



NEIGHBOUR DAY GATHERING PARADISE

SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 2024

Neighbour Day is Australia's yearly celebration of community, focusing on strengthening connections with our neighbours. In 2024, Campbelltown Council supported residents to host their own Neighbour Day Gatherings.

This is their story.

We asked neighbours to bring food to share and we set up street games for both kids and adults.

I welcomed everyone as they arrived, I explained my 'Birthday Drive' idea and recorded names, birthdates and addresses. I am going to make sure everyone gets a birthday note or card in their letterbox because I think making people feel special can be life changing - sometimes that's all it takes because you never know what someone is going through.

I have been in Australia 4 years and want to build a sense of community because I didn't have that where I grew up. I think there are lots of immigrants who don't feel a part of anything when they move here - if you are welcomed, then you can feel you are part of something.

"I have never done anything like this before and it was easier than I thought - I approached neighbours and they were willing to help"

"A lot of people want to be part of a community but just don't know how to do it - and not everybody knows they can do stuff like that - that it is allowed"

"Now when I walk the dogs down the street I know who our neighbours are and I know their names - it is so important to feel like you are part of a community"

