Neighbours

* Communities that are well connected and supported before a disaster have shown to respond and recover faster following a disaster.
* Connecting with your neighbours and local networks can make a huge difference to the resilience of your community.
* Think about people in your neighbourhood who may need your help, for example:
  + older people living by themselves;
  + people with physical or sensory disabilities;
  + people with a chronic illness or with a mental illness;
  + single parents with young children;
  + large families;
  + people newly arrived, including tourists, refugees or immigrants.
* Talk to your neighbours to identify those who may need assistance – remember that many people value their privacy.
* Make a list of task neighbours can help each other. Does anyone have special skills, such as: medical, technical, trade?
* Plan how the neighbourhood could work together after a disaster.
* Organise a community working bee or driveway dinner barbecue – it's a great way to get to know your neighbours.
* Alternatively, you can do a letter box drop to your neighbors using the [Australian Red Cross ‘Hello Neighbour’ cards](https://www.redcross.org.au/getmedia/4e56da87-456e-4b2b-ba60-18035198752c/NeighbourCard-PUBLIC-A4.pdf).

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