

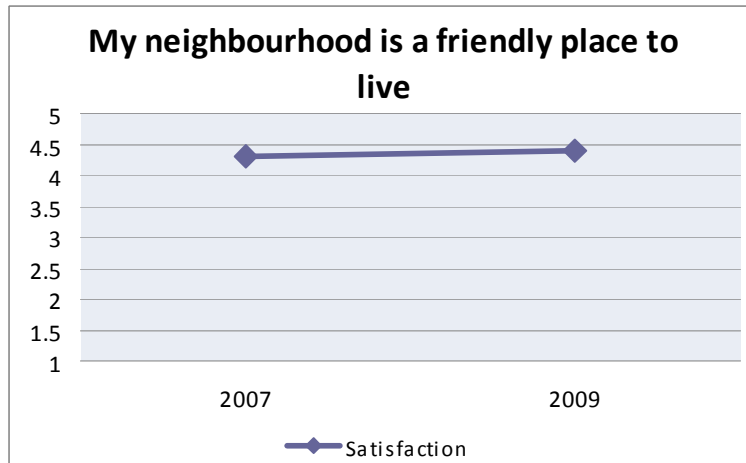
Social cohesion

What are we monitoring?

Proportion of residents who believe their neighbourhood is a friendly place to live

What is the trend?

Trend data is not yet available as this data was collected for the first time in 2007. In 2009 the great majority of Blue Mountains residents agree that their neighbourhoods are friendly places in which to live.



My neighbourhood is a friendly place to live		
Agreement ratings on scale of 1 to 5		
Year	2007	2009
Rating	4.3	4.4

The 2007 and 2009 Blue Mountains City Council Community Survey included a series of statements related to residents' perceptions of community safety and connectedness, to which they could respond on a 1-5 agreement scale, where 1 means "strongly disagree" and 5 means "strongly agree". Surveyed residents were asked to respond to the statement "My neighbourhood is a friendly place to live."

Why is monitoring this trend important?

A friendly neighbourhood contributes to senses of well being and belonging. They are good places to live and in which to bring up children – friendly neighbourhoods are a defining characteristic of the Blue Mountains social community.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains Community Survey: 2007, 2009.

www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcommunity/communitysurvey