

# Social Capital Questionnaire

## Social Capital

In the following questions **please circle the most appropriate response 1, 2 3 or 4**

1. Do you feel valued by society?

*No, not much*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, very much*

2. If you were to die tomorrow, would you be satisfied with what your life has meant?

*No, not much*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, very much*

3. Have you ever picked up other people's rubbish in a public place?

*No, never*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, frequently*

4. Some say that by helping others you help yourself in the long run. Do you agree?

*No, not much*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, very much*

5. Do you help out a local group as a volunteer?

*No, not at all*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, often (at least once a week)*

6. Do you feel safe walking down your street after dark?

*No, not much*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, very much*

7. Do you agree that most people can be trusted?

*No, not much*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, very much*

8. If someone's car breaks down outside your house, do you invite them into your home to use the phone?

*No, not at all*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, definitely*

9. Can you get help from friends when you need it?

*No, not at all*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, definitely*

10. Does your area have a reputation for being a safe place?

*No, not at all*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes*

11. If you were caring for a child and needed to go out for a while, would you ask a neighbour or help?

*No, not at all*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

*Yes, definitely*

12. Have you visited a neighbour in the past week?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, frequently* **4**
13. Have you attended a local community event in the past 6 months (eg, church fete, school concert, craft exhibition)?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, several (at least 3)* **4**
14. Are you an active member of a local organisation or club (eg, sport, craft, social club)?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, very active* **4**
15. Does your local community feel like home?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, definitely* **4**
16. In the past week, how many phone conversations have you had with friends?  
*None* **1** **2** **3** *Many (at least 6)* **4**
17. How many people did you talk to yesterday?  
*None at all* **1** **2** **3** *Many (at least 10)* **4**
18. Over the weekend do you have lunch/dinner with other people outside your household?  
*No, not much* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, nearly always* **4**
19. Do you go outside your local community to visit your family?  
*No, not much* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, nearly always* **4**
20. When you go shopping in your local area are you likely to run into friends and acquaintances?  
*No, not much* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, nearly always* **4**
21. If you need information to make a life decision, do you know where to find that information?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, definitely* **4**
22. In the past 6 months, have you done a favour for a sick neighbour?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, frequently (at least 5 times)* **4**
23. Are you on a management committee or organising committee for any local group or organisation?  
*No, not at all* **1** **2** **3** *Yes, several (at least 3)* **4**

24. In the past 3 years, have you ever joined a local community action to deal with an emergency?
- |                       |          |          |  |   |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|---|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, frequently (at least 5 times)</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>                                  |
25. In the past 3 years have you ever taken part in a local community project or working bee?
- |                       |          |          |  |                       |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|-----------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, very much</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>              |
26. Have you ever been part of a project to organise a new service in your area (eg, youth club, scout hall, child care, recreation for disabled)?
- |                       |          |          |  |                                       |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, several times(at least 3)</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>                              |
27. If you disagree with what everyone else agreed on, would you feel free to speak out?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
28. If you have a dispute with your neighbours (eg, over fences or dogs) are you willing to seek mediation?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
29. Do you think that multiculturalism makes life in your area better?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
30. Do you enjoy living among people of different life styles?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
31. If a stranger, someone different, moves into your street, would they be accepted by the neighbours?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not easily</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
- The following five questions are for those in paid employment. If you are not in paid employment go to Question 37 at the top of the next page.**
32. Do you feel part of the local geographic community where you work?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
33. Are your workmates also your friends?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
34. Do you feel part of a team at work?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
35. At work do you take the initiative to do what needs to be done even if no one asks you to?
- |                       |          |          |  |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, definitely</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>               |
36. In the past week at work, have you helped a workmate even though it was not in your job description?
- |                       |          |          |  |  |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| <i>No, not at all</i> |          |          |  | <i>Yes, several times (at least 5)</i> |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |  | <b>4</b>                               |

## Yourself

In the following questions please tick the most appropriate response (or write in the correct answer in the questions with dots .....).

37. What is your gender?      1. Female  
   2. Male
38. Are you employed?      Yes If yes, how many hours per week.....  
   No
39. What is your age in years?   ..... years
40. What is the Postcode of your address?     .....postcode
41. Are you living in:    1. Private house, flat , unit  
   2. Public housing  
   3. Other
42. Are you renting your accommodation?      1. Yes  
   2. No
43. How long have you lived in your local area?     .....years
44. Who do you live with?    1. alone  
   2. just partner  
   3. just children  
   4. partner and children  
   5. extended or blended family  
   6. friends  
   7. other
45. Do you have children under 18 years of age?  
  
   Yes If yes, How many under school age .....  
  How many school age to 18.....  
   No
46. What language do you prefer to speak at home?  
  
   English  
   Other
47. Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?      No  
   Yes

48. What is the main source of income for your household?

- 1. Wages or Salary
- 2. Pension or benefit
- 3. Other

49. What is your current income?

- 1. Less than \$1000
- 2. \$1,001 to \$14,999
- 3. \$15,000 to \$24,999
- 4. \$ 25,000 to \$34,999
- 5. \$ 35,000 to \$44,999
- 6. \$ 45,000 to \$54,999
- 7. \$ 55,000 +

50. What are your qualifications

- 1. Less than HSC or equivalent
- 2. HSC or equivalent (High School completed)
- 3. TAFE Certificate or Diploma (or equivalent)
- 4. Degree or Post Graduate qualification