

COMMUNITY EVENT
Street party fun in the city for neighbours

A FREE street party to celebrate national Neighbour Day will be in Eliza St in the city this Sunday.
There will be live music for local artists as well as residents, community and food stalls, a fundraising message strike, face painting and children's arts and crafts.

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, which aims to bring together the people next door, across the street or neighbouring suburbs.
Urban Communities is organising the Eliza Street Party in partnership with Hello Yes Café, Adelaide City Council and Relationships Australia SA services.

"Neighbour Day is important because knowing your neighbours creates a greater sense of community safety," Relationships Australia SA senior educator Deanna Robinson said.

"This is something that young people and children need in order to grow and flourish."
The free street party will be at the corner of Eliza and Weymouth streets, Adelaide on Sunday, March 29, from 11am-5pm.



Irene Cawkwell and her two dogs, Charlie and Molly getting ready to collect rubbish. PICTURE: NICK CLAYTON

Irene's daily rubbish run

Elizabeth Henson

TAKE a drive down Bayview Parade, Gullview Heights, and you will find it neat, tidy and rubbish-free - thanks in part to the dedication of one of its residents, Irene Cawkwell and her two dogs, Charlie and Molly, who go for a walk twice daily and while they are getting fit they also do their bit for the community.

"Armed with a white carrier bag, Mrs Cawkwell picks up any rubbish that has been dumped in the street to keep it looking presentable."
"Somebody has to do it," Mrs Cawkwell says.



The campaign is sponsored by Credit Union SA.

Messenger Community Newspapers is also on the hunt for Adelaide's Best Neighbour.

The winner will receive \$1000 cash and five runners-up will get \$200 each each, thanks to Credit Union SA.

Credit Union SA chief executive Grant Strathbridge said the campaign was a perfect way for people to meet new neighbours and share stories of inspiration, and innovation.

"What makes it so meaningful to live in Adelaide is being surrounded by such a

strong community spirit and knowing that there are people who will willingly lend a hand - whether that is mowing an elderly neighbour's garden, volunteering in the school canteen or supporting the senior walking group," he said.

In Mrs Cawkwell's case, she helps keep her street clean by picking up rubbish, mostly fast food wrappers, from fast-food outlets and kebab.

"I just got on my nerves," she said. "I used to think, how can people do it?"

"It's not just our streets - it's all over the state."

To nominate a good neighbour, like Mrs Cawkwell, complete the online form at advertiser.com.au/lyn You can also write to us at Know Your Neighbour competition, Messenger Marketing, GPO Box 208, Adelaide, 5000. Make sure you include your contact details and tell us why your neighbour should win.

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