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Getting to know your neighbours is a piece of cake

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is being held again this year on 29 and 30 March. The focus of the weekend is on communities getting to know each other.

“Neighbours Day is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people that you live alongside and help create safer and fun neighbourhoods,” says Selwyn District Council’s Neighbourhood Support and Community Response Coordinator Sue Jenkins. “Getting to know your neighbours can also help you in any type of emergency.”

This year Selwyn residents are also being encouraged to share baking as a way to get to know their neighbours.

‘Neighbouring is a piece of cake’ cards are being sent to Selwyn residents during the weekend of the 22 and 23 March. This is an initiative of The Neighbourhood Project – Te Raranga, supported by Selwyn District Council.

“The idea of the cards is that you can bake a cake and then share a piece with your neighbours and other people on your street or living nearby,” says Mrs Jenkins. “You can take the cards with you as you deliver the cake and ask your neighbours to give you their contact details.

“It’s a great way to both collect your neighbours contact information in case you need their help in the future and also to get to know who’s living in your area and make some new friends.”

Darfield Library is also hosting a range of activities on Saturday 29 March to support Neighbours Day. The library will be open from 9.30am – 12.30pm and people are invited to come along and share morning tea.

Welcome packs will be available for new residents, along with Civil Defence information and a bouncy castle to keep the kids entertained. People can also find out more about, and sign up to, the Selwyn Gets Ready website which help communities to respond to emergencies. The library activities are supported by the Darfield Community Response Team, the Darfield Hub, 2 Rivers Community Trust and Selwyn District Council.

To find out more about Neighbours Day Aotearoa visit www.neighboursday.org.nz. The website has some great ideas and resources to help you plan a Neighbour’s Day event.

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