



## the(sydney)magazine honours Neighbour Day founder

Fairfax Media has named Neighbour Day founder Andrew Heslop in the(sydney)magazine TOP 100 Most Influential People which will be published in The Sydney Morning Herald this Thursday.

Announced at the Park Hyatt Sydney on Monday night, the annual list celebrates individual achievements in arts & culture, power & society, life & style, science & knowledge. Andrew was recognised for his work in establishing Neighbour Day - Australia's annual celebration of community - which he founded in Melbourne in 2003.

Andrew said, "I am completely humbled to be considered among prominent Australians such as Anthony Albanese, Carla Zampatti, Glenn Stevens, Frank Lowy, Dr Peter Shergold, Justice Virginia Bell, Heather Ridout, Paul Barry, Richard Tognetti, Stephen Page and Cate Blanchett.

"The values behind Neighbour Day are ones which I learned from my grandparents growing up in Adelaide. Tolerance, respect and understanding are essential to strong and healthy communities all around the world - and they are relevant no matter where you live or your personal circumstances.

"Having positive relationships with the people next door, across the street or on the next farm is integral to creating suburbs and towns where we all want to live. You don't necessarily have to be best friends but when you are considerate of how your actions impact upon others that becomes the foundation for places where everyone gets along.

"To be listed among the TOP 100 Most Influential People is a great honour and I thank Fairfax Media for considering the achievements of Neighbour Day to be influential," Andrew said.

Neighbour Day is always held on the final Sunday in March. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Neighbour Day will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**For more information visit [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org)**

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