

A perspective on the challenges and outlook for retailers in Australia

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The better the question. The better the answer.
The better the world works.

The changing nature of the Australian Consumer



Global trends in consumer activity...

Millennials/ GenZ



72%
shop options
online before
going in-store

Omni-Channel



40%
online purchases are
made cross-channel

Always-On
Consumers



86%
expect flexible
timing for
customer service
interactions



Social
Intelligence

67%
consumers use
social media
in-store

67%
globally have shopped
online with overseas retailers



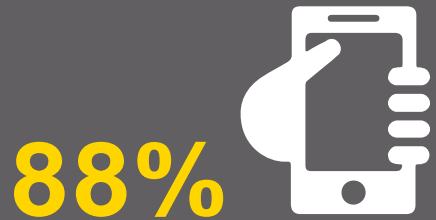
Cross-Geo

45%
increase in interactions
with
products

Location-Based
Services



EY's recent Australian Digital State of the Nation Report also shows that Consumers are better informed and more empowered than ever before



88%

One of the highest levels of smart phone usage in the world



6.8 hrs

On average, online for 6.8 hours a day and on their mobile for 2 hours a day



30%

given feedback to a company on social media in the past 12 months



58%

placed an item in a cart whilst shopping online, but did not complete the purchase



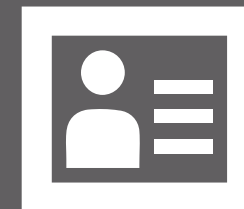
94%

research a product or service whilst in store



90%

are currently on at least one social media network



51%

looked at someone's social media page to find out information about them



33%

consider themselves to be early adopters of technology

Understanding Millennials and Gen Z

Digital natives



- ▶ **Research online while instore twice as high as for Baby Boomers and Gen X**
- ▶ **1 in 3 prefer to communicate with organisations online/social media rather than in person (vs 1 in 7 for boomers/Gen X)**
- ▶ **7 in 10 trust digital companies as much as traditional brands**

Disconnected connection



- ▶ **Always on: checking their phone 221 a day (3 hours 16 mins)**
- ▶ **F.O.M.O. and social media anxiety**
- ▶ **More connected than ever but two thirds report feeling lonely on a weekly basis**

Responsibility



- ▶ **Over 8 in 10 give to charity and 75% think it's important to give back to charity**
- ▶ **2 in 3 want to start their own business**
- ▶ **6 in 10 want to work for a company that gives them a purpose**

Information overload



- ▶ **Multi-screen and multi-task is the new normal**
- ▶ **Undivided attention is a thing of the past... 8 second filter**

