



Community Guide to Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Turning Streets into Neighbourhoods:
Atawhaingia te Pa harakeke

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is a great way to boost your local efforts in building awesome Kiwi communities.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is a community-led initiative encouraging Kiwis to take the time to build stronger connections in their street during the last weekend of March (24-25 March 2012).

Get your community going strong with Neighbours Day Aotearoa:

1. **Lead by example** –take part in Neighbours Day where you live and encourage others to take part too!
2. **Promote** Neighbours Day Aotearoa: In your newsletters, on notice boards, through associated websites, on Twitter and Facebook; at public events, in community signage, street banners.
3. **Share local stories** –tell and celebrate the stories from great local neighbourhoods for others to learn from.
4. **Connect, cooperate and collaborate** with local groups, organisations and individuals, to build a local Neighbours Day Network – these connections can create other ways to work better together.
5. **Initiate** a Neighbours Day Planning meeting if no one else has – get lots of local groups together and invite your Community Board or Council too (suggestions below for who to invite).



Ideas to start with...

- Create Awards for your Street or Neighbourhood - recognise great neighbours in the lead up or following Neighbours Day on the last weekend of March.
- Visit the [Ideas and Tools](#) tab at www.neighboursday.org.nz and download the [Neighbours Pack](#).
- Think about how you'd most like to connect with your neighbourhood: street barbeques, bake offs, sharing vegetables or seedlings or favourite recipes, street clean-ups, kids sports days, clothes swaps....
- GETTING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER – who can you connect with?:
 - Marae or Iwi, Maori Wardens
 - Civil Defence
 - Neighbourhood Support
 - Resident groups & associations
 - Community Constable
 - Business Associations
 - Schools and Early Childhood Education centres
 - Churches
 - Social service agencies, residential care homes
 - RSA, clubs, sports and workingmens clubs
 - Local newspaper and radio station
 - Lions, Rotary, other Service Clubs
 - Transition Towns, community garden groups
 - Community organisations such as - Community House, Citizens Advice Bureau, Council of Social Services, R.E.A.P, Country Women's Institute.
 - Plus anyone you know who is inspired by the Neighbours Day kaupapa!

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Neighbours Day Aotearoa is championed by Lifewise, Inspiring Communities, Mental Health Foundation of NZ, and Neighbourhood Support NZ. To contact the Neighbours Day Development Team email: kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz