

Your Neighbours Day get-together



1. Break the ice

Think of who lives near you. Is there someone you already know? If you don't know any neighbours, give door-knocking a go, drop a Neighbours Card with your contact details in their letterbox, or speak to a couple of neighbours when you see them.

You'll find it easier and more fun to do the mahi with someone else, so invite your neighbours to organise activities or events with you. Two people are enough to start, so keep at it and don't give up!



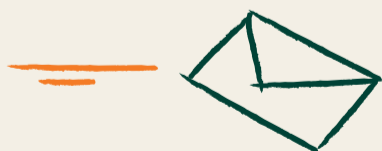
2. Decide what kind of get-together you'd like to have

Every neighbourhood is different. Think about what kind of gathering could work and brainstorm ideas with your neighbours. A potluck dinner, games night, picnic, craft session or working bee - whatever suits your community best!

Make sure the activities you choose are accessible and comfortable for everyone. For more suggestions, head to wellington.govt.nz/neighboursday

3. Choose the time and place

Set a date that fits into your neighbours' schedules and pick a suitable location. If you live on a cul-de-sac, the end of the street is an ideal place to gather. Does your apartment building have a rec room, café or park nearby? Do you or one of your neighbours have space to host people?



4. Create invitations

To make things easy, we've created a range of free templates and resources to help you promote your event.

Printed poster templates and invitation cards can be found at your local Community Centre, and digital poster templates as well as social media banners can be downloaded from wellington.govt.nz/neighbours-day

Make sure your invitations have details including the time, date, location, activities and what your neighbours could bring. If you're feeling creative, try making your own! Get your tamariki involved in the design.

5. Spread the word

Distribute flyers, event cards or posters around your neighbourhood. Follow this up by going door-to-door as people will be more likely to attend if you meet face-to-face.

Neighbourly, Facebook, WhatsApp, and Eventfinda are great ways to spread the word online. Whether your event has a city wide appeal or a smaller more local focus, hop over to wcc.govt.nz/neighboursday and register it using the appropriate link.

If some of your neighbours have limited English, try to find other ways to communicate and include them - it's important to make everyone feel welcome.

6. Get everyone involved

Stay in touch with neighbours who are helping you and divide tasks to share the load. Swap phone numbers or create an online group to coordinate things more easily.

7. Send out a reminder

A few days before the event, put a simple reminder note in your neighbours' letterboxes or send out a message on social media.



8. Be a good host

Arrive early to set up and welcome people. Look out for neighbours who don't know anyone and do your best to make everyone feel welcome. Name tags (with house numbers) can be a great help.

9. Capture the moment

Take pictures and record videos from your event to share them with your neighbours. You can post them on your social media pages (make sure to get permission) to re-live the fun! Use the hashtag #wellynextdoor to share your event with other neighbourhoods.

10. Keep in touch

Try to keep the neighbourly connections going - start thinking about your next activity and encourage others to do the same. You and your neighbours could take turns at being a 'street/building coordinator' to help keep momentum - or you could form a community support group.

For more info

The kaupapa of Neighbours Day Aotearoa is to encourage people to connect with their neighbours and communities.

The initiative is not about big events, it's about celebrating regular day-to-day connections and encouraging people to plan their own activity or get-together in every street, country road or apartment building.

Why is it important?

Isolation is an increasing challenge in New Zealand communities. We believe that through fostering a sense of Whanaukatanga and Manakitanga, our neighbourhoods can be safer, more resilient, and all-round happier places to be.

Well-being

Connecting with others in our community creates a sense of belonging and inclusion which in turn makes us happier and healthier.

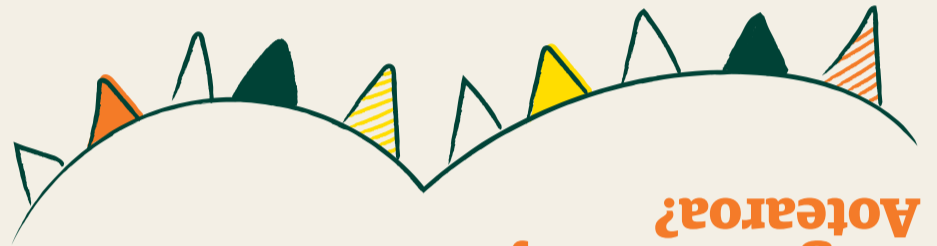
Resilience

We can be better prepared for emergencies and recover more quickly when we know our neighbourhoods and can ask for, as well as offer, help.

Safety

Looking out for and supporting one another promotes trust and helps create safer neighbourhoods.

What is Neighbours Day Aotearoa?



connect
share
support



Your guide to planning a get-together

Know your neighbours

How can I get involved?



Connect

- Say 'kia ora' to those living near you
- Organise a fun gathering or activity for your street or apartment building*
- Join or form a Neighbourhood Support group (check neighbourhood support.co.nz to get started)

*Turn over the page for our simple 10-step guide to planning your own Neighbours Day get-together.

Share

- Share leftover fruit and veggies
- Start your own community garden
- Hand down your tamariki's clothes to other kids on the street

- Start a neighbourhood library of tools and equipment you're happy to share
- Offer to feed your neighbours pets when they go away

- Share aroha and support in times of need

Prepare & support

- Exchange contact details with your neighbours
- Make an emergency plan and agree on a meeting point
- Make a list of resources with your neighbours

- Check out the Wellington City Council Neighbourhood resources on our website at wellington.govt.nz/neighbours

on preparing for an emergency, head to the Get Prepared website: getprepared.nz

Need some help with our use of te reo Māori?

Kaupapa	Purpose
Whanaungatanga	Relationship/connection
Manakitanga	Kindness/hospitality/support
Kia ora	Hello
Tamariki	Children
Aroha	Love
Mahi	Work

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