How to succeed with the new generation of consumers and shoppers

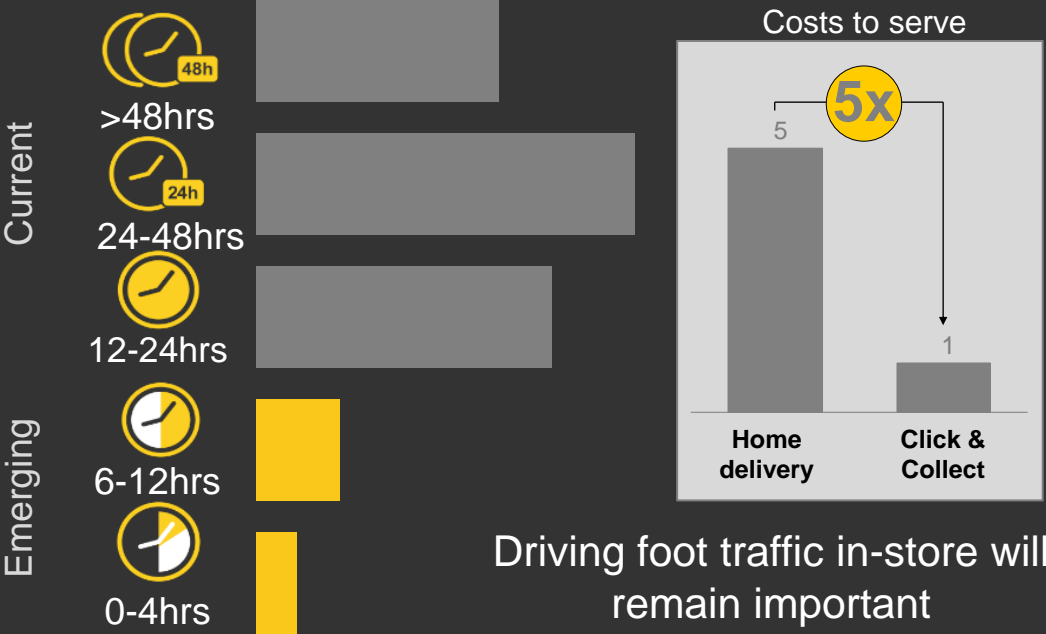


Retail sector challenges, progress and opportunities








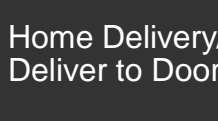




Service promises & customer approaches are significantly driving costs up. The death of stores is unfounded, it is more about their changing role

Link Between Service Promise and Channel and Cost to Serve



Setting the retail value chain up for multiple levels of customer fulfilment

1. Local Store   Click and Collect
2. Hub Store   Drive Thru' Collect
3. Dark Store   Partner or Own in-Store Lockers
4. Distribution Centre   Home Delivery/Deliver to Door
5. Supplier Drop Ship   Home Delivery/Deliver to Door

It is becoming clearer that the prosperity of brick & mortar retailers lies in cost effective customer experience and service options rather than single channel or price

Such change is driving major new demands on retail workforces requiring a new level of staffing capability and responsiveness

From Relatively Basic

- ▶ Filling shelves
- ▶ Conducting store operations
- ▶ Checking receipts/ managing stock
- ▶ Serving customers/ orders/ demand
- ▶ Closing sales with some upselling
- ▶ Visual merchandising
- ▶ Updating POS
- ▶ Managing staff/ rostering/ T&A
- ▶ Administration/ banking
- ▶ Housekeeping

To Significantly More Sophisticated

All of the things opposite, plus critically:

- ▶ Differentiating on service/ satisfaction/ creating interest
- ▶ Creating an environment that excites customers to want to return/ constantly engage frequently
- ▶ Checking out social media views and improvements
- ▶ Becoming deep information providers/ product experts
- ▶ Capturing sales, up/ cross selling, quick online stock lookup
- ▶ Managing distributed order management systems
- ▶ Managing online orders/ click and collect/ lockers
- ▶ Managing picking, packing, administration of orders
- ▶ Managing couriers, truck routing, home delivery
- ▶ Managing perpetual inventory/ stock accuracy
- ▶ Planning for/ responding to surge demand

New front of store customer experience, online back of store operations handling, and in-store availability robustness needs to be a major feature in new workforce plans

Similarly, the role of Shopping Centre needs to (and will) morph significantly

From:

Shopping, Services & Fast Food Centric



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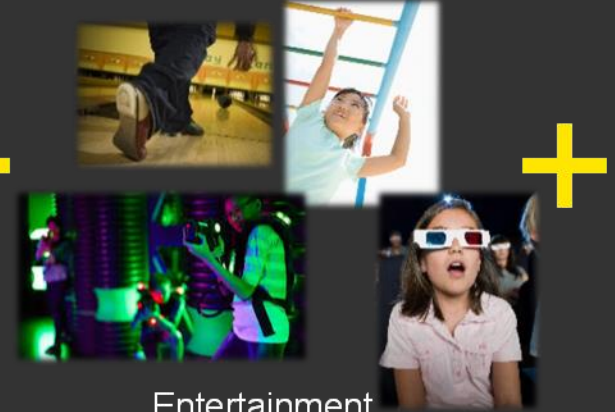
Shopping, Services, Restaurants, Entertainment, Experiences & Logistics Centric



