SPARROWLY GROUP BUSINESS FUTURE PROOF SERIES

Building Your Business Digital Footprint

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LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

Today we will discuss:

- 1. What is your digital footprint
- 2. How your customers are using the internet
- How you can grow your footprint (and be found)

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BUILDING YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT



WHAT IS YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT





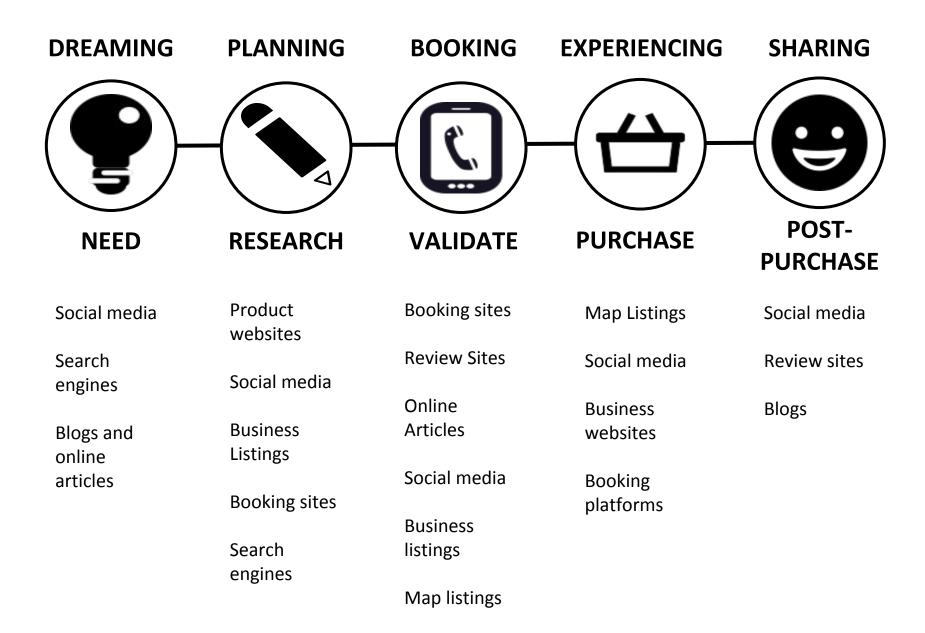
HOW YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE USING THE INTERNET

> YOUR CUSTOMERS

THE GROWING USE OF THE INTERNET

- 84% of people search online for a product or service to buy.
- 70% of people purchased a product online.
- 88% of online traffic in Australia is on a mobile.
- 33% of people made an online purchase on their mobile phone.
- 42% of people discover new brands and products through search engines.
- Spend online is growing every year.

THE PATH TO PURCHASE





HOW YOU CAN GROW YOUR **FOOTPRINT** (AND GET FOUND)

YOUR WEBSITE

YOUR HOME BASE

It is your "owned space" which should be the hub of your marketing activity.

What makes a good website?

- How does it look?
- Is it mobile responsive?
- How easy is it to use?
- What sort of information does it have?
- How current is it?
- What images and video does it have?



GET OPTIMISED

MANAGE YOUR WEB

Use simple Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) to create a path to your business and help you get found.

SEO tips:

- Make sure search engines can access your content.
- Research keywords and phrases and build them into your site.
- Make sure your CMS is search engine friendly.
- Have a minimum 300 words of text per page on your website.
- Have a good link structure.
- Post new content regularly via your blog.
- Photos, video and social media integration.



A WEBSITE THAT ISN'T OPTIMISED IS LIKE HAVING A PHONE NUMBER THAT'S NOT LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK...

PEOPLE CAN'T FIND YOU!

GET LISTED

EXTEND YOUR REACH

Maximise the power of online listings to efficiently reach more people.

Listing tips:

- Be consistent.
- Know where you're listed.
- Use great images.
- Optimise them.
- Link them.
- Keep them up to date.

GET ON GOOGLE

IMPROVE YOUR RANKINGS

Make it easy for people to find you with a free listing.

Google My Business Tips:

- 1. Complete all the details
- 2. Check your Name, Address and Phone Number
- 3. Post images
- 4. Include Other Social Media
- 5. Get a YouTube Account
- 6. Make sure you verify your listing

Go to <u>www.google.com/business</u>

GET SOCIAL

AMPLIFY YOUR MESSAGES

Use social as your megaphone to increase awareness and drive visitors back to your home base.

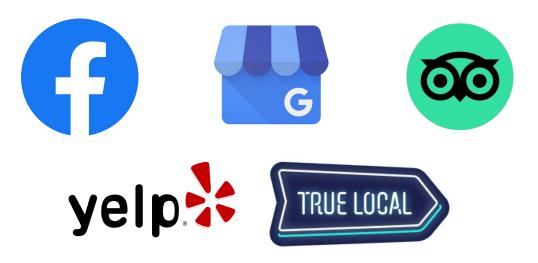


GET REVIEWS

BUILD TRUST WITH CUSTOMER REVIEWS

Use reviews as a way to build trust and social proof.

- 90% of consumers read online reviews before visiting a business.
- 88% of consumers trust online reviews as much as personal recommendations.
- 86% of people are less likely to purchase or trust a business that has negative online reviews.



GET BOOKINGS

EXTEND YOUR REACH WITH THIRD PARTY SITES

- Get booked.
- Get found in more places (where your customer is).
- Build awareness.

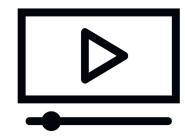


LET'S RECAP

- Customers are all over the internet, and they know how to use it.
- Your website is the home base make it a home you are proud of.
- The five GET's;
 - \circ Optimised
 - Listed (BONUS: Get on Google!)
 - \circ Social
 - \circ Reviews
 - Bookings

RESOURCES & TOOLS





PRESENTATION SLIDES VIDEO RECORDING



SETTING UP YOUR GOOGLE BUSINESS LISTING



YOUR WEBSITE CHECKLIST

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