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The time has come to celebrate your community!

This Sunday, 30 March is Neighbour Day, an annual celebration of community across Australia. With over 300 registered events, there are plenty of opportunities all around the country to get involved.

From barbeques, morning teas, to street parties, this Sunday is set to be the most celebrated day in the day's eleven year history.

Relationships Australia's National Executive Office, Alison Brook said the best part about Neighbour Day is in its simplicity, "It's entirely up to you and your neighbours how you get involved. It could be as simple as boiling the kettle and having a cup of tea together.

"Neighbour Day isn't about elaborate functions. It's about creating opportunities to connect, chat and build trusting relationships among people who live closest to you," Alison said.

This year Neighbour Day has been honoured to have Senior Australian of the Year, the Hon Fred Chaney AO and Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis come on board as National Ambassadors for Neighbour Day. Read their messages of support on the neighbourday.org website.

Relationships Australia is encouraging everyone participating in Neighbour Day to tell us about the day, their neighbours and their communities and send us photos so we can see how everyone celebrated.

Founder and Neighbour Day Ambassador, Andrew Heslop, is excited to see his legacy grow and the importance of neighbourly connections spread, "Whether you live in the city or the bush, in a house, an apartment or on a farm Neighbour Day is the day to say thanks for being a great neighbour, thanks for helping me out and thanks for being there when I needed you most.

"Working together to create healthy, tolerant and inclusive suburbs and towns must be a goal for every Australian, no matter where we live or our personal circumstances," said Andrew.

There is still time to register your Neighbour Day event as well as to tell us about your fantastic neighbour to win up to \$500 for the best story. Please visit the neighbourday.org website for all relevant information.

And don't forget, the community you want starts at your front door, so make this Neighbour Day a memorable one.

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