



Premier lemma announces NSW will participate in Neighbour Day

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Premier Morris lemma today announced the NSW Government would participate in the 6th annual Neighbour Day on Sunday 30th March.

Mr lemma said NSW would join with Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the ACT in support of the day.

Neighbour Day 2008 is being officially launched in Sydney today with a television campaign encouraging all Australians to have better relationships with their neighbours.

Mr lemma said he was pleased to support what had become a national event in communities across the country.

“Neighbour Day is a great initiative because it encourages us all to get to know the people who live around us,” Mr lemma said.

“Whether you live in a house or an apartment, in the city or the bush, knowing your neighbours actually strengthens your community.

“It gives you a sense of belonging and provides reassurance that there are people you can call upon to help out in an emergency or crisis.

“Neighbour Day provides the focus to reinforce messages of tolerance, respect and understanding.

“I encourage everyone in NSW to think about what they can do to get to know their neighbours on Sunday 30th March – whether it’s a BBQ for new residents, a game of street cricket or simply a cup of tea between old friends.

Neighbour Day has been held on the last Sunday in March every year since 2003, and had grown without any corporate or government funding or public appeals for donations.

“I congratulate Neighbour Day founder Andrew Heslop who has committed himself to funding and promoting this concept right across Australia, engaging state and local governments to participate,” he said.

“Neighbour Day is a great concept that’s bringing people closer together in communities right across the country,” he said.