



# Street Mates Mandurah

## Neighbour Resource Pack

# **This pack contains:**

- How and Why to be a Street Mate
- Stories from Mandurah Neighbourhoods
  - Useful Contacts
  - Handy Resources



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How and why to be a Street Mate

# How To Get Street Mates Ready

- Find one or two neighbours willing to help organise - consider forming a committee. It will make it easier to plan more events!
- Send out a flyer/invites explaining what you're planning to do, who is invited, and encourage their input and participation.
- Get the kids involved - handing out flyers, posting invites. It's fun! But always under adult supervision.
- Decide what kind of party you want to host - a picnic in the park? A BBQ? Pot luck (everyone bring a plate)? Catered (everyone chip in)?
- Utilise resources such as 'Community Dishes'. Keep it eco-friendly.
- If it's the first time your neighbours are coming together, keep it small - allow time to chat and make connections.
- Street Parties are usually for residents only- refrain from publicising the event on broader social media sites.
- Don't go overboard - you have to have fun too!





# Reasons to Host a Street Mate Event

- To help with safety - find out who lives where and establish each others schedules.
- To have fun! No excuse or reason is needed to celebrate
- To know and recognise your neighbours and where they live
- To meet new friends who can share gardening tips, feed your cats when you're away, lend you that needed ingredient, or even keep hold of your spare house key (where appropriate)
- Make new connections, friendships, and reduce social isolation in your community
- To create a sense of belonging in your community



# Street Mates Improve Neighbour Safety

- Exchanging details makes it easier to get in touch if something seems 'off' with your neighbours property
- Elderly neighbours, or those living alone, will feel safer knowing that someone is looking out for them
- If you or your neighbours are going away, you can mow each others lawns, pick up each others newspapers, and collect each others mail. If you're comfortable, you could even exchange keys and turn lights on in the evening!
- Taking pride in your yard and encouraging your neighbours to do the same helps deter crime. Those with green fingers can offer to help those who struggle in the garden
- Consider creating a neighbourhood 'chat group'. This can be used for sharing 'real time' information on matters as they occur in your street



# CRIME PREVENTION

## How to protect your home



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### 1. Natural Surveillance

- Are trees and shrubs trimmed to avoid being used as potential hiding places?
- If you have a fence at the front of your home, does it allow clear views?
- Do you have working sensor lights at the front of your house?

### 2. Access control

- Do you always lock your doors & windows, even when you are home?
- Are your bins secured so they cannot be used as a climbing aid?

### 3. Emphasising ownership

- Does your property have clearly defined boundaries?
- Is your house number visible from the street?
- Do you show signs that an alarm system is in use?

### 4. Security measures

- Do you have a dog?
- Do you have a security alarm or CCTV?
- Do you have security screens on doors and windows?

### 5. Management and maintenance

- Do you report all graffiti to the City of Mandurah?
- Is your yard tidy and free from litter at all times?
- Are all trees and shrubs surrounding your property maintained?

### 6. Neighbours

- Do you have a good relationship with your neighbours who can look out for your property when you aren't home?

## WHO TO CALL?

Non-urgent police attendance:  
131 444

Emergencies: 000

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

### Graffiti & faulty or broken street lights

Prompt removal of graffiti helps discourage vandals. Report all graffiti and broken or faulty street lights to the City of Mandurah

**P:** 9550 3777

**E:** [council@mandurah.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@mandurah.wa.gov.au)



**Embrace a Space**

Bring local spaces to life, connect with nature and each other and care for our environment by embracing a space.

Contact Environmental Services for more info 9550 3941.





# Stories from Our Neighbourhood

## Summer Street Party

Our Summer Street Party started a few years ago when there were a few new families moving into the street as a way of getting to know each other.

It is now a regular event that we all look forward to.

In the aftermath of these events we found we are all keeping a look out for each other and sharing safety messages.

We have a much happier neighbourhood and a safer street for our kids to play on as a result of forming these neighbourhood bonds.

We have a plumber, a painter, an electrician, a mechanic, a paramedic, a lawyer, a lawn mower, a home brew enthusiast, a bbq enthusiast and a crayfisher in our street so most of our essential needs are covered too.

