

MEET your Street

GUIDE



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Meet Your Street aims to support residents to hold neighbourhood events or activities as a way for neighbours to interact and engage with each other.

Why Meet Your Street?

- » Knowing your neighbours helps create an atmosphere of trust, safety, belonging and social connection in the local community
- » It can improve your health and wellbeing. Better social connection is recognised as a key way to maintain good mental and physical health
- » It helps with safety and crime prevention, so you know who lives where and who to call on in case of emergencies
- » And lastly, it could be fun and you could make some new friends!



Ideas to connect with your neighbours

There are many ways to meet
and connect with your neighbours:

- » Organise a street garage sale
- » Share home grown produce such as lemons with your neighbours
- » Start a dog walking group
- » Organise a street clean up
- » Get creative and decorate your house number or letterboxes together
- » Start a neighbourhood library
- » Have a games night





- » Get connected – start a Facebook or WhatsApp group for your street
- » Bake something to share with your neighbours like cake or muffins
- » Hold a cultural feast – share food from different cultures
- » Organise a friendly game of street cricket
- » Celebrate cultural events such as decorating your street with Christmas lights or lanterns for Chinese New Year or creating a Halloween trail in your street.



Simple actions to be a better neighbour

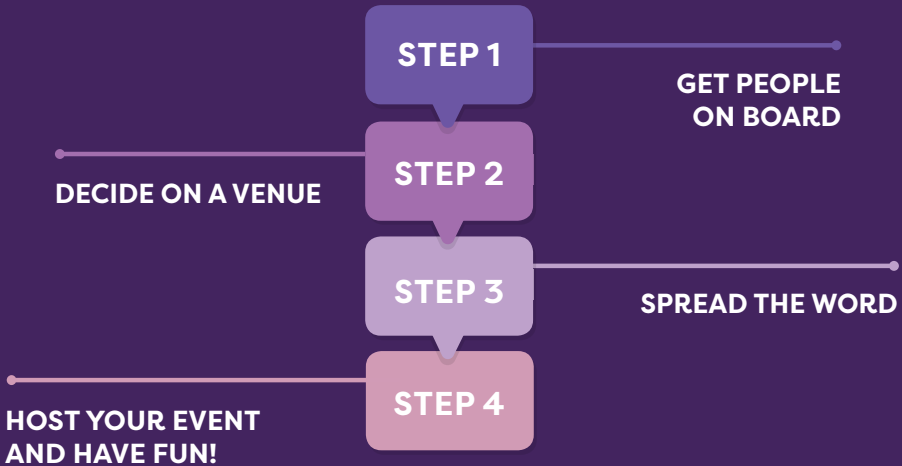
- » Start simply: say hello when you see your neighbours – a smile and a wave can go a long way
- » Swap contact details with your neighbours
- » Consider others who live around you. Avoid keeping others awake with loud music and barking dogs
- » Mow your lawns and maintain your property
- » Offer to take in your neighbour's rubbish bin
- » Share cuttings from your garden
- » Offer to collect the mail while your neighbour is away

- » Share resources e.g. garden tools, lawnmowers, slow cookers
- » Collect the newspapers and deliver it to their front door
- » Look out for elderly neighbours during extreme weather conditions like heatwaves.



Get your neighbours together by hosting a Meet Your Street event

4 STEPS TO MEET YOUR STREET



Hosting a Meet Your Street event will bring your neighbours together to meet each other, have fun or maybe work together on a common activity.

STEP 1

GET PEOPLE ON BOARD

Talk to your neighbours and see if there is interest in holding a Meet Your Street event. You may also find some neighbours are willing to help with organising the event.

Some of your neighbours may not speak the same language as you, so try to find ways to communicate and include them as this will help everyone feel welcome and part of the neighbourhood.

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STEP 2

DECIDE ON A VENUE

» Private space: You could hold your event in a private space such as a driveway, backyard, front lawn or shared space around flats or apartments. Check with your insurance company to ensure your household cover is adequate for this type of event

- » Halls for Hire: Monash has halls that can be used by the community. Contact Monash Halls hire team to arrange bookings on 9518 3684, halls@monash.vic.gov.au or visit www.monash.vic.gov.au for more information
- » Non-Council facilities: Facilities such as Guide and Scout Halls, Sporting Clubs, School Halls or Church Halls could be suitable for your event. You can contact the facility manager directly to arrange bookings



- » Parks and reserves: Monash has a range of reserves and parks that are great spaces to hold events. Many of them offer facilities such as shelter, seating, barbecues and toilets. Visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/parks for more information
- » On your street: You can apply to Council for an Event Permit to temporarily close your street to traffic to host a Street Party. There is no cost for this permit. For more information read [Council's Street Party Guide](#).



Expression of interest

If your event is a Street Party or held in a park or reserve, an Expression of Interest form must be completed to determine if an Event Permit is required

Visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/Planning-Event for more information



STEP 3

SPREAD THE WORD

- » Invite your neighbours face-to-face as people will feel more comfortable coming along if they have already met you. Council has developed a **sample invitation** to use or you can design your own
- » Be clear about the start and finish times. An event of two hours duration during daylight hours should suit most people
- » Be inclusive and invite everyone on your street. They may not all come but at least they will feel included
- » Give people at least 3 weeks' notice before the event and ask people to RSVP so you know how many people are coming
- » Put a reminder in your neighbours' letterboxes a few days before the event
- » Let people know what they can bring, such as chairs, food, sporting equipment, music or games.

STEP 4**HOST YOUR EVENT
AND HAVE FUN!**

- » Provide neighbours with nametags and include their street number and the number of years they have lived on the street
- » Monash is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Australia with almost half of our residents born overseas. Invite people who speak another language to teach everyone to say

“hello” in their preferred language. This helps to break down any language barriers and encourages neighbours to say hello when they next see each other

- » You may want to encourage everyone to share their contact details on a neighbourhood contact sheet to help you stay in touch. It could also be useful during an emergency.



Go green - tips for hosting sustainable events

- » Ask people to bring their own crockery and cutlery and provide sustainable alternatives to plastic straws
- » Ensure there are recycling and organic waste collection bins
- » Avoid using balloons. When released outdoors balloons can end up in our waterways, oceans and parklands and cause damage to our environment and wildlife. Instead decorate with bunting, paper pompoms or streamers.

For more information on Meet Your Street visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/MeetYourStreet



Street Parties are a fun and popular way to bring neighbours together.

Monash Council has developed a Street Party Guide with information on what is required to organise a Street Party and useful tips. Visit www.monash.vic.gov.au to download the guide or contact Council's Community Event Officer by email at events@monash.vic.gov.au or phone 9518 3636 for more information.

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Italiano	9321 5483	Italian
हिंदी	7005 3000	Hindi
Việt Ngữ	9321 5487	Vietnamese
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