



# **Community Connections during COVID-19**

**Nikki Mauri**

# Background

**City of Bayswater resident Nikki's  
COVID-19 challenge.....**

How to socially connect while social  
distancing?

# Neighbourhood Dinner #1

## 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020





# Neighbourhood Dinner #2

## 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020



# Neighbourhood Dinner #3 Prelude

## Anzac Day

### 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020



# Playlists and free pizza



ROSSONERO



# Neighbourhood Dinner #3

## 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020



# A Wedding!

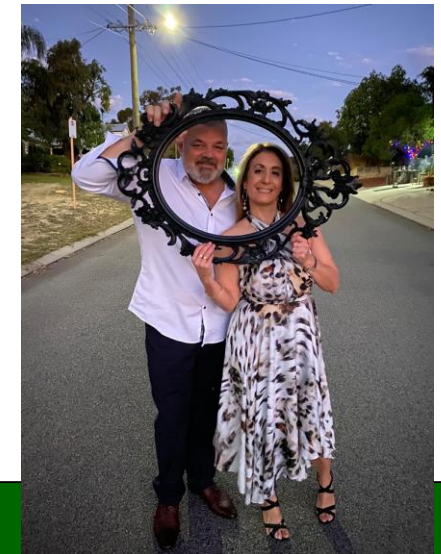




# Neighbourhood Dinner #4

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

### FORMAL



# Neighbourhood Dinner #5

## 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### EZER EVE - MUSICIAN



# Neighbourhood Dinner #6

## 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Porch Placemaking Week





# Local Recognition

## Locals in drive to stay in touch

NEIGHBOURS in Bayswater have been joining each other for driveway dinners to reconnect with the "outside world" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Neighbourhood Driveway Dinners was started by Bayswater resident Nikki Mauri this month and had attracted dozens of residents across the suburb, including Hamilton Street.

Ms Mauri's event on April 25 attracted interest from local radio station Mix 94.5, where the station delivered free pizzas from Rossoneo in Maylands to all the driveways on Hamilton Street and provided music.

Ms Mauri said she felt "disconnected from the outside world" so she wondered whether her neighbours also felt the same.

"I sent flyers on my street and put up an event on Facebook for anyone and everyone to participate," she said. "It is for every suburb but Bayswater has been the most active."

"Two weeks ago, the



Clive and Jenny enjoy a 'driveway dinner' in Bayswater. Picture: Max Laurent

whole town of Tom Price participated too."

She said while she missed working, she had a great partner, three rescue cats and cleaning to do at home.

"This has been a scary time but also a wonderful time as our community have come together to support each other and I am so grateful for that," she said.

Her initiative complements the City of Bayswater's new Link-up Baysie.

The City's online space was created to support social connection in a time when people were physically distanced from friends, family, neighbours and their normal daily connections.

Residents can share challenges, solutions and ideas for how to stay socially connected on the Engage Bayswater website.

Mayor Dan Bull said he was heartened by the strength and resilience of the community during the COVID-19 crisis.

"We are all looking for new ways to stay connected with our friends, family and community while we

keep a safe physical distance from each other," he said. "We want to hear how the City of Bayswater community is staying connected, online or otherwise."

"Our aim is to build a collection of tips and advice that will help others during this challenging time."

Visit [engage.bayswater.wa.gov.au/link-up-baysie](https://engage.bayswater.wa.gov.au/link-up-baysie)

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## Neighbourhood Driveway Dinners - Bayswater

Bayswater Community Group Facebook member Nikki Mauri wanted to think of an initiative to address loneliness and connectivity during COVID-19.

Reaching out through social media, Nikki organised a dinner in her street on Friday 3 April, where neighbours came together without breaching the social distancing guidelines. Tables and chairs or picnic rugs were set up in respective driveways and neighbours cooked or ordered dinner to be delivered and ate together.

The administrator of the Facebook page, Michelle Slater, embraced the idea and shared a Spotify playlist that residents could add to and play on their streets. There were roughly 60 neighbours involved in the driveway dinners on the first night. The event was so popular that they have been meeting once a week

on a regular basis and the event is promoted across the Bayswater community through Facebook.

To celebrate people doing good things for others, Nikki was nominated by Michelle for radio station 94.5fm's "Got Your Back" award, which celebrates people doing good things for others during COVID-19. Both Nikki and Michelle's street won free pizzas from the restaurant Rossoneo's. The radio station also made a playlist to coincide with the dinners.

Due to the change in restrictions in WA, the last event was on 18 May and neighbours were allowed to invite a few friends to participate as well.



Driveway dinners Hamilton Street



Local residents enjoying the free pizza from Rossoneo's



Local Bayswater residents



Bayswater driveway dinners

# Stage 4





# What's Next?







**Launch**  
**Friday 25 Sept**  
**6pm-9pm**

# **The Baysie**

## **Iso Life**

## **Exhibition**

**How we**  
**got through**  
**lockdown**

**Exhibition times:**

Saturday 26 Sept, 2pm-6pm  
Sunday 27 Sept, 2pm-6pm

Bayswater Bowling  
and Recreation Club  
58 Murray St, Bayswater