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SAMPLE COMPOSITION

RESULTS WEIGHTED TO NEWS CORP'S READERSHIP

SURVEY ONE

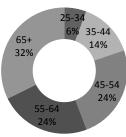
RESPONDENTS

856

IN-FIELD AUGUST, 2015

GENDER MALE 51% | FEMALE 49%

AGE

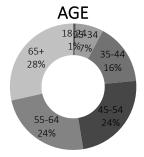


SURVEY TWO

RESPONDENTS 744

IN-FIELD SEPTEMBER, 2015

GENDER MALE 49% | FEMALE 51%



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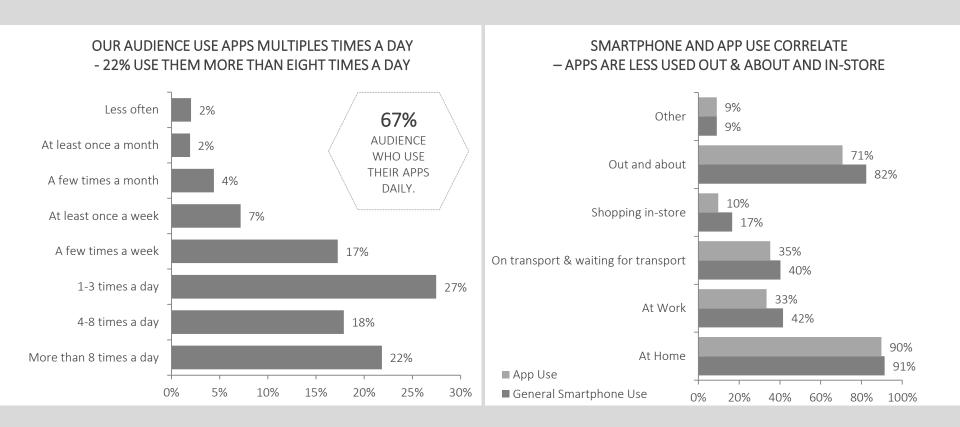
IN THREE POINTS

OUR AUDIENCE IS COMFORMATBLE USING THEIR SMARTPHONE THROUGHOUT THE PURCHASE JOURNEY. APP COLLECTIONS ARE BROAD AND ALWAYS GROWING. HOWEVER, DOWNLOADING AN APP DOESN'T CONVERT TO USAGE.

RETAIL/SHOPPING APPS HAVE TO TICK A LOT OF BOXES TO REMAIN PART OF THE APP COLLECTION.

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SMARTPHONES ARE PART OF THEIR EVERYDAY



Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=856)

Q - And how often do you generally use your Apps.

Q - Thinking about your personal smartphone usage. Please select the top three places you use your smartphone?

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[My smartphone] holds all my contacts, appointments, travel details and etickets. I have Apps for grocery lists, checking the weather and navigation all of which I used several times daily. I google shop locations, opening hours and stock availability. I use it for social media, and keep in touch with family and friends through social media, email and texts. I use Apps to make phone calls overseas and interstate. I don't know what I would do without it.

Female 45-54

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SHOWROOMING IS NOW AN ESTABLISHED PART OF THE RETAIL JOURNEY

68% | TOTAL AUDIENCE WHO'VE TAKEN PART IN SHOWROOMING ACTIVITIES

IT'S FUNCTIONAL...

Compared prices (31%)

Looked up more information of a product (28%)

Looked up product reviews (21%)

Recorded product details to purchase the items online later (19%)

Checked products availability (10%)

Found coupons/deals (10%)

Purchased a product from my smartphone while in-store (2%)

IT'S ABOUT

Shopping with **confidence** - I'm getting the best deal. Having **control** throughout the purchase cycle



...AND IT'S ALSO EMOTIONAL

Taken a photo of a product that I like (44%) Called or texted a friend for advice (31%) Shared photos of my purchase via social media (10%) Asked for advice via social media (3%)

