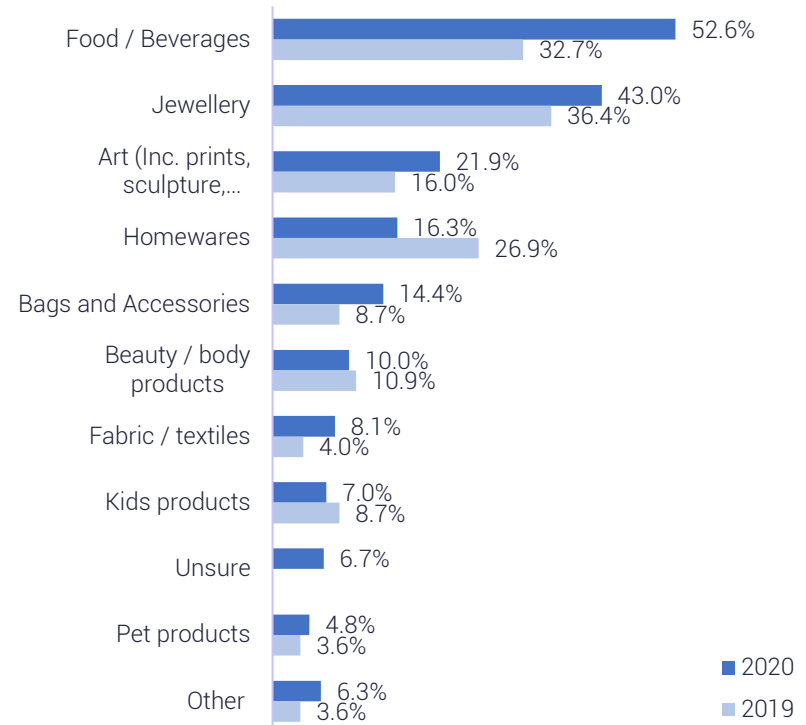
**PURCHASE BEHAVIOUR
AT THE ESPLANADE MARKET**



AVERAGE SPEND



**ITEMS PURCHASED
AT THE ESPLANADE MARKET**



- 60.3% of attendees did/would purchase something at the Market for themselves or family.' Making a purchase 'as a gift' increased by 15% from 2019 to 2020.
- Average spend in 2020 was \$58.20 similar to 2019.
- The top three items purchased were Food/beverages (52.6%), Jewellery (43.0%) and Art (21.9%). The largest increase in type of item purchased for 2020 was Food/Beverages (19.9%) whilst homewares purchases declined (-10.6%)

Q4. Have you/will you purchase anything at the Esplanade Market today...? (n=395)

Q8b. How much will you personally spend while at The Esplanade Market today? (n=269)

Q5. Which of the following will you/did you buy at the Esplanade Market today? (n=271)

Purchasing Behaviour

LIFECYCLE SEGMENTS PURCHASING BEHAVIOUR



	2020	2019
Average Spend	\$38.10	\$41.34
Purchase an item	65%	64%
Item most purchased	Food/Beverages	Food/Beverages



	2020	2019
Average Spend	\$71.68	\$64.00
Purchase an item	83%	74%
Item most purchased	Food/Beverages	Jewellery



	2020	2019
Average Spend	\$70.90	\$63.69
Purchase an item	80%	66%
Item most purchased	Jewellery	Jewellery

- 'Families' and 'Empty Nesters' both increased their average spend in 2020 and also their purchase or intent to purchase an item.

