

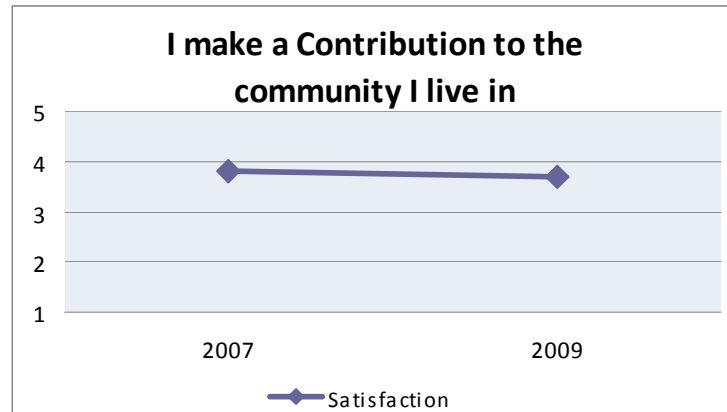
Social cohesion

What are we monitoring?

Proportion of residents who believe they make a contribution to the community in which they 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 majority of residents feel that they make a contribution to their community.



I make a contribution to the community I live in		
Agreement ratings on scale of 1 to 5		
Year	2007	2009
Rating	4.2	4.3

The 2007 and 2009 Blue Mountains City Council Community Survey included a series of statements related to residents' perceptions of community 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 "I make a contribution to the community I live in."

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Community contribution can take many forms from volunteering with the Rural Fire Service, a Bushcare group, neighbourhood centre, or a human rights organisation. It can also involve acts such as sports coaching, helping with reading at a primary school or assisting a neighbour who is ill. These kinds of contributions contribute to a vibrant and strong community.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains Community Survey: 2007, 2009
www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcommunity/communitysurvey