

Participant Information Sheet

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Project Title: An Evaluation of the Neighbour Day 2020 intervention conducted by Relationships Australia.

General Outline of the Project:

- **Description and Methodology:** Neighbour Day (the last Sunday of March each year) is celebrated in neighbourhoods across Australia with block parties, backyard barbecues, over a cup of tea etc. Since 2014 Relationships Australia has been promoting Neighbour Day awareness campaign and conducting a follow up survey of the event. This year Relationships Australia has again contracted the Australian National University to provide feedback on the Neighbour Day 2020 campaign. The aim of this project is to evaluate the efficacy of the Neighbour Day event in terms of improving neighbourhood perceptions of social cohesion, collective efficacy, the physical environment etc, by analysing data that Relationships Australia is collecting on their website obtained through online surveys.

In order to make these assessments data was collected at two time points (before and after the Neighbour Day event) on survey links advertised on the Relationships Australia website. Participants were members of the Australian public who were interested in hosting or taking action on Neighbour Day 2020. This is the six-month follow up survey, which will provide further insight into your experience living in your neighbourhood and hosting or taking action on Neighbour Day 2020.

In order to make these assessments, data have been collected at three time points (before and after the Neighbour Day 2019 event and then six months later) from approximately 200 Neighbour Day hosts in 2019. This survey is to explore the long term impact of Neighbour Day participation.

Should you consent to participate in the Time 3 follow up survey, please continue onto to the next page to begin the survey. Please provide your contact details so we can link your survey data between Times 1, 2 and 3. You are free to not provide your contact details. You can withdraw from participating at any stage of the study. Should you wish for all or any part of your data to be removed from analysis, please contact a member of the research team.

- **Participants:** Participants have been invited to complete this final survey if they have completed the pre-Neighbour Day survey and/or post-Neighbour Day survey.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The data will be used and presented in a report to Relationships Australia, for presentations at conferences or public talks, in peer-reviewed publication(s) on neighbourhood

effects on community health. Participants will be informed that our findings will be publicly available to them on the Relationships Australia website.

- **Project Funding:** Funding for this evaluation study is provided by Relationships Australia.

Participant Involvement:

- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Please note that participation in the project is voluntary and that you may, without negative consequences or without providing an explanation, decline to take part at any time. You may also refuse to answer or skip any question and may withdraw from participating up until the work is prepared for publication.
- **What does participation in this research entail?** This project will provide further insight into your experiences hosting or taking action on Neighbour Day 2020 and provide valuable feedback to Relationships Australia on how they can improve their promotion of Neighbour Day in the future as well as answer other research questions. We expect that your views on your neighbourhood will improve our understanding of whether interventions that bring local people together can provide any benefits to the community. This knowledge will enhance policy development in the area.
- **Location and Duration:** The following Time 3 questionnaire is designed to provide further insight into your experience living in your neighbourhood and hosting or taking action on Neighbour Day 2020. The questionnaire should not take you more than 15 minutes to complete.
- **Remuneration:** Participants will receive a \$30 shopping voucher for completing this follow-up survey. You will also go into the draw to win one of three \$200 Bunnings vouchers. Survey responses will be identified using the email that you provide.
- **Risks:** Participation in this study should involve no physical or mental discomfort, and no risks beyond those of everyday living. If, however, you should find any question to be invasive or offensive, you are free to omit answering in that aspect of the survey.
- **Benefits:** We expect that your views on your neighbourhood will improve our understanding of whether interventions that bring local people together can provide any benefits to the community. This knowledge will enhance policy development in the area.

Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality:** By submitting the questionnaire, you confirm that you are participating in this project and that your responses can be used in reports and publications. The information you provide will only be accessible to the research team. Confidentiality can only be provided to the extent permitted by law. We will ask for your email address and contact phone number in order to link your Time 1, 2 and 3 responses and send you a reward for completing this survey. Should you provide this information, it will be kept separate to the survey data and responses will only be analysed in the aggregate.

Privacy Notice:

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.



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Data Storage:

- **Where:** Data will be kept electronically on a password protected laptops and available only to those on the project team. We will also securely back up information on ANU servers.
- **How long:** These data will be kept for 5 years from publication.
- **Handling of Data following the required storage period:** After the storage period the data will be deleted.

Queries and Concerns:

- **Contact Details for More Information:** Should you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Dr Tegan Cruwys (tegan.cruwys@anu.edu.au), phone number 02 6125 5023.

Ethics Committee Clearance:

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2016/199). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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