

Bundey Street Get Together

21 JANUARY 2017



A relaxed afternoon meeting neighbours

The summer sun shone brightly, tables were full of food, picnic rugs and chairs filled the grass and the most important part, our neighbours filled the garden with excited chatter about memories from years ago, plans for the future and laughter for finding things you have in common.

What: A neighbour get together, everyone invited

When: Saturday 21 January 2017 | 3pm - 5pm
(drop-in anytime)

Where: In the front garden of 5 Bundey Street,
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Who: 25 neighbours including adults and children
from 5 months to 80 years old.

Invitations: Sarah designed the invitations, Campbelltown Council printed them, Sarah, Janett and Russ hand delivered them to all neighbours on Bundey Street 1 1/2 weeks ahead of the event. The invitations had a contact email address which a number of neighbours who couldn't attend used, rsvp was not requested as we wanted to keep things casual.

Food: Mini home made burgers, lettuce, tomato and condiments, watermelon and carrots and humus, able to be purchased using a \$50 food land voucher from Campbelltown Council.

The atmosphere was joyful, everyone commented on how grateful they were that the get together event was organised and many said they had been thinking about a similar event for a while.

Other details: We had a sign-in/ leave your details sheet, bubbles for the children, bocce ball game, a shade marquee and umbrella, a welcome sign at the front fence and inside the garden, BBQs borrowed from Campbelltown Council, paper plates, glasses, an eski, paper towel, picnic rug, chairs and long tables. and name tags.

Tips for others wanting to host a similar event:

- Hosts welcome and greet neighbours as they arrive
- Healthy nibbles and shared platters are better than a lot of food
- Seating is important
- Take photos
- Games and activities for children
- Write house number on name tag
- Thank neighbours for coming through a small note in their letter box and include some photos of the day, hand deliver to all neighbours
- Relax and have fun, introduce your neighbours to each other
- Think about who will host the next get together and when