IT'S ABOUT

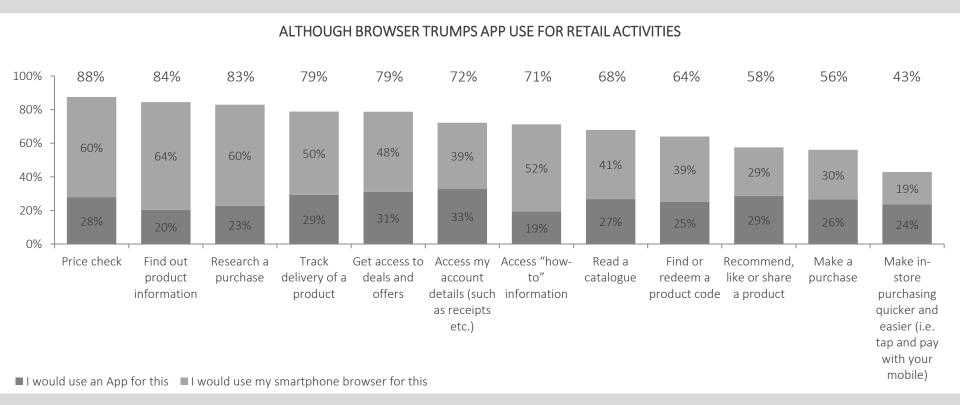
A **sounding board** for my purchase decision and **reassurance** that I've made the right choice.

Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=856)

Q - Here's a question about when you're out shopping. While in-store, have you used your smartphone for any of the following?

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OUR AUDIENCE ARE COMFORTABLE USING THEIR SMARTPHONE FOR RETAIL ACTIVITIES



Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=663)

Q - Please consider the following retail activities and tell us if you would use your smartphone browser or smartphone App. 'Smartphone browser' refers to the internet available from your smartphone E.g. Safari. 'App' is a self-contained program in your smartphone designed to fulfil a particular purpose E.g. Facebook App

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I use my phone as a general organiser- calendar appointments, emails, contacts- as well as for entertainment- reading news, shopping, booking tickets. It's also a time-filler on my commute.

Male 45-54

Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=856)

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APP COLLECTIONS ARE BROAD AND ALWAYS GROWING





ON AVERAGE, OUR AUDIENCE DOWNLOAD **TWO** APPS A MONTH.

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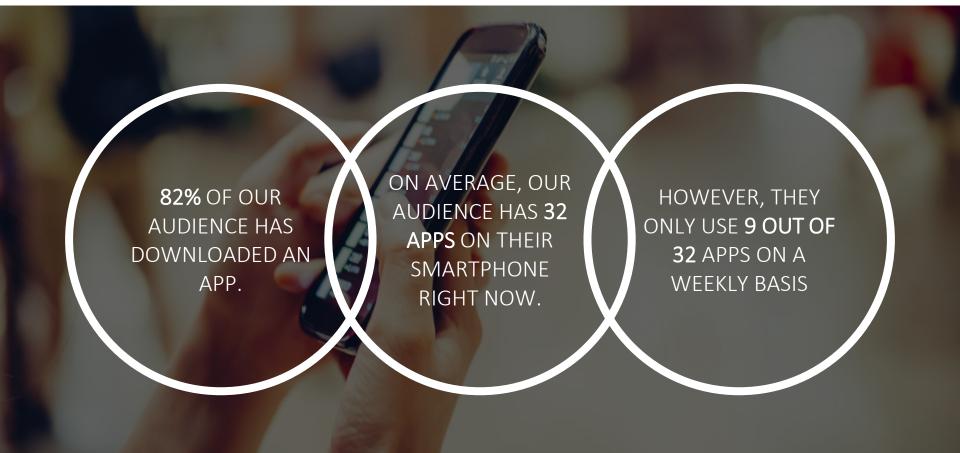
Q - Take a moment to think about the Apps stored in your smartphone right now. Which categories would you say make up your entire App collection? *Other was 26.3%

Q -Thinking about the time that you spend on your Apps in a typical week, what portion of your time would you say you spend on these categories? *Other was 22.7%

Q - How many Apps did you download in the last month

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BEING DOWNLOADED DOES NOT CONVERT TO USAGE



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RETAIL/SHOPPING APPS HAVE TO TICK A LOT OF BOXES TO REMAIN PART OF THE COLLECTION

WHY THEY TURN TO APPS

36% SO I CAN VIEW CATALOGUES

34% FOR ONLINE STORES THAT I OFTEN SHOP AT VIA MY BROWSER

> 28% TO MAKE SHOPPING EASIER

28% IF I NEEDED IT THEN AND THERE

26% FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO THE STORE THAT I OFTEN SHOP AT IN PERSON

> **26%** FOR STORES THAT I'M A FAN OF

22% FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN I'M IN-STORE

GIVE ME THE FUNCTIONAL

"Specifications of items furniture - sizes, colours charts and maker. Nearest outlet search and contact number."

