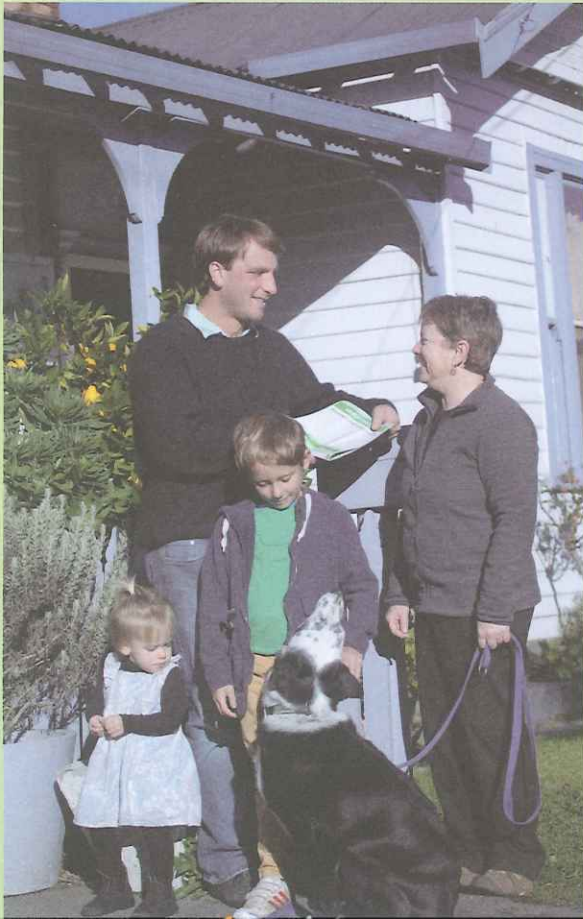


How do I become a host?

- Read through the *Meet the Neighbours* Guidelines in this brochure.
- To download a copy of the Application Form, please visit: www.launceston.tas.gov.au
- You will be contacted by phone or email confirming your Application Form has been received and to answer any questions you may have.
- Prepare the Neighbour Contact Sheet and Neighbourhood Skills and Interests Form for use at your event.

We would like to know about your event and share your good stories/photos. Let us know how successful your event was by email, phone or mail.



For more information, to receive your copy of the Application Form, or to give feedback and ideas please call our Customer Service Centre on 03 6323 3000 or email contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au



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A creative, simple,
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a resilient community
...one person at a time.



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GUIDELINES

Why participate in the Meet the Neighbours Program?

The City of Launceston believes that developing good neighbour relationships is a powerful way to create happier and healthier communities. Neighbourhoods where people know each other are safer and more pleasant to live in, with residents more willing to help one another.

Getting to know the people who live around you is a sure way to find the great people and assets of your community. It starts with little things such as people beginning to share lawn mowers, swapping excess garden harvest, discovering a new friend to go walking with or having someone to call if they need help.

The relationships you build and enjoy with your neighbours outside times of hardship may be the most precious asset you have at times of disaster, another good reason to *Meet the Neighbours*.

People create connected communities through the connections they make as part of their daily life.

Strong and cohesive communities rely on good neighbour relationships.

What is a Meet the Neighbours event?

This Program encourages anyone living in the Launceston municipality to initiate valuable relationships with their neighbours through hosting a small event.

The best reason for organising a *Meet the Neighbours* event, is that you get to know your neighbours better. You can host your event at your house or at the local park. It's up to you - you may like to host a morning tea, afternoon tea, sundowner, a bbq, etc.



The Four Basic Rules:

1. Invite a minimum of five neighbours.
2. At least half of the neighbours you invite need to be people you don't know well.
3. The event must be free to attend.
4. The Neighbour Contact Sheet and the Neighbourhood Skills and Interests Form can be completed at the event and distributed to your event guests to help keep in touch.

What are you provided with?

1. Inside this brochure is the:
 - **Invitation template** - making it easy for you to invite neighbours. Select your guests from neighbours you do not know well, fill in the invitation and drop it in your neighbours' letter box, see what happens!
 - **A Neighbour Contact Sheet** - to fill up and share with all your guests. This list will help you stay in touch. An essential document during times of emergency.
 - **A Neighbourhood Skills and Interests Form** - to record any life/professional skills or interests you and your guests may have. Those skills may come in handy in times of need.
2. We will also provide you with tips to help you organise and run your event.

NEIGHBOUR CONTACT SHEET

Name	Address	Phone	Email

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Meet the Neighbours

Dear Neighbours

You are invited to

On:

At:

RSVP:

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SKILLS AND INTERESTS FORM

Name	Walking	Cooking	Dog walking	Gardening	Collecting	Sustainability	D.I.Y.	Social networking	First Aid Certificate	Trade Certificate	Book club	Other skills or interests

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