

# Neighbours Day- CPIF Specialist Stream Application Form 2025/2026

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### What is Neighbour Day?

\* indicates a required field

#### Overview

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community connection, held on the last Sunday in March — **29 March 2026**. It is a call to action for people everywhere to connect with one another in simple, meaningful ways.

Research shows that strong community connections:

- increase a sense of belonging
- improve wellbeing
- reduce loneliness
- build resilient communities

**The 2026 theme is 'Belonging Every Day'**. This theme encourages small, everyday acts of connection — a wave, a chat, or sharing a cuppa — that help create inclusive and welcoming communities. In 2026, we challenge communities not only to create and share belonging, but to **grow it through empathy, inclusion, and compassion**.

Greater Shepparton City Council invites **Community Planning Groups and Community Asset Committees** to apply for funding to deliver local Neighbour Day events.

#### Important:

Funded projects must take place between **July and December 2026**. Applications outside this timeframe may be considered at Council's discretion.

This round is intended to be a quick response funding opportunity.

#### Conditions

This funding stream is **exclusively available** to:

- Community Planning Groups
- Community Asset Committees

Council strongly encourages **collaboration and partnerships** that increase participation and community impact.

#### When applying, please consider:

- How will your event be inclusive and welcoming to all community members?
- How will you actively invite participation from local organisations, groups, and residents?
- How does your event align with placemaking principles and an **Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)** approach?

**Further information:** Please contact your Community Development Officer or **Megan Whittaker - Community Development Coordinator at** [megan.whittaker@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:megan.whittaker@shepparton.vic.gov.au)

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### Guidelines

Please read the Specialist Stream Guidelines - Community Plan Implementation Fund located on Council's website [here](#).

### Application Funding

#### Funding available

○ Funds up to \$1,500.00 to support a Neighbour Day Event.

Please refer to the below for some options for you to consider-

#### Exact Amount of Funds applied for \*

Must be a dollar amount.

### Neighbour Day Project Options

In 2025, six communities were successful, including Murchison, Merrigum, Dookie, Dhurringile, Tallygaroopna and Shepparton East. Events included:

- community dinners
- movie nights
- clean-up days and barbecues
- family-friendly activities and celebrations

Council welcomes **creative, locally driven ideas** that reflect the interests and strengths of your community. You may draw inspiration from past events or propose a new and innovative idea.

Community Development Officers are available to support groups to refine project ideas where needed.

### Community Planning Group or Community Asset Committees details

#### Name of Community Planning Group or Asset Committee \*

Organisation Name

#### Contact Person \*

First Name

Last Name

#### Position \*

#### Phone Number \*

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Must be an Australian phone number.

**Email \***

Must be an email address.

## Proposed Event Details

**Neighbours Day Event Name \***

Please outline details of what your proposed neighbour day event will be.

**Start Date \***

Must be a date.

**Description of proposed event. \***

Please outline a comprehensive description of your Neighbour Day event, emphasising the event's distinguished attributes, community-centric ambiance, and the array of engaging activities that will foster a sense of unity among neighbours.

**How will this event benefit your small town or neighbourhood? \***

Please outline the benefits your event will bring to our small town or neighbourhood. Consider the positive impact on community bonds, local businesses, and the overall enhancement of the quality of life for residents.

**Will this event be open to all community members? \***

- Yes
- No

At least 1 choice and no more than 1 choice may be selected.

If No, please explain how inclusivity will still be promoted within your target group.

## Budget/Expenditure Breakdown

How will the funds be allocated / spent?

Complete to the best of your ability with the details you have.

**Expenditure**

**\$**

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## Budget Totals

### Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

## Partnerships

Applications will be assessed favorably to those groups who demonstrate community partnerships with other Community Groups and organisations.

### Will there be any community partnerships involved? \*

- Yes  
 No

At least 1 choice and no more than 1 choice may be selected.

## Partner contact details

Please enter the details of any partner organisations/groups.

Organisation name	Contact person	Contact details

## Payment details

If your application is successful Council will need to know who to pay the funds to.

### Is your Community Planning Group or Asset Committee incorporated? \*

- Yes  
 No

At least 1 choice and no more than 1 choice may be selected.

## Incorporation information

### Incorporation Number

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### Applicant ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	<a href="#">More information</a>
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

### Auspice Organisation details

If your Community Planning Group or Asset Committee is not incorporated, you will need to arrange an organisation or group that is able to auspice your project.

This means they will receive the funds for you.

### Auspice organisation name

Organisation Name

### Authorised person's name

First Name

Last Name

### Position within auspice organisation

### Auspice Organisation's Address

Address

  

### Phone Number

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## Auspice organisation's incorporation number

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