

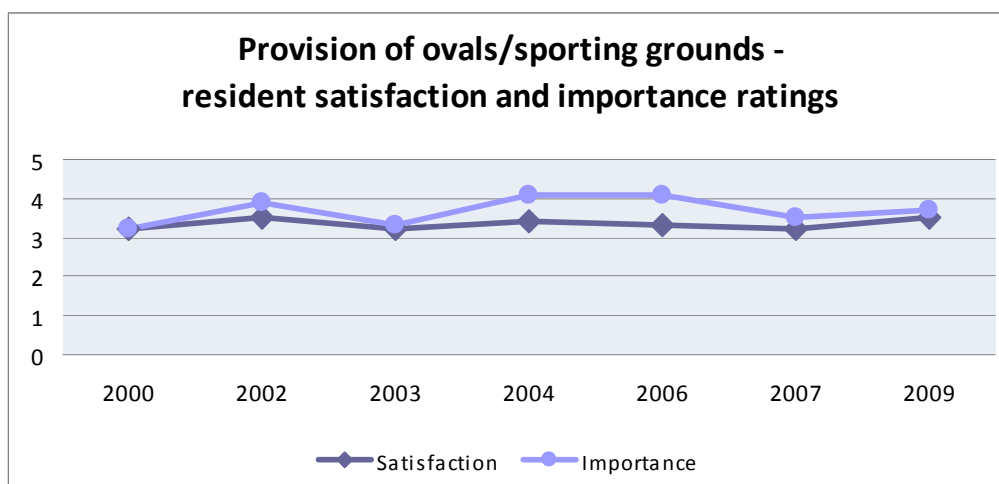
## Recreational facilities – ovals and sporting grounds

### What are we monitoring?

*Difference between resident satisfaction with and their importance rating for provision of ovals and sporting grounds*

### What is the trend?

Residents' rating of importance for the provision of ovals / sporting grounds has increased from 3.2 in 2000 to 3.7 in 2009. Satisfaction has increased from 3.2 to 3.5 over the same period. The gap between importance rating and satisfaction has increased.



PROVISION OF OVALS/SPORTING GROUNDS							
Satisfaction ratings							
Year	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2009
Average rating	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.5
Importance ratings							
Year	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2009
Average rating	3.2	3.9	3.3	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Ovals and sporting grounds facilitate competitive and social sport for resident and visiting clubs. Adequate provision of sporting facilities is important to ensure sufficient space for sporting clubs to train and play. This issue was ranked as highly important by 59% of community survey respondents in 2007. 42% of respondents ranked high satisfaction for this issue.

**Source:** Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains Community Surveys: 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009. The Survey is conducted every one to two years. Ratings are given on a 1-5 scale, with 1 the lowest level of importance and satisfaction and 5 the highest.

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