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Neighbour Day Launches Drawing Competition

The Neighbour Day team today launched the *'my neighbours, my neighbourhood'* drawing competition, inviting children and adults in neighbourhoods around Australia to draw a picture that shows what is special about their neighbours or what makes their community a great place to live.

"We're encouraging people of all ages to creatively reflect on what makes their neighbourhood unique. The drawings we receive will help us tell the stories of wonderful neighbourhoods and communities across the country" Alison Brook, National Executive Officer of Relationships Australia said.

Relationships Australia is the home of Neighbour Day, celebrated each year on the last Sunday in March. This year people all over Australia celebrated with their neighbours at around 500 registered events at barbeques, morning teas, and street parties.

The primary purpose of Neighbour Day is to help facilitate greater community connection and social capital, particularly in the elderly and vulnerable.

The winning entries of the drawing competition will be used to demonstrate what different communities mean to different people.

The drawing competition will invite entrants to submit drawings within two categories:

1. **Category 1:** Under 15 years old.
2. **Category 2:** 15 years and over.

The total prize pool for the competition is \$1,000 with a \$250 first cash prize, \$150 second cash prize and \$100 third cash prize in each of the two categories. Submissions are open from Saturday 17 September 2016 and will close at 5.00pm on 16 October 2016.

To find out more about the Neighbour Day drawing competition, visit www.neighbourday.org.

"Neighbour Day – the community you want starts at your front door."™

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