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Neighbour Day Announces Tell Us Your Story Winners!

The Neighbour Day team today announced the winners to the *Tell Us Your Story* competition, with nine winning entries across the country. *Tell Us Your Story* encouraged people to submit a 500 word story about a great neighbour or an extraordinary neighbourly act.

"All the winning entries supported the Neighbour Day ethos of strengthening communities and building better relationships with the people who live around us," Alison Brook, National Executive Officer for Relationships Australia said.

Relationships Australia is the home of Neighbour Day, which is celebrated every year on the last Sunday in March. This year over 70,000 people across the country celebrated Neighbour Day at more than 550 registered events. Many more joined in the fun of community connection at events that didn't register.

The Tell Us Your Story national winner, Emma from South Australia decided that the community she wanted really was at her front door and went about organising a Neighbour Day event for her entire suburb. The longer term result was that the people that attended came up with ways to support the neighbourhood to be more safe, green and vibrantly connected.

Other entries talked about the friendship and care they received from their neighbours; the fun times they shared with people that lived around them, the common projects they worked on together or the strength and safety they felt in a community connection.

To read the winning entries visit us <u>here</u>. The Tell Us Your Story had a combined prize pool of more than \$1,000 in cash prizes.

"Neighbour Day - the community you want starts at your front door."™

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