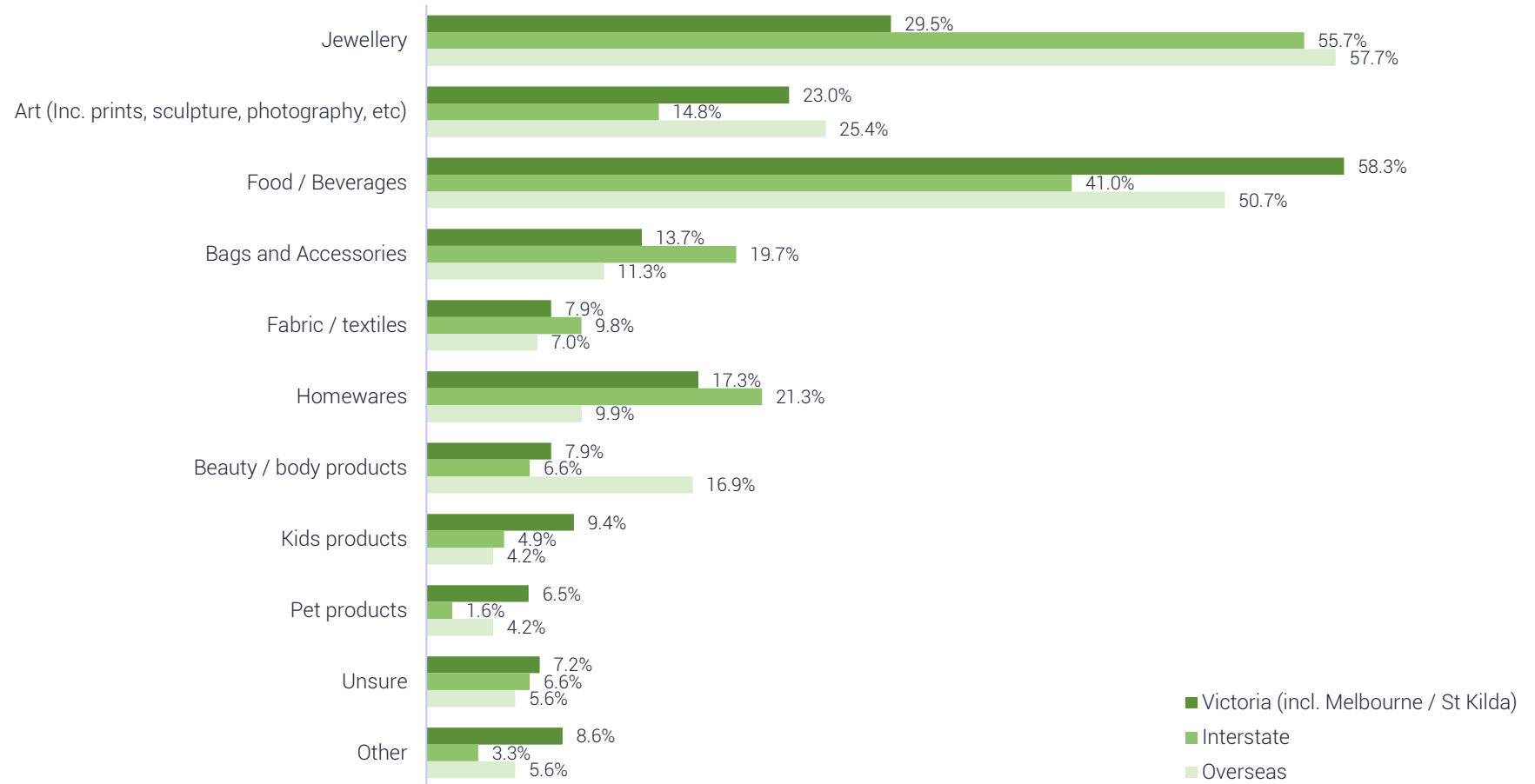
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Purchasing Behaviour

