

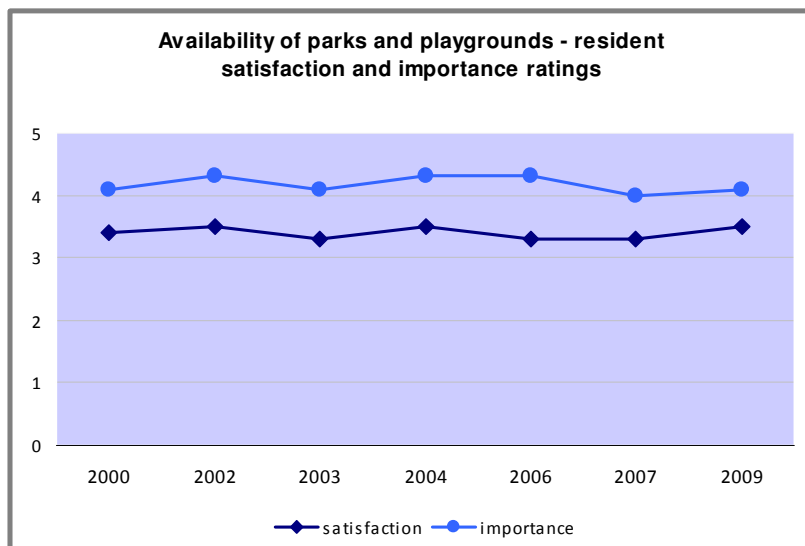
## Recreational facilities – parks and playgrounds

### What are we monitoring?

*Difference between resident satisfaction with and their importance rating for availability of parks and playgrounds*

### What is the trend?

Residents' rating of importance for the availability of parks / playgrounds has decreased slightly from 4.3 in 2006 to 4.1 in 2009 while their satisfaction has increased from 3.3 to 3.5 over the same period. The gap between importance rating and satisfaction continues to exist.



AVAILABILITY OF PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS							
Satisfaction ratings							
Year	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2009
Rating	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.5
Importance ratings							
Year	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2009
Rating	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4	4.1

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Parks and playgrounds provide opportunities for play, leisure and building social connections – particularly for parents of young children. Ensuring parks and playgrounds are provided across the Blue Mountains ensures equity of access for families. This issue was ranked as highly important by 76% of community survey respondents in 2009. 51% of respondents reported high satisfaction with the provision of parks and playgrounds

**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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