



Warringah Council

Neighbour Day – Sunday 28 March 2010



Make that Connection!

Neighbour Day is an annual celebration of community. It provides an opportunity for neighbours from next door and across the street to get to know each other better.

Warringah Council aims to foster strong neighbourhood connections by encouraging the simple concept of “neighbourliness”. The aim is to raise awareness of the issues of isolation, security and the benefits of having connections within our communities.

Neighbour Day takes place on the last Sunday in March every year. This year Warringah Council is inviting you to use our resources to connect and celebrate with your neighbourhood.

Our **‘Easy Step-by-Step Guide’** (overleaf) and printable resources, available from www.warringah.nsw.gov.au, will help you to organise your Neighbour Day event.

We can also support you by providing information on how to book public spaces and help you promote your particular gathering. Email haynen@warringah.nsw.gov.au for more information.

What You Can Do

Anyone can participate in Neighbour Day. You don’t have to buy a ticket or spend a lot of money. Here are some ideas:

- Organise a Neighbour Day event – a barbecue, garden party, picnic or afternoon tea in a local park.
- Go out and say “G’day” to your neighbours and maybe make some new friends!
- Use the introduction card from our resource kit to exchange information.
- Make a special effort to introduce yourself to older residents on the street and anyone who lives alone. Leave them your mobile or home telephone number for use in an emergency.
- Agree to keep in contact.
- Help out by collecting mail when neighbours are away and keep an eye on their property.
- Try car pooling if kids go to the same school or you work/shop in the same area.
- Get fit, try jogging or walking together.
- Get together with neighbours who have dogs for “walkies”.
- Share surpluses of garden produce.
- Come to the Warringah Council’s Music in March event at Dee Why Beach on Sunday 28 March and invite your neighbours.

You may have some other ideas. If you do we would love to hear them so that we can share them with others. Contact: Admin & Project Officer, Safety & Community Services, haynen@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au for our Neighbour Day resource kit.





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Say “G’day” to Your Neighbours

EASY STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Pick a time and place

Whether it’s a cuppa with a few people or a barbecue for the block, your Neighbour Day can be as big or small as you’d like. Decide what’s manageable. If possible pick a communal area (such as the front lawn or car park) rather than inside an apartment or house. This will be less intimidating for residents who don’t know many people and will encourage more people to join in.

Work as a group

Get some neighbours involved in the planning and work out what needs to be done – invitations, publicity, food, nametags, balloons, and cleaning up. Get children involved – they love a party!

Invite your neighbours

Download the printable resource kit from our website (www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) and use as invites, flyers and information. Just add the time, place and contact details. Decide the best way to invite your neighbours. Knocking on the door and handing them an invitation is a nice personal touch but you could pop it in the letterbox or come back later if they are not home.

Contact your council

We would love you to register your details with us so that we know how many Neighbour Day events are being organised in Warringah. We will also be able to contact you about future Neighbour Day events. Email details of your event to: haynen@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Promote your event

Let your News Community Media or regional newspaper know your plans – they might write a story or take a photograph. Tune into ABC Local Radio for tips and talkback on great neighbourly activities near you. Encourage work colleagues, family and friends to have their own event or join in on Facebook.

Some suggestions on how to celebrate Neighbour Day are listed overleaf, but you may have some great ideas of your own!