ITEMS PURCHASED AT THE ESPLANADE MARKET BY VISITOR ORIGIN

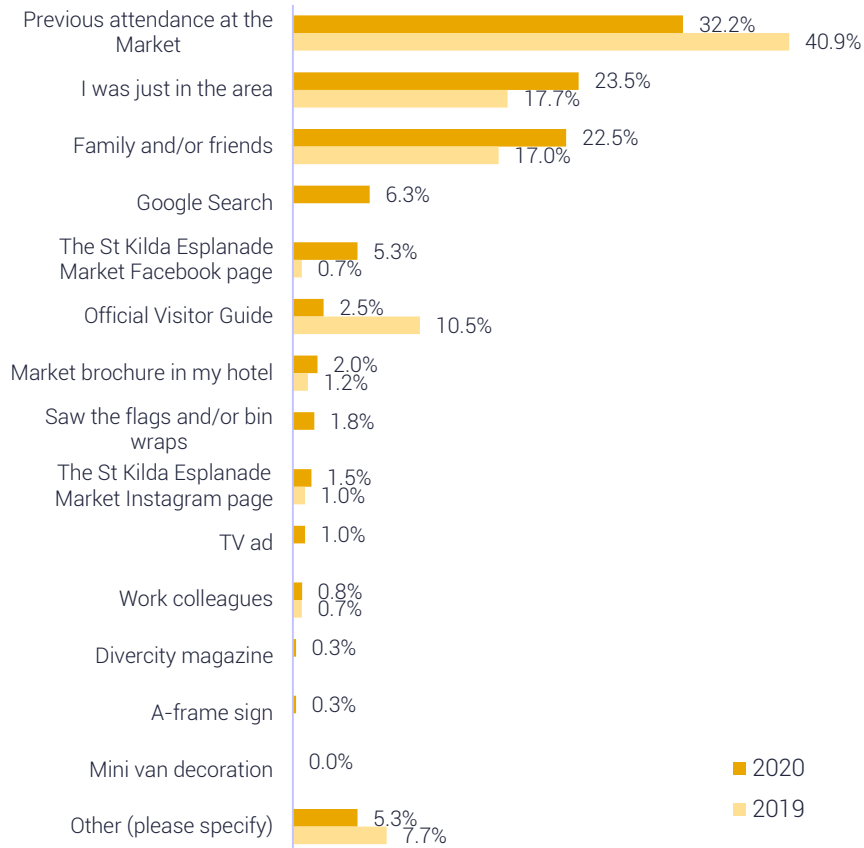


- Victorian attendees were more likely to purchase Food/Beverages (58.3%)
- Interstate and overseas visitors were far more likely to purchase Jewellery than Victorians.
- Beauty / body products were also a popular purchase of overseas attendees (16.9%) .

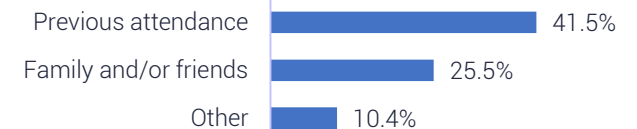
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Channels of Awareness

