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LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

DON'T forget to vote on Saturday and then switch off the lights later for Earth Hour. When you wake on Sunday, it will be Neighbour Day.

Our neighbours have the power to make a community or to make our lives hell.

Everyone must have had the neighbour who thrives on conflict and makes a point of exchanging furious glances at the letterbox.

And everyone must have experienced the neighbour who looks after your place when you are away and who makes coming home a nice feeling.

In-between are the ones who keep to themselves. The city is full of these.

Maybe they think that a neutral, keep-to-yourself style is harmless.

Maybe it is. But my neighbour was

lying dead upstairs for weeks and it wasn't until a stain appeared on the ceiling that I noticed anything was wrong.

Living a lonely life is partly a choice, but it doesn't hurt to be aware of the people around you in a non-intrusive fashion.

Another neighbour of mine died in his flat, but his friends raised the alarm when he failed to turn up at a weekly bowling date.

This neighbour was a lovely bloke who was involved in painting and film groups. Then there was my other neighbour with a mental illness. He was harmless and everyone looked out for him. Despite this illness and poor physical health, he would leave small presents at our doorsteps.

YOUR LOCAL

WHERE TO VOTE: Abraham Mott Hall, Bourke St School, Crown St School, Darlinghurst School, Holdsworth Street Community Centre, KU John J Carroll Pre-School, Notre Dame University Hall, Paddington Church of Christ, Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Pyrmont Community Centre, Reg Murphy Hall, Seymour Centre, St Canice's, St Francis Of Assisi, St George's Paddington, St John's, St Michael's, St Peter's, St Peter's Playhouse, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney Town Hall, Ultimo School, Unitarian Church Hall or Woolloomooloo Activity Club.

Every week we meet a local business owner. To learn more about local businesses, go to www.truelocal.com.au.



BE WATER WISE

71.8% Fines apply for water misuse, \$20 for individuals and \$550 for corporations. See sydneywater.com.au for water-saving ideas.

The dam level was stable Last week: 71.8% Last year: 58.7%

5-DAY FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Max 27 Min 18 Sunny	Max 26 Min 18 Sunny	Max 23 Min 17 Shower or two	Max 23 Min 16 Shower or two	Max 23x Min 16 Partly cloudy

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

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