

It's a good opportunity to get neighbourly

WHEN was the last time you poked your head over the fence to say hello to the person on the other side? If it was so long ago you can't remember or you simply never have, Neighbour Day (March 27) is a good opportunity to become acquainted.

The inner west suburb of Ashbury is one of many communities around Australia celebrating great neighbourhood relationships, or establishing new ones, with events next weekend.

Understanding the value of connecting with people who live nearby, Sally Layson had organised a street party to mark Neighbour Day, now in its ninth year.

"We moved to Ashbury in 2008," Mrs Layson said.

"Knowing no one in the area, we decided to run an Australia Day street party in 2009 so we could meet our neighbours.

"This event was a great success as

we shared a common day of national celebration regardless of our background and we got to meet and share fun times with the people who live in our street."

Expecting the same kind of success, Mrs Layson has been letterbox dropping invitations to the street party which will see Leith Street close from noon-3pm for a community lunch, jumping castle and other fun and games.