



United Way Glenelg

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MEDIA RELEASE

Hello neighbour! Do you need any help?

Across the Glenelg Shire community, a simple postcard is making a big difference – giving isolated individuals a much-needed lifeline by offering help.

United Way Glenelg with the support of local businesses is connecting people with their neighbours.

The “hello neighbour” postcards will allow people to write their name and phone number to volunteer to lend a helping hand for free by offering to do such tasks as pick-up emergency groceries, medication, do friendly phone call check-ins, put out the bins and more. The postcard is then left in a mailbox or under the door of a neighbour who may need support.

Nicole Carr Executive Officer United Way Glenelg said the “Hello Neighbour” postcards are a great way for people to step up and help others in their community.

“We’re finding people without access to technology, but who need help, are reaching out. Sometimes they’re too proud to ask. It also makes it easy for people to offer to help.”

“Just reaching out to connect with a neighbour can make a positive difference to the health and well-being of a neighbour,” concluded Mrs Carr.

“Hello neighbour” postcards will be delivered to mailboxes throughout the community in the coming weeks, can be picked up at local businesses in the community or downloaded for printing [Download your “hello neighbour” postcard](#)

We encourage everyone to reach out to their neighbours in a safe way and practice safe physical distancing. Remember to always stay 1.5m away, wear your mask, not gather in groups, stay home if you’re sick and wash your hands regularly.

Local photographer Darryl Cram has kindly loaned one of his images for the promotion.

The “hello Neighbour” is the second act in United Way Glenelg’s “Acts of Local Love” campaign aimed at engendering a sense of community spirit. Last week, United Way Glenelg launched the *Help us say thank you to an essential worker*, which allows community members to nominate an essential worker who has made a difference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photo: United Way Glenelg President Margaret Wagner doing her bit by posting a card into the mailbox of a neighbour.

This project is supported by the United Way Glenelg COVID-19 IMPACT Fund. If you would like to donate please head to https://www.givenow.com.au/uwg_covid19_impact_fund

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