



PRIME MINISTER
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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

NEIGHBOUR DAY SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2013

Neighbour Day is a wonderful opportunity to remember the importance and value of strong communities.

Thanks to the efforts of its founder, Andrew Heslop, Neighbour Day has inspired and motivated communities to reconnect and re-engage.

We all have an obligation to keep an eye out for those around us, particularly those who are most vulnerable. The connections we form with our neighbours can strengthen our sense of community and belonging.

We all should take pride in the community we live in and strive to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate fully in public life.

I encourage all Australians to take part in Neighbour Day, whether you introduce yourself to the new neighbours, have a friendly chat to those you haven't spoken to in a while, catch up with your friends across the fence or organise a community get together for your street. These small gestures can go a long way to creating a safer, more inclusive neighbourhood for everyone to enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

The Honourable Julia Gillard
Prime Minister of Australia