



# **ANTHONY BYRNE MP**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Neighbour Day 2008**

The sixth annual Neighbour Day will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

“Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to crank up the BBQ and have your neighbours over,” said Anthony Byrne, Federal Member for Holt.

“We all need to work together to build a vibrant, friendly and safe community to live in. We can all make a start by inviting the people next door and in our street over on Neighbour Day,” said Anthony Byrne.

For over 10 years, Ruth Murray, and her daughter Jenny Colvin have run an annual Christmas BBQ for neighbours, local community members, family and old friends at their home in Doveton. Over 150 people are invited to the local BBQ, which coincides with their amazing Christmas lights display.

“Ruth and her family symbolize the Neighbour Day spirit – a tremendous amount of pride in their neighbourhood and a commitment to bringing people together to build a strong sense of community,” said Anthony Byrne, Federal Member for Holt.

Neighbour Day was founded in Melbourne in March 2003 by Andrew Heslop. Steps are in place for Neighbour Day to become an official United Nations Observance Day that could lead to an International Year of Neighbourliness being declared.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008 -

- ✓ Say G'day to your neighbours.
- ✓ Make a special effort to introduce yourself to older residents in your street and anyone who lives alone.
- ✓ Leave your mobile and home telephone number for their use in an emergency.
- ✓ Agree to keep in contact.

For more information on Neighbour Day visit [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org)

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