Shopping



Experiences



Entertainment



Fast Food & Fine Dining



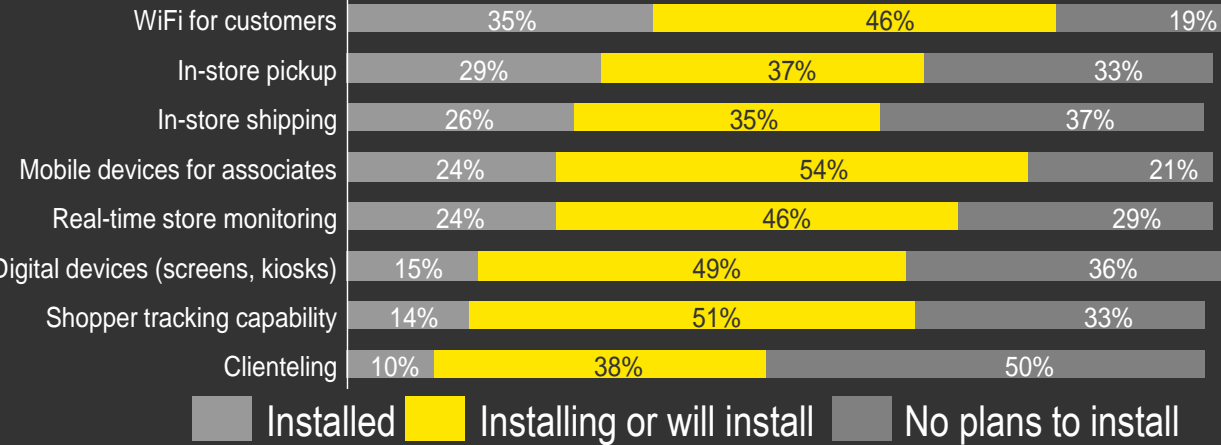
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Click & Collect Hubs and Consolidated Home Delivery Hubs

Horizon I – Next 5 Years – Already being used and increasingly rolled out

New Store Enabling Technologies Being Implemented



Traditional Store Systems Being Upgraded

- ▶ Point of Sale with omni channel capabilities
- ▶ VR informing product positions/ store layouts



Self Help Devices and Virtual Shop Assistants Being Trialled

- ▶ Beacon Analytics
- ▶ Self Help Kiosks (eg: Debenhams, Tesco)
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence Virtual Shop Assistants (Pepper)



New Customer Interaction Approaches being trialled



▶ Uniqlo Umoood



▶ Endless Aisle - Rail Stations

Predictive Marketing Platforms being implemented

- ▶ Population density modelling per customer personas (Online vs click and collect vs traditional shopper)
- ▶ Predictive analytics per customer persona
- ▶ Personalisation & Predictive Campaign Management
- ▶ Price and offer optimisation

Key Omni Channel Technologies being implemented

- ▶ Advanced omni-channel capable WMS/ TMS/ DOM
- ▶ Machine Learning for Forecast algorithm refinement
- ▶ Cost to Serve and Control Towers
- ▶ New IoT/ Blockchain Track/Trace Devices
- ▶ Drones (inside 4 walls - not for Pizza's!)



Horizon II – 5 to 10 Years Horizon – Trials underway but a long way to go

Dynamic Pricing

- ▶ Medium term priority with a few retailers
- ▶ Time of day, channel or other type pricing
- ▶ Has challenges but is potential next wave

Augmented Reality

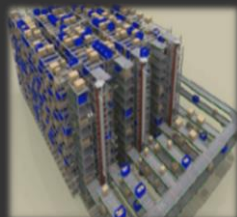
- ▶ Microsoft HoloLens early trails, Pokemon
- ▶ Likely a feature for in-store entertainment
- ▶ Full use cases unclear but possible match of digital shopping lists to planograms via AR glasses for easy in store navigation

Contactless Payment

- ▶ Amazon Go trials – use smart phones in store to check in monitors products handled and picked up and charges on store exit without person interaction

Store Drive Throughs

- ▶ Increasing needs for shopping centres to cater for quick access for shoppers and pick-up/ delivery drivers (gig economy/ ride sharing)



Redefining Retailer distribution networks/ approaches

- ▶ Collapsing onshore DC footprint via offshore consolidation to drive store ready deliveries from many manufacturers
- ▶ Automated DC's – bespoke aisle position ready delivery
- ▶ Automated dark stores - customer merged orders
- ▶ Night time drop and drive deliveries to combat congestion

Redefining Manufacturer distribution networks/ approaches

- ▶ Create direct consumer capabilities via Amazon/ others
- ▶ Use of automation for unit picking/ assembly

New industry-wide multi-user digital freight solutions

- ▶ Onshore Port Automation
- ▶ Freight Approach - Uber/ ride sharing/ Employee delivery
- ▶ New marketplaces e.g.: freight exchange/ Uber freight

Supply Chain Technology Upgrades In Progress

- ▶ Collaborative Data Sharing Platforms
- ▶ End-to-End Cost to Serve Systems
- ▶ Supply Chain Control Towers
- ▶ 3D Printing

