

Creative Connections Tips for Workplaces

Our top 20 #CreativeConnection tips to help make your Neighbour Day a big success!

- Encourage and support your people to host their own events or take some neighbourly actions in their neighbourhoods.
- Print and provide free Neighbour Day COVID-Safe Connection Cards and promotional flyers for your people to take home to connect with their communities. Visit neighbourday.org for free resources to download.
- Download and print Neighbour Day posters and display these in your premises, store fronts etc. including childcare, kitchens, meal rooms – and even bathrooms!
- Organise a simple in person and/or virtual morning tea with colleagues - large common area or outdoors if possible! Grab a cuppa, and telephone or video call to connect with those who can't be there. Try some good old-fashioned conversation. Perhaps make it weekly!
- It's still ok to smile and wave [from a distance] – even when wearing a mask. It will probably make someone's day!
- Talk about Neighbour Day in your business publications, e-newsletters and social media to encourage people to take action in their own neighbourhoods and communities.
- Align existing business or company events with Neighbour Day – including those that are held before, on or even after Neighbour Day.
- Talk about Neighbour Day activities at relevant meetings, networks or groups where developing stronger communities and connected neighbourhoods reflect your business values.
- Organise a morning tea or after hours event with other businesses in your local area.
- Trivia activity/quiz on the local, natural, cultural and historic points of interest in neighbourhood.
- Subscribe to Verandah e-news by Neighbour Day which you can share with your people or use the good news information in your own communications. Post a link to Verandah on social media or email to your networks and share some good neighbourly news.
- Download the Neighbour Day selfie sign and encourage staff to take photos and post on your social media to encourage everyone in Australia to connect and stay connected.

- Lunchtime Wellness Walk and Talk in the local area or perhaps a free lunchtime yoga/meditation activity.
- Cuppa by the kerb – bring your own cuppa and snack and meet in the street with other business neighbours in the area! Low effort. High impact.
- Host a craft, art or other creative activity – or perhaps a local area clean-up. Some people may feel less social pressure and can relax more when doing an activity with others.
- If you are able and it is safe for you to do so, volunteer as a team, or individuals, for a local community organisation. Good for them and for you! Or perhaps make a donation to a local charity or community organisation.
- Chalk art/neighbourly messages on driveway/footpath outside your business and perhaps even draw a hopscotch game – and let the conversations begin!
- Check your business and neighbour contacts list and call people you haven't spoken with in more than a few months – just to check in and say hi.
- Ask R U OK? Staying connected is more important than ever, a conversation could change a life. Learn what to say after R U OK? Download the FREE resources for tips and ideas to help you share the message in your community at www.ruok.org.au/join-r-u-ok-day
- If in doubt what to do in these uncertain times, be kind. That's it! Throw it around like confetti!

Share your very neighbourly #CreativeConnections tips with @neighbourday on social media or email us at information@neighbourday.org

To keep everyone safe, please review the current public health advice relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and local restrictions.

