



# GOOD NEIGHBOUR



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is a Good Neighbour event?

A Good Neighbour event is a way to get to know your neighbours and build stronger community connections in your neighbourhood.

It can be any kind of informal gathering hosted by you, where you and your neighbours get together in your local park or other public places. It might include food, games or special activities, but that's up to you!

Ideas for Good Neighbour events include:

- A picnic in the park
- A barbeque
- A morning or afternoon tea
- A neighbourhood football game
- A street party

Remember it's best to invite everyone in your street so you don't exclude or isolate anyone. Even if there are neighbours you don't know, it can be a good opportunity to meet some new people.

### Who can host a Good Neighbour event?

Anyone who lives in the Penrith local government area and is over 18 years of age can host an event.

### Why host a Good Neighbour event?

When people know each other and have positive relationships with their neighbours, they are more likely to feel and be safe in their own community, to have less neighbourhood disputes, less social isolation and a stronger sense of trust and belonging in their own community.

### What can Council do to help me host my event?

We can provide you with a Good Neighbour kit to help you plan and prepare for your event. This includes:

- 30 blank invitations
- A 3m x 3m gazebo
- A teardrop banner with the words "Good Neighbour" printed on it
- A variety of outdoor games and sports equipment

*Please note: Council staff do not plan or attend your event.*

## Can there be alcohol at my event?

Penrith City Council recommends you make it an alcohol-free event. You may want to include this on your invitations.

If your neighbours choose to bring alcohol, make sure your chosen location is not an alcohol-free zone. See our Community Safety webpage [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/services/health-safety/community-safety](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/services/health-safety/community-safety) for a full list of alcohol-free zones in Penrith.

Persons under 18 years of age are not allowed access to alcohol. Be aware of the penalties of supplying alcohol to minors.

## What do I bring to my event?

- Your Good Neighbour kit, including:
  - A 3m x 3m gazebo
  - A teardrop banner with the words "Good Neighbour" printed on it
  - A variety of outdoor games and sports equipment
- You may choose to ask your neighbours to bring one or more of the following:
  - A plate of food or drinks to share
  - Picnic rug or chairs
  - Their hat and sunscreen
  - Their friends
- Other items you may want to bring:
  - A first aid kit
  - Mosquito repellent
  - A Bluetooth speaker to play music
  - Additional shade shelters
  - Tables

## What am I responsible for at a Good Neighbour event?

It is your responsibility to ensure all rubbish and recycling at your event is responsibly disposed of.

The host will be responsible for collecting and returning all loan equipment to Council's Civic Centre at 601 High Street, Penrith within three business days after the event.

Council is not liable for any loss or damage that arises out of anyone's participation in the Good Neighbour event.