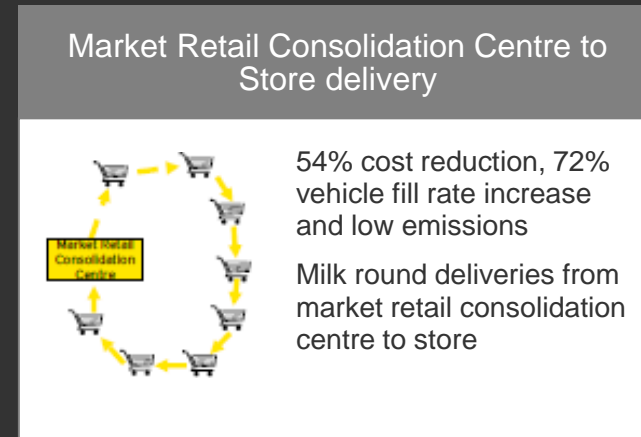
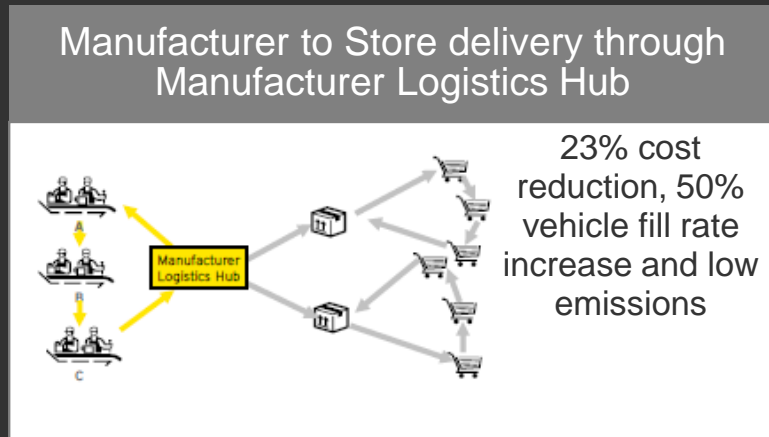
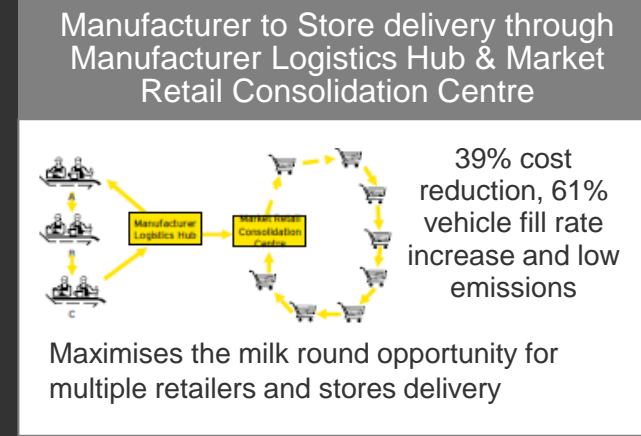
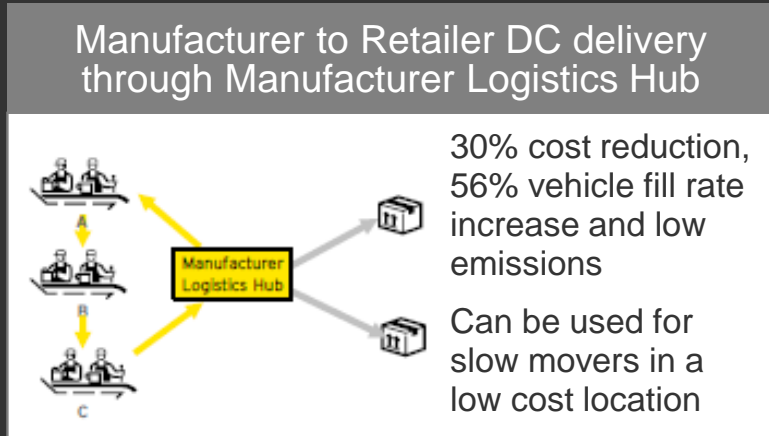
Horizon III: 10+ Years

Implementing Manufacturers Logistics Hubs –

Multiple manufacturers or suppliers share warehouse and logistics to optimise overheads, inventory, and maximise delivery frequency and vehicle utilisation due to high product mix

Implementing Retail Logistics Consolidation Centres –

Multiple retailers share DC's in collaboration with suppliers for effective order fulfilment, to optimise overheads, inventory and maximise delivery frequency and vehicle utilisation





Thank You

**Questions and
Discussion**