

Ideas for Celebrating as a Council

Last Sunday in March



Get creative and adapt some of these ideas for your Council, the possibilities to celebrate Neighbour Day and connect your communities are endless!

Events

These can be physical or adapted to virtual events depending on the local restrictions.

- Morning tea with colleagues and your community – in a 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.
- Organise or support a community Wellness Walk and Talk at a scenic spot in your LGA and encourage council staff to join in.
- Morning teas at neighbourhood houses, community gardens, parks, childcare centres.
- Driveway catch-ups in your LGA, where everybody brings their own picnic to the end of their driveway – at the same time.
- Free drive-in movie events or other entertainment in the outdoors.
- Trivia on the local, natural, cultural and historic points of interest.
- Bike maintenance or other workshops.
- Events in apartment buildings, making use of common areas.
- Family yoga or meditation events.
- Cuppa by the kerb (bring your own cuppa and snack – and meet in your street!).
- Community tree planting / bush care activity.
- Community goods exchange e.g. books, unwanted kitchen or other home appliances.

Other ideas: Karaoke, local clean up, Kids craft / art activity e.g. [colouring in pages](#).

Neighbourly Actions

- Promote Neighbour Day's [#CreativeConnections](#) tips in your community. Talk about Neighbour Day in council publications, e-newsletters and social media – and encourage people to take action in their own neighbourhoods and communities.
- Organise or encourage community call / check in programs.
- Provide free coffees at local cafes (or coffee van) for neighbours to go and collect, and then go for a walk together.
- Organise Neighbour Day Awards (or partner with your local community organisations) to recognise neighbourly people, organisations and actions in your community. Co-brandable certificates available in Downloads on the Neighbour Day website.
- Print and provide free Neighbour Day COVID-safe [Connection Cards](#) at council facilities for members of your community to collect and use to help make connections in their neighbourhood.
- Set up a contact / buddy programs to support older people in your LGA.
- Organise activities that encourage people to reflect positively on their own neighbourhood.

Virtual

- Virtual morning tea (e.g. Zoom) or movie night.
- Create interactive cards for LGA Trivia on your local area and make them available as a free download for residents.
- [Subscribe](#) to Verandah enews 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 social media or email to your networks – and share some good neighbourly news.

To keep everyone safe, keep abreast of the [current public health advice](#) relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and local restrictions.