WHERE ATTENDEES RECALL SEEING OR HEARING ABOUT THE ESPLANADE MARKET



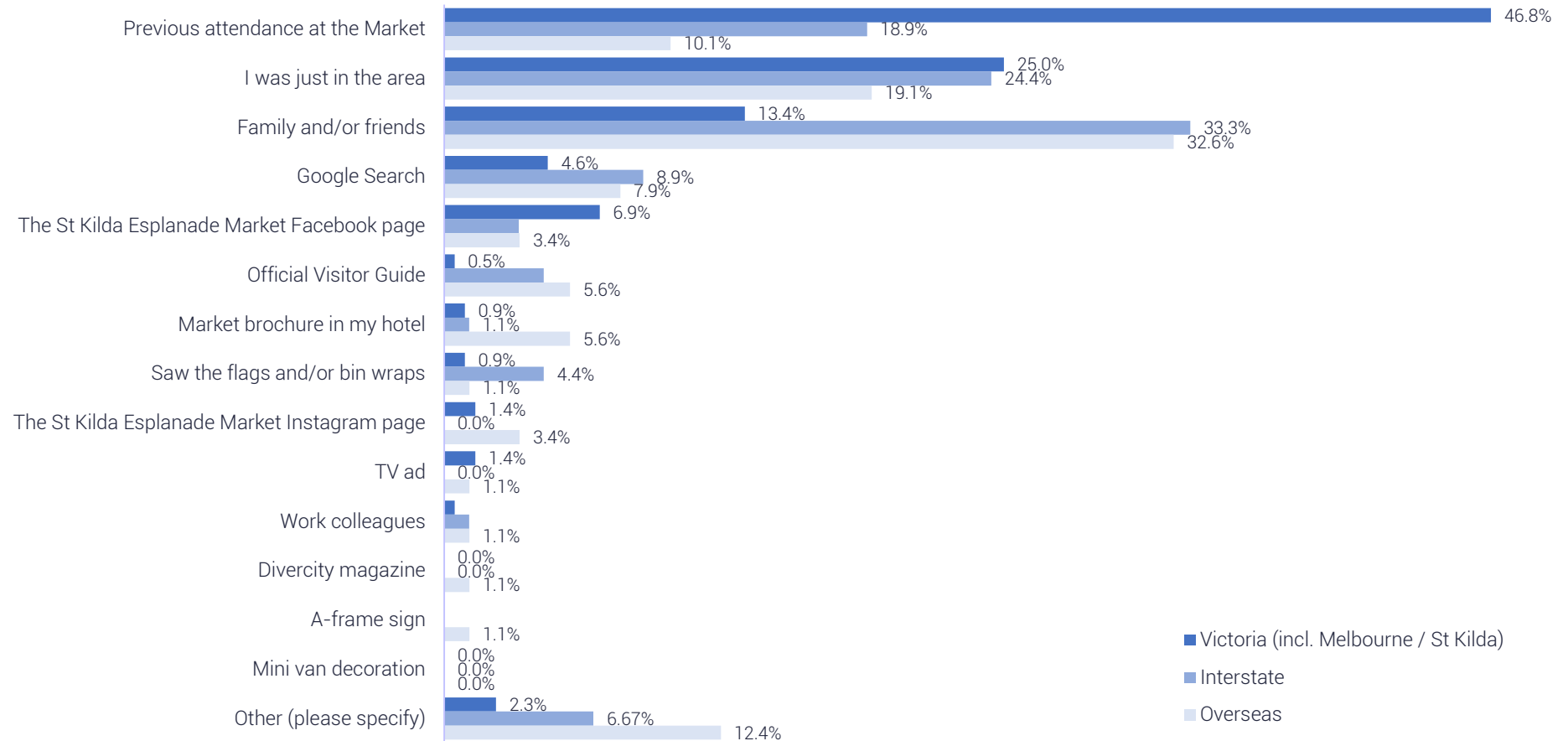
LIFECYCLE SEGMENTS TOP 3 SOURCES RECALLED SEEING OR HEARING ABOUT THE ESPLANADE MARKET



- 'Previous attendance at the Market' remains the strongest channel of awareness for attendees (32.2%) indicating a high level of return by visitors..
- The St Kilda Esplanade Market Facebook page' was significantly more popular as a channel of awareness in 2020 than in 2019 whilst there was a sharp decline in awareness from the 'Official Visitors Guide.'
- Whilst undertaking a 'Google search' was not included in the survey 6.3% of respondents mentioned it in Other therefore it has been included as an option for 2020.

