

# Hello NEIGHBOUR

Being practically and emotionally prepared builds resilience.

By connecting with neighbours you can strengthen community ties and bolster resources.

Casually connecting with your neighbours using our “Hello Neighbour” card is as easy as one, two, three...

**1. Simply complete a card for each house on your street / in your immediate vicinity (maybe limit your reach to a dozen).**

- Name: maybe just your first name + other family members if you'd like.
- Location: ie next door, over the road, down the street, behind you – you don't have to be too specific at this stage.
- Contact: mobile phone is probably best, but could be email if you prefer.

**2. Consider what level of connection you would like to enjoy on your street, and what role you would like to play.**

- Shared phone numbers and/or a **Phone Tree**;
- A **WhatsApp** group;
- A **Bushfire Ready Group** (facilitate or be part of); or
- Just touching base about **alternative exit routes** in the event of an emergency (ie utilising private land).

**3. Pop the cards into your neighbours' letterboxes and hopefully the community connection 'magic' will happen!**

If it doesn't happen organically you might need to follow up with a door knock, or street meet event.

If there are a number of people who are interested in connecting, a casual catch-up may be worth considering. This could range from a simple meet-up at one point on the street, to an afternoon tea in someone's front garden, to a BBQ out the back. There are also resources available to assist with hosting a progressive dinner style event with hazard awareness woven in.

Don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

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**LET'S GET READY TOGETHER!**