- *Jeremy A*



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# Stories from Our Neighbourhood

## Seascapes 'Nice Neighbour Award'

In early 2020 Seascapes Community Association aimed to create a connected community by encouraging people to nominate a neighbour who had made a difference to their day.

The winner is celebrated with a \$20 voucher for our local IGA - so we're supporting local business too!

We share the winner's story on our Seascapes Residents Facebook and Instagram pages, so that their efforts can be recognised across the community, and inspire others to be a 'nice neighbour'.

Other initiatives we have run as a community are clean-up events, Easter Egg hunts, movie in the park, Halloween disco, kids colouring competition (popular during COVID) and ANZAC poppy making.



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# Stories from Our Neighbourhood

## Street Meet & Greet

Our first Christmas Street Meet & Greet couldn't have gone better!

All the kids played with the water pistols, slip and slide, cricket, giant draughts and footy.

The adults all mingled and got to know each other a little better.

One of our neighbours baked a lovely bacon and egg pie and he even cut out our street name in pastry for decoration!

Another resident cooked up some yummy snags.

- Tenille O





# Stories from Our Neighbourhood

## Party in the Park

We held a Party in the Park, and lots of neighbours came, aged 6 months to 85 years young!

We started to make connections, and even found out that some of us had mutual friends. We have shared recipes and cuisine, played cricket and tug of war, and even realised we have a Scottish expat community.

After hosting our event we all keep an eye out for each other - our kids can go play in the park and we all lookout for them.

Our advice for connecting with neighbours would be:

- Run the idea by your neighbours - get a few interested people together to plan
- Add a personal touch - a nice invitation delivered door to door
- Meet with the Community Development Team to talk about your idea ([cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au))
- Just go for it!



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# **Street Mates Mandurah**

Useful contacts and handy resources



# Useful Contacts

Contact the City of Mandurah to find out more about the following initiatives:

- **Wayfairer Project** - Utilising the skills, experience, talents and interests of adults 50+ who are retired or thinking about retirement
- **Embrace A Space** - An easy to follow, step-by-step guide for community members to use in celebrating and caring for their important spaces.
- **Whats On** - Events, activities and programs running in your community
- **Connecting Neighbours** - Tools and resources to help residents connect with their neighbours

## Other Resources

- **Neighbour Connect** - [neighbourconnect.org.au](http://neighbourconnect.org.au)
- **Neighbour Day** - [neighbourday.org](http://neighbourday.org)
- **Community Dishes** - [communitydishes.org](http://communitydishes.org)
- **Nextdoor** - [au.nextdoor.com](http://au.nextdoor.com)
- **Creating Communities** - [creatingcommunities.com.au](http://creatingcommunities.com.au)
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - [nhw.wa.gov.au](http://nhw.wa.gov.au)
- **Relationships WA** - [relationships.org.au](http://relationships.org.au)
- **Buy Nothing Project** - [buynothingproject.org](http://buynothingproject.org)

**Contact our Community Development Officers for more info**  
[cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au) email



# Neighbour Bingo

Let's find out what connects us by finding a neighbour who...

<b>Plays soccer</b>	<b>Doesn't drink coffee</b>	<b>Loves to read</b>	<b>Can juggle</b>
<b>Likes spicy food</b>	<b>Has a dog</b>	<b>Has twins in their family</b>	<b>Loves to sing</b>
<b>Is left- handed</b>	<b>Was born in October</b>	<b>Skipped brekkie</b>	<b>Plays guitar</b>
<b>Was born abroad</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Doesn't eat meat</b>	<b>Goes to a gym</b>
<b>Loves to eat cheese</b>	<b>Is a footie fan</b>	<b>Speaks 2+ languages</b>	<b>Grew up in WA</b>

# Sample Invites

**You are invited to our Street Mates Event!**



**What:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact** \_\_\_\_\_ **for more info**

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# Name Labels

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**THIS IS HOW WE  
DO COMMUNITY!**

**#StreetMatesMandurah**

# **I'm a Selfie Sign!**

**Hold me up and take a pic to share with your neighbours or put on social media**

**(you should always get permission before sharing photos of other people)**

**Use hashtag #StreetMatesMandurah to show us how you do community**



**Contact us**

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