

Everybody Needs Good Neighbours



St Kilda, Vic



Belgrave, Vic



North Adelaide, SA



Hilton, WA

The Street by Street Project

Turning streets into communities and fostering an Australia-wide network of neighbour groups

The Street by Street Project is here to help people build better connections with neighbours, so that more of us can feel a sense of community. We'd like to see connecting with neighbours become the norm across Australia, and for people to feel happier, safer and more supported as a result.

How do we do this?

We support people to connect with their neighbours by providing free resources – ideas, examples, tools, encouragement and support. We do this over the phone and email and through our website.

What happens when neighbours connect?

As neighbours get to know one another through simple, regular social gatherings, they find common interests. People help one another, friendships may form, kids find playmates, matters affecting the area are shared and the group may take on projects of interest to members.

What is the nature of a Street by Street group?

Street by Street groups are welcoming, informal, fun and independent. They are for neighbours that live close to each other, perhaps one long street or a handful of streets, not an entire suburb. Regular social activities are central for a sense of community to develop. All other activities are optional. Participants are not volunteers, they are people in an informal relationship with their neighbours, as neighbours.

Who makes this happen?

We call the people who initiate and take organising roles Community Connectors. Anyone with an interest in turning their streets into a community can do this. While one person may kick things off, it's great to share the role amongst two or more people. Existing neighbour groups can join with us. Services, government and businesses can support the project in various ways.

What do Community Connectors do?

If you were a Connector, you would decide what area you will include and letter drop an invitation to your neighbours to a simple social gathering at a café, park, home or other venue (you can use our sample). It's as simple as that. You'll meet some wonderful people who will be keen to continue and you'll discover some common interests (related to where you live or not).

What support do we give our Community Connectors?

We'll talk with you and give you advice and support along the way. The Street by Street website provides a range of helpful resources including: examples of inspiring community groups, activity ideas, links to great resources, samples and other tools you can use. Connectors are part of a national network.

What people are saying about Street by Street...

"I was new to Melbourne and I thought becoming a Community Connector would be a great way to meet people. We had 29 neighbours come along to our first get-together at a local cafe. The group had lots of great ideas for what we can do as a neighbour group." Community Connector, St Kilda Neighbours Group, Vic.

"Our neighbourhood get togethers have included a progressive dinner, street clean-ups, a cake bake-off and a shared backyard garden blitz. They are informal, fun and most of all have helped us feel more connected as a community". Community Connector, Hilton Neighbours Group, WA.

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