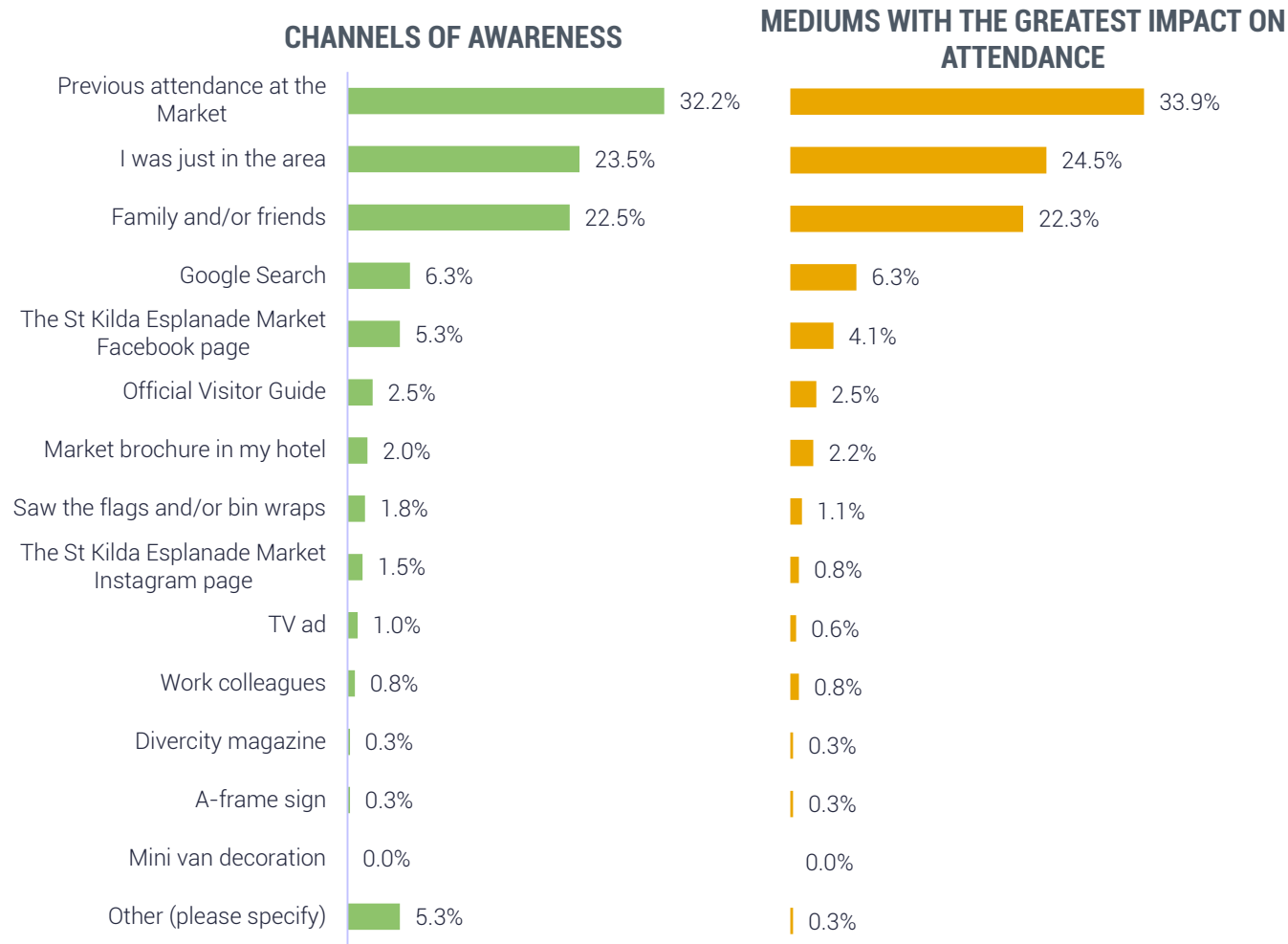
Channels of Awareness

WHERE ATTENDEES RECALL SEEING OR HEARING ABOUT THE ESPLANADE MARKET BY VISITOR ORIGIN



- 'Previous attendance at the market' was highly significant channel of awareness for Victorians (46.8%) compared to Interstate and Overseas visitors.
- 'Family and/or friends' were the most important channel of awareness for attendees from Interstate (33.3%) and Overseas (32.6%).

