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## **Get to know your Neighbours during Neighbourhood Week**

Neighbourhood Week takes place from 24 October – 2 November. The week is a great chance for people to get to know their neighbours.

“Getting to know your neighbours is a good idea,” says Nicola Ogden, Selwyn District Council’s Community Development Team Leader.

“Once you know your neighbours you are able to help each other in an emergency and it can also be a great way to develop new friendships and make your neighbourhood a safer and more caring place to live. You might also discover it has benefits like being able to share backyard equipment, childcare, recipes, transport or help your children to meet new friends next door.”

To support Neighbourhood Week, the Council has small grants available to help fund neighbourhood events. The grants can help contribute to the cost of hosting events like barbeques, picnics, cricket matches, a treasure hunt, or a neighbourhood fun day.

“The grants can be used for events which help people to meet other people in their neighbourhood or get to know them better,” says Nicola.

Last year, over 30 neighbourhood events were held as part of Neighbourhood Week in Selwyn.

Events can be held any time during October or November. The grant is paid after the event has been hosted and receipts must be provided as evidence of expenses.

For ideas about what your neighbourhood event could be and to find out more about the grants visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) or contact Nicola Ogden on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338 or email [nicola.ogden@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:nicola.ogden@selwyn.govt.nz).

Applications for neighbourhood event grants close Friday 21 November 2014.

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