



## WELCOMING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUNDING

This March, Whanganui District Council / Welcoming Communities, are supporting Neighbours Aotearoa's 'Neighbours Month,' which encourages everyone to do something small - or large! - to get to know your neighbours a bit better.

A Welcoming Community starts in our neighbourhoods. It's about knowing your neighbours, welcoming new people and supporting each other when needed.

To help bring ideas to life, neighbourhood-led activities during March 2024 can apply for a subsidy of up to \$100 through the Welcoming Activities Fund. It could be a street BBQ, games at the park, Easter egg hunt, plant swap, a street garage sale ... Anything that brings neighbours together in a fun and friendly way.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Anyone who lives in the Whanganui District can apply.
- Recognised community groups and businesses are *not* eligible to apply. Community groups are encouraged to apply for other community funding available.
- The neighbourhood activity must be in the neighbourhood that the applicant lives in.
- Only one application can be submitted per neighbourhood activity.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN BE FUNDED?

Applications are invited for neighbourhood-led activities held in March 2024, that will bring as many neighbours together as possible, in a fun and friendly way.

Types of activities the funding *can* be used for:

- Food and resources for a neighbourhood gathering or activity.

Types of activities the funding *cannot* be used for:

- Alcohol
- Activities that intend to generate profit
- The promotion of commercial, political or religious objectives

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Contact Jillaine – Whanganui’s Neighbours Aotearoa Connector - prior to organising a neighbourhood activity, for tips and advice on organising an event and support with your application. Call 021 399 555 or email [jillaine@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:jillaine@neighboursaotearoa.nz)
2. Complete a funding application (this document) before 31 March 2024.
3. After your funding has been approved by council and the event has taken place, we will send you a Claim Form to fill in and send back to us, along with a photo of your event, so that we can reimburse you for up to \$100.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Welcoming Neighbourhood applications must be submitted and approved by the council prior to the activity taking place. (As a guide, allow one week for applications to be reviewed and applicants notified of the outcome.)
- Payment will be made after the event, and once a completed Claim Form, along with receipts and a photograph of the event have been submitted to council.
- Claims for reimbursement must be submitted no later than 30 days after the activity took place.
- Only approved applications are eligible for reimbursement.
- If you intend to hold an event in a public park or reserve, you may require prior approval from the council, and will need to comply with the **Public Places Bylaw 2023**.
- The subsidy of \$100 per gathering cannot be used in conjunction with any other council funding.

## SEND APPLICATIONS TO

For further information and to submit your application, contact:

**A :** Community Wellbeing Team, Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street

**E :** [communitywellbeing@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:communitywellbeing@whanganui.govt.nz) / [harriet.mckenzie@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:harriet.mckenzie@whanganui.govt.nz)

**P :** 027 214 3198

## APPLICATION

Applicant name:

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Street of residence:

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Contact email / phone:

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Location of activity:

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Date of activity:

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Brief description of activity:

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