Channels of Awareness Impact

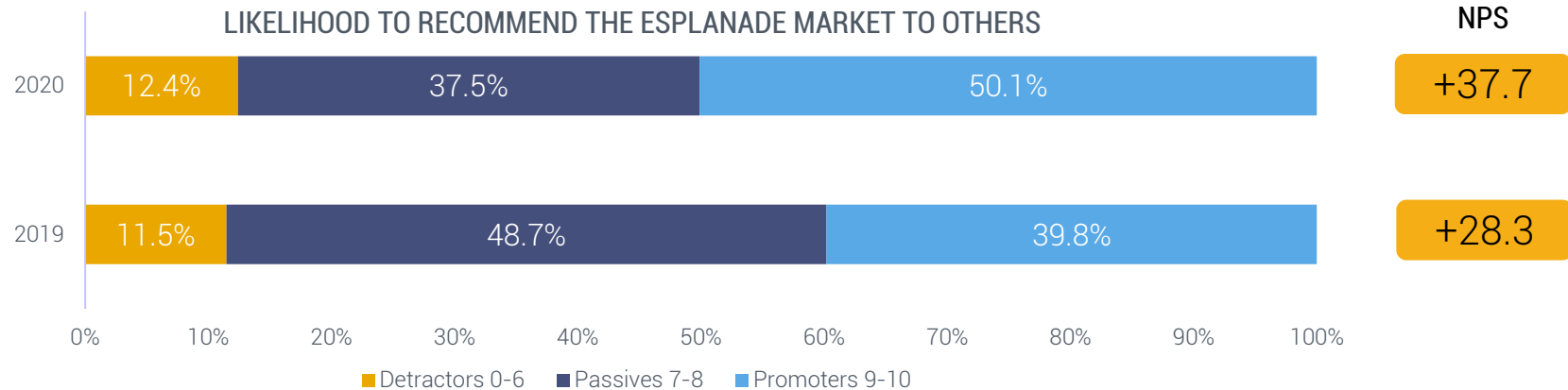


- The medium which has the greatest impact follows a similar pattern to the channel of awareness mainly due to the majority of respondents indicating a single channel of awareness.

Q6. In which of the following ways did you see or hear about the Esplanade Market? (n=395)

Q7. Please indicate which of these mediums had the greatest impact on your decision to attend the Esplanade Market. (n=363)

Advocacy



IER measures advocacy through the use of a methodology termed 'Net Promoter Score' (NPS). The NPS allows for the measurement of an event's performance through the eyes of its attendees. It is based on the view that all attendees can be segmented into one of three categories:

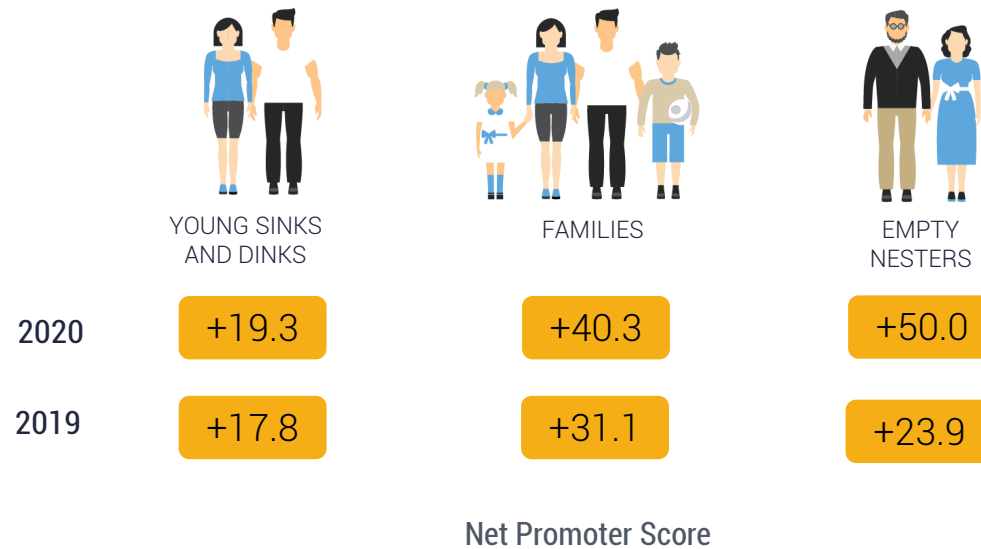
- **Promoters** (rating score 9-10) are classified as loyal enthusiasts who will keep attending and refer others, fueling growth.
 - **Passives** (score 7-8) are satisfied but unenthusiastic customers who are vulnerable to competitive offerings.
- **Detractors** (score 0-6) are unhappy consumers who can damage the Esplanade Markets brand and hinder growth through negative word-of-mouth.

