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The countdown to Neighbour Day is on

This week Australia's annual celebration of community, Neighbour Day, invites people across the country to be part of our virtual countdown to Sunday 25 March 2018.

"We'll be counting down to the big day across our social media platforms for the next 10 days and we'd love you to join the conversation on the importance of connected communities for everyone - especially children and young people," said Alison Brook, National Executive Officer for Relationships Australia.

To be part of the countdown, you can access the Neighbour Day selfie sign [here](#), take a photo with it, and share the photo on the Twitter, Facebook or Instagram Neighbour Day platforms. We'd love you to include a message of why it's good to know your neighbours, especially for children and young people.

"The virtual countdown to Neighbour Day gives people an accessible platform to share positive stories of community, friendship and social connection," Alison Brook, National Executive Officer for Relationships Australia said.

"As well as celebrating on Sunday 25 March, we want to show that every day can be Neighbour Day."

From Monday 19 to Saturday 24 March, Neighbour Day's social media platforms, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), will transform into live hubs for people to access a range of neighbourly tips, advice for connecting to the people around you, neighbourly stories and more.

We'll also be sharing messages of support from Neighbour Day Ambassadors Andrew Heslop, Costa Georgiadis, Natalie Ahmat, Julie Goodwin, the Hon. Fred Chaney AO, Nick Duigan, Sophie Thomson, and Hugh Mackay AO.

This year, Neighbour Day's annual theme is: *The importance of a supportive neighbourhood for children and young people*, and we are encouraging people to reach out to the families with children and young people that live nearby.

Neighbour Day aims to encourage everyone build better relationships with the people who live around them. It provides people with the opportunity to break down social barriers and combat loneliness, social isolation and depression.

Visit the [Neighbour Day website](#) to register your Neighbour Day event, access a range of free, easy to use resources and be part of Australia's annual celebration of community!