"Availability, price comparison, third party reviews, purchase, payment and delivery."

MAKE ME PART OF AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB

"The option to shop and filter searches, accrue rewards, check reward points, ability to add items to wish list."

"Easier access to membership and special discount."

AND INSPIRE ME!

"Price comparison product information inspiration boards beautiful images expert advice."

"A visualiser to picture the item in my home (if homewares related app). A social feed to see what the product looks like in other environments - suggest other products."

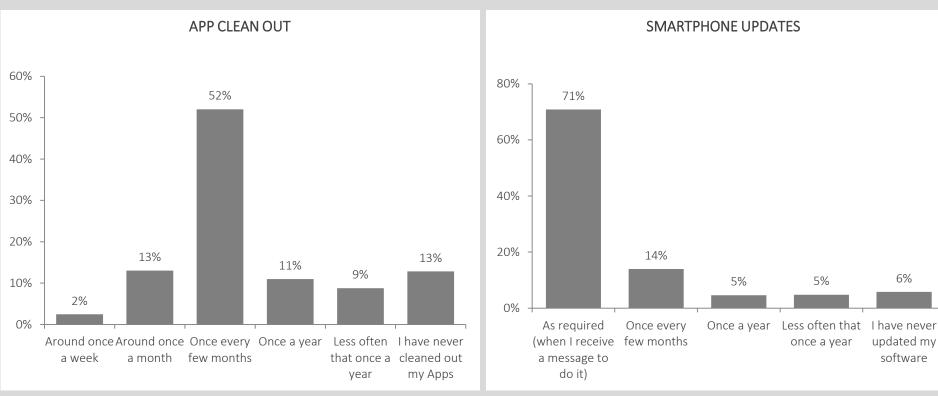
Source: Pulse panel, August 2015

Q - What are some of the reasons that you use retail and shopping Apps? (n=310)

Q - If a major retailer was going to offer an App to its customer, what features would you expect to see? (n=744)

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APPS THAT UNDERWHELM WILL GET SHELVED



Q - How often do you do an App clean out? 'App clean out' refers to when you delete the Apps that you no longer use.

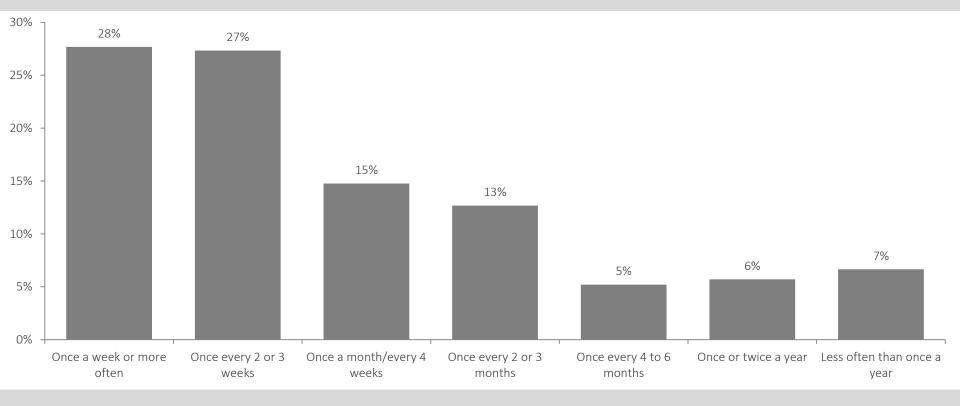
Q- And how often do you update your smartphone with the latest software?

Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=663)

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APPS THAT NAIL IT ARE WELL-USED

70% TOTAL RETAIL APP USERS WHO USE THEIR RETAIL APPS MONTHLY



Source: Pulse panel, August 2015 (n=310)

Q - How often would you say that you use the retail and shopping Apps on your smartphone?

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THE FINAL SAY

- 1. SMARTPHONES ARE A WELL ESTABLISHED PART OF THE PURCHASE CYCLE AND OUR AUDIENCE IS COMFORTABLE USING THEIR BROWSER IN SHOWROOMING AND RETAIL ACTIVITIES.
- 2. ADVERTISERS WHO WANT TO CREATE A RETAIL OR IN-STORE APP NEED TO TICK A LOT OF BOXES TO (A) GET A DOWNLOAD AND (B) STAY RELEVANT.
- 3. NEWS CORP HAS THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE MOBILE SPACE TO ASSIST WITH DISTRIBUTION AND CONTENT CREATION.

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