The NPS is calculated by subtracting the percentage of Detractors from the percentage of Promoters.
The difference between the two is the NPS.

- There was a significant improvement of the NPS from +28.3 (2019) to +37.7 (2020) as a result of a higher level of Promoters for the Esplanade Market that will talk positively to friends and family about their experience

Advocacy

ADVOCACY - LIFECYCLE SEGMENTS



- 'Families' and 'Empty Nesters' continue to be the strongest advocates for the Esplanade Market
- 'Empty Nesters' had a significant increase in NPS from +23.9 in 2019 to +50.0 in 2020

Suggested Improvements

SOME EXAMPLES OF COMMENTS RELATING TO MOST COMMON SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT AREAS

Market Stalls

"Very good location convenient not sure about variety."

"More variety. A lot of stalls. Different variety. You have a lot of soaps and oil. They are very much the same. Jewellery and food are all the same."

"Good and big. Maybe less jewellery."

"More credit cards acceptance from the stores owners."

Music

"It is clean organised but it needs more music."

"It needs more vegan food and needs to have music."

Food and Drink Stalls

"Not many vegan food products.."

"It should be more spaced on the grass area instead of running into each other. Have food trucks up closer."

Shade for attendees

"Shaded walkway at least more shaded seating."

"Need more shade. it is long and skinny . quite congested. Need more place to stop.."

"Shade and seating on hot days."

Parking

"Hard to find parking."

"Cost of parking is expensive on a Sunday."

Crowd Count Analysis

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METHODOLOGY

IER was engaged by the City of Port Phillip to undertake an attendance estimate at the St. Kilda Esplanade Markets. IER researchers were deployed to undertake crowd estimates on a half hourly basis on Sunday 23rd February and Sunday 1st March 2020 between 10:00am – 5:00pm. The weather on these days was considerably hot (Sun Feb 23 reached 34°C and Sun 1 March 38 °C) with counting finishing at 4:30pm on Sunday 1st March due to stallholders closing early.

The markets were divided into five key zones.

- Zone 1 – Pollington Street – Victoria Street
- Zone 2 – Victoria Street – Alfred Square
- Zone 3 – Alfred Square
- Zone 4 – Alfred Square – Robe Street
- Zone 5 – Rove Street – Cavell Street

IER adopted this method with crowd counters and a registration sheet to note estimated attendances and photograph each crowd count area. IER undertook the crowd count utilising the following methodology for the attendance estimate:

- Record the number of people at each of the five areas per half hour from the counts undertaken
- Photograph each area after each count to support crowd count figures
- Utilise like-crowd times as advised by the City of Port Phillip to duplicate count across the like day and time frame
- Estimate the average number of people at each location by averaging across each day the crowd count figure
- Calculate average minutes spent by respondents in each from the survey
- Divide average minutes spent at each location by the total number of minutes the precinct is in operation - This gives you the churn rate
- Multiply the average number of people by the calculated churn rate to provide an estimated number of attendees for each day of the markets

Crowd Count Analysis

DAY 1 – SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2020

Raw Numbers						
Time	Zone 1: Polkington St – Victoria St	Zone 2: Victoria St – Alfred Square	Zone 3: Alfred Square	Zone 4: Alfred Square – Robe St	Zone 5: Robe St – Cavell St	Total
10.00am - 10.30am	41	48	44	53	52	238
10.30am - 11.00am	93	82	180	122	115	592
11.00am - 11.30am	48	86	119	213	164	630
11.30am - 12.00noon	72	79	135	219	159	664
12.00noon - 12.30pm	62	85	162	273	162	744
12.30noon - 1.00pm	79	51	164	181	157	632
1.00pm - 1.30pm	58	52	87	196	107	500
1.30pm - 2.00pm	76	33	126	183	145	563
2.00pm - 2.30pm	60	73	64	155	137	489
2.30pm - 3.00pm	55	47	68	129	146	445
3.00pm - 3.30pm	50	47	97	155	116	465
3.30pm - 4.00pm	43	44	84	84	89	344
4.00pm - 4.30pm	41	49	73	88	66	317
4.30pm - 5.00pm	29	56	43	62	92	282
Total	807	832	1,446	2,113	1,707	6905

