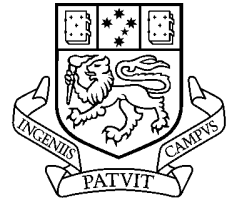




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# Community Capacity Survey

## A Brief Introduction

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## What we would like you to do...

There are four sections to the survey:

In **Section A** you are asked to provide some important background information about yourself and your involvement in the community. Your name or address is *not* required.

**Section B** is looking for your response to a statement with which you may either agree or disagree. The idea is to place a tick in the box that best represents your response (an example is given). You should move through the 18 statements as quickly as you can. You can make extra comments under the statements if you wish.

**Section C** is looking for a number response. In other words you just complete the statement by filling the appropriate number in the empty box.

**Section D** Choose only *one* answer for each of the three questions – the answer that most closely fits your perception.

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## Background Information

A1. Today's Date : //2000

A2. List the voluntary organisations you belong to:  
*(eg sporting, religious, social, service clubs etc)*

a. ....

b. ....

c. ....

A3. On average, how many hours per week are you in paid work?

Casual hours .....

Permanent.....

A4. On average, how many hours per week are you in voluntary work? .....

A5. How many years have you lived in this district? .....

A6. What is your highest qualification?

Less than Year 10 .....

Year 10 to 12 .....

Higher than Year 12.....

A7. How old are you?

years

A8. Your gender?

Male

Female

**Place a tick in the box that best represents your response**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like living here because the people are great	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B1. Reading the local daily newspaper is the best way to keep in touch with what's happening around our community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B2. I read the metropolitan daily newspaper (like the <i>Age</i> or <i>Herald</i> ) to find out how decisions at a state / national level affect my local community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B3. To be effective in an organisation, a person has to be part of the community for several years. <i>(Organisations could include groups like CWA, churches, service clubs, business groups, sporting clubs, action groups etc)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4. People in our community don't like mixing with 'outsiders'. <i>('Outsiders' could be people from outside the community or people who don't seem to fit in)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B5. I generally feel a sense of commitment to the organisations I am involved with. <i>(Organisations are any voluntary club or association – same as question B4)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B6. The voluntary groups of this community cooperate with each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B7. The same people always take positions of leadership in local government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B8. Our region tends to be forgotten by the state government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B9. In this region, local government supports local business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B10. I am confident that our community leaders have a vision for the future of our district. <i>(Community leaders could be from local government, business or voluntary organisations)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Place a tick in the box that best represents your response**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
B11. Religious or spiritual values have played an important part in shaping where this community is today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B12. Our community has something special that other communities haven't got.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B13. Minority groups are treated fairly by the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B14. I like to vote in local government elections.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B15. Young people (under 25) don't contribute to the life of the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B16. Generally speaking, most people can be trusted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B17. You always have to lock your doors in this community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B18. People in our community are able to say what they like about a concern they have, without being worried about what others might say or do to them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Place a number in the box to make the statement true for you**

- C1. I read the local newspaper  times per week
- C2. I read a capital city daily newspaper  times per week
- C3. On average, I would talk with people from outside this district\* about  times per week.  
(for personal or work reasons)

\* At least 50km away

**Tick one box in each question that best represents your response**

<p>D1. Would you say that...</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> a. the council works well with the community to resolve difficulties or problems
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. the local council doesn't really care too much about resolving difficulties or problems in our community
	<input type="checkbox"/> c. people have a lot of trouble working with the local council when resolving difficulties or problems
<p>D2. How does the community respond when faced with a crisis. Think of a fire, flood or other natural disaster.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> a. everyone would drop what they are doing and work together to fix things. Our community relies more on its own people than on councils or government authorities.
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. people would rely on the local council to ensure that everything was properly coordinated and that resources were brought in as needed. This approach works best for our community.
	<input type="checkbox"/> c. people lend moral support but little is done at a practical level to fix things in times of crisis.
<p>D3. Now think of a situation where for example a school or hospital in the community was about to be closed. How would the community respond?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> a. lots of people would sign petitions and participate in protest meetings.
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. people would rather 'dig deep' to ensure that the facility remained open, than complain or write petitions.
	<input type="checkbox"/> c. people would most likely accept the decision and move on.