



# Street Party

Whether it's a cuppa with a few people or a barbecue for your street, a neighbourhood get together can be a lot of fun!

A street party can be as big or small as you like. You can start by asking a couple of neighbours you know whether they would like to attend a street party and be willing to assist with the organising. Once a date, time and location have been agreed, invite your whole street to your first street party.



## Here are some things you might like to consider in your planning:

- **Set a time and date** – consider sporting commitments and those who may work weekends.
- **Party location and accessibility** – consider those with mobility issues and try to ensure that people who have wheelchairs, walkers or scooters are able to use the footpaths and access toilets with ease.
- **Develop invitations and arrange delivery** - use the street party invitation template available on the Council website.
- **Food and drinks/cutlery and plates** – consider asking neighbours to bring their own cutlery, plates, food and drinks. This will avoid high costs for the party organisers and ensure the food is culturally appropriate.
- **Tables, chairs and picnic rugs** – a request for neighbours to bring their own could also be included on the invitation.
- **Sun shades, umbrellas and sunscreen** – a reminder to bring a hat and sunscreen on the invitation might be a nice consideration.
- **Barbeque** – Greater Shepparton City Council has a community BBQ available for hire. Please contact 5832 9700 for further information and availability.
- **Music** – are there any budding musicians in your street that would be willing to play or is someone able to provide a CD player or radio for some appropriate background music?
- **Name tags** – a good idea to help those who don't know each other.
- **Games and activities** - consider the age of children attending and whether it would be worthwhile having a few games available to play.
- **Get the children involved in the organising** – they love a party and may have some great ideas for decorating and keeping other children entertained!
- **Cleaning up** – ensure that you have adequate rubbish bins provided. This will assist with the clean up at the end of your party.





Download the printable invitation from our website [www.greatershepparton.com.au](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au) and fill out the details. Printed copies of the invitation can also be requested by contacting the Culture and Community Strengthening Branch on 5832 9700.

Decide on the best way to invite your neighbours – some people can feel quite wary or vulnerable so a little effort may be needed to encourage their attendance. Knocking on doors and handing them an invitation is a nice personal touch, however, you could pop the invitation in their letter box they aren't home.

Finding a suitable date is often difficult and it is important to remember that you will not be able to accommodate everyone's needs. As long as you invite everyone, be considerate and respect differences you should be able to arrange a successful party.

At the end of your party be sure to get feedback from your neighbours and start planning your next get together. Consider putting together a neighbour contact list to support future neighbourhood events.

**An initiative of the Culture and Community Strengthening Branch, Greater Shepparton City Council.**

For more information contact (03) 5832 9700.

**Register your party with your local Police**

The Victoria Police Partysafe Program encourages people to register parties with their local police station. Further information in relation to the Partysafe Program and Information Kit can be obtained from your local Victoria Police station or [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)

**First Aid/Emergency Contacts**

Party safely with your neighbours and new found friends. Remember to have a list of emergency contacts and first aid kit on hand just in case.

**Public Liability Insurance and safety**

Think about minimising any risks for accident and agree in advance that everyone should take responsibility

for themselves and watch out for each other, especially children.

There are a range of companies which offer public liability insurance for Street Parties. For a list of possible suppliers please check 'Insurance' in the Yellow Pages.