

Ten things that you can do to get to know your neighbours better

1. Start simple - introduce yourself to your neighbours, invite them over for a cup of coffee or bring over something to share, like a cake you have baked.
2. Hold a street party - a simple BBQ or afternoon tea. Even better if you get a couple of your neighbours involved to help organise it.
3. Ask to borrow and offer to lend - be it books, tools or a cup of sugar, sharing not only builds relationships, it also reduces consumption and saves money - win, win, win!
4. Turn your front yard into your backyard - or simply spend more time outside where you are more visible and approachable. Having a vege patch, barbequing or simply having some seating out the front are great ways to connect with your neighbours.
5. Get connected - set up a street or neighbourhood Facebook page, or create a space where you can regularly meet to swap news and stories.
6. Organise a street activity - maybe you want to beautify your street, start a book club, hold a movie night, a DIY party - the choices are endless - as long as it is an activity you can do with your neighbours you are making your neighbourhood stronger.
7. Go for more walks and bike rides - an easy way to get to know your neighbours with added health benefits.
8. Buy and shop locally - take it one step further and get to know your neighbourhood - you are more likely to bump into other community members and you will be supporting your local economy.
9. Do something for your neighbour - be it bringing in the bins, mowing their front lawn or babysitting the kids; when we do things for each other we build trust.
10. Join a local club or organisation - another simple way to get to know your neighbourhood and become friends with people who live nearby.

It is a well known fact that neighbourhoods where people know each other are safer and residents are more willing to help one another. Neighbours can be a great source of help and support. Getting to know the people who live around you is also an easy way to discover and connect with the many assets of your neighbourhood. Here is a list of ten things you can do to get to know your neighbours better and in the process build healthy, strong and safe communities where everyone benefits.



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About All We Need Is Right Here

From High Wycombe to Pickering Brook, Hacketts Gulley to Wattle Grove, the Shire of Kalamunda is full of amazing and diverse people, groups, places and things. All We Need Is Right Here is an asset based community development organisation operating within the communities of the Shire of Kalamunda. Our Mission is to discover, connect, act upon and celebrate all of our unique assets, resources and opportunities within our communities and in the process create healthy, connected and inclusive streets and neighbourhoods.

So what exactly do we do ?

As an organisation, we are here to help community members instigate projects by connecting them with the local assets that will enable them to get a project off the ground. Be it through auspicing, pointing them in the right direction, providing practical advice or simply just some support, we can help make your community project dream a reality.

For more information and to check out our current initiatives, visit www.allweneedisrighthere.org



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