

Relevant Calls to Action

- Migrants and Refugees New Out West
- Culture of Inclusion
- Infotech

WAITAKERE WELLBEING SUMMIT

THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE FEEL CONNECTED AND VALUED IN WAITAKERE

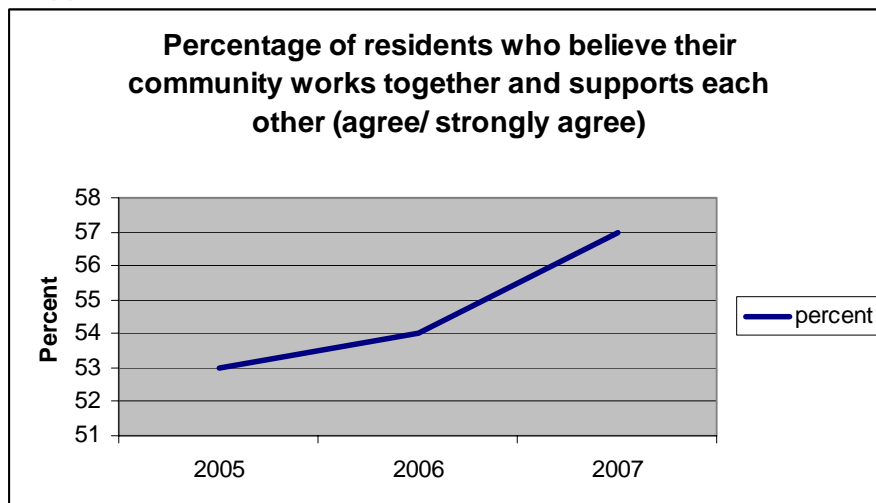
Potential Focus Areas:

Sense of community, Capacity-building for communities, Supporting and celebrating diversity

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Issues and Indicators:

There is an upward trend in the percentage of people who believe their community works together and supports one another in Waitakere.



Source: Waitakere City Council Key Performance Indicator Survey.

However there are mixed results in the Quality of Life Survey Report 2006 for Waitakere.

- **Sense of community:**
Only half (50%) of residents agreed that they felt a sense of community. People over 65 years old, Pacific and Asian people were significantly more likely than New Zealand European residents to have felt a sense of community.
- **Cultural diversity:**
Only 54% of Waitakere City residents felt positively about increased cultural diversity. Pacific and Asian residents were significantly more likely than New Zealand European residents to perceive a positive impact of increased cultural diversity.
- **Isolation:**
The majority (81%) of Waitakere City residents rarely felt isolated or lonely. Feelings of isolation were comparable across ethnic groups, gender and age. People on higher incomes (over \$70,000 per annum) were significantly less likely to have felt isolated.
- **Trust in others in community:**
Only two-thirds (66%) of Waitakere felt people could be trusted. Feelings that people can be trusted were comparable across age, ethnic group and gender. People with higher incomes were significantly more likely to agree that people could be trusted.
- **Transience**
In 2006, 57.7% of people in Waitakere City had lived at their residence for less than 5 years. 23.2% had lived there for less than a year. This is consistent with trends regionally and nationally and poses a challenge to community cohesion.

(Stats NZ 2006 Census)

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE – WHAT WORKS?

Proven & Promising Strategies & Activities:

- Capacity building for communities to build a sense of community and work together to promote wellbeing in their community or local neighbourhood, e.g., Ranui Action Project, Kelston Pride, McLaren's Parks/ Henderson South Project and Massey Matters.
 - Promote an understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and connection with tangata whenua, local iwi and marae.
 - Promote local facilities and their use: ie community centres/houses, sports clubs, cultural centres and parks.
 - Enhance design and safety features to help make people feel welcome and safe in the local neighbourhood.
 - Connecting through communications: local newspapers, community newsletters, notice boards, local radio stations, WaitakereOnline.
- Community and city events can:
 - Support and celebrate diversity, e.g. Matariki, Moon Festival, Diwali, Pasifika games
 - Contribute to a sense of belonging in the city or neighbourhood which is very important given how frequently people move
 - Help people make a positive contribution to their community – e.g. Project Twin Streams
- Community grants fund: for initiatives that foster relationships amongst community groups, assist the integration of new community members and enhance community networks and social connectedness.
Refer: <http://www.bluecrossmn.com> Health Together programmes.
- Valuing people:
 - Promote local heroes, local awards or recognition for the contribution that others make in the neighbourhood or community eg Kelston Pride