Average Attendance	493
Average Time Spent at Market	100.7

Churn rate	4.17	Est. Attend	2,056
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- On Sunday 23rd February there were on average 493 attendees at the Esplanade Market every 30 minutes. Attendees stayed at the Market on average for 1 hour, 40 mins.
- Taking into account the average attendees, minutes spent at the Market (and therefore the churn rate) IER estimates attendees on the day to be 2,056.

Crowd Count Analysis

DAY 2 – SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2020

Raw Numbers						
Time	Zone 1: Polkington St – Victoria St	Zone 2: Victoria St – Alfred Square	Zone 3: Alfred Square	Zone 4: Alfred Square – Robe St	Zone 5: Robe St – Cavell St	Total
10.00am - 10.30am	35	36	81	75	81	308
10.30am - 11.00am	36	15	59	121	105	336
11.00am - 11.30am	64	47	103	111	116	441
11.30am - 12.00noon	55	30	134	106	87	412
12.00noon - 12.30pm	74	43	115	135	100	467
12.30noon - 1.00pm	60	63	96	125	127	471
1.00pm - 1.30pm	60	55	125	82	82	404
1.30pm - 2.00pm	39	47	79	98	104	367
2.00pm - 2.30pm	30	35	104	109	85	363
2.30pm - 3.00pm	36	36	88	71	68	299
3.00pm - 3.30pm	44	16	64	67	48	239
3.30pm - 4.00pm	29	27	52	60	60	228
4.00pm - 4.30pm	32	30	20	24	21	127
4.30pm - 5.00pm						0
Total	594	480	1,120	1,184	1,084	4462

Average Attendance	343
Average Time Spent at Market	91.0

Churn rate	4.29	Est. Attend	1,471
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- On Sunday 1st March, there were 343 attendees on average at the Esplanade Market, every 30 minutes. On average attendees stayed at the Market for 1 hour, 31 mins. Note this was a day of extreme heat (38 °C) effecting crowd numbers, time spent at the Market and ceasing crowd count at 4:30pm due to the early closure of stall holders.
- Overall taking into consideration the average attendees, minutes spent at the Esplanade Market (and therefore the churn rate), IER estimates attendance on the day to be 1,471



Data Tables

Data Table - Country of Origin

Q10b_1 - In which country do you live? - Country	2019	2020
England	25.0%	31.5%
New Zealand	19.7%	15.7%
United States of America	10.5%	9.0%
Canada	5.3%	5.6%
Germany	5.3%	3.4%
Netherlands	1.3%	3.4%
Singapore	0.0%	3.4%
Spain	0.0%	3.4%
France	2.6%	2.2%
Hong Kong	0.0%	2.2%
Sweden	0.0%	2.2%
Taiwan	0.0%	2.2%
Andorra	0.0%	1.1%
Belgium	0.0%	1.1%
Chile	0.0%	1.1%
Denmark	1.3%	1.1%
East Timor (Timor-Leste)	1.3%	1.1%
Iceland	0.0%	1.1%
Indonesia	0.0%	1.1%
Japan	1.3%	1.1%
Malaysia	3.9%	1.1%
Malta	0.0%	1.1%
Phillipines	0.0%	1.1%
South Africa	1.3%	1.1%
Switzerland	1.3%	1.1%
United Arab Emirates	0.0%	1.1%
Scotland	9.2%	0.0%
Wales	2.6%	0.0%
Algeria	1.3%	0.0%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1.3%	0.0%
Finland	1.3%	0.0%
Ireland	1.3%	0.0%
New Caledonia	1.3%	0.0%
Norway	1.3%	0.0%
Sweden	1.3%	0.0%