

# Privacy Policy

## Policy Statement

Good Neighbours Australia (GNAU) is firmly committed to the privacy of every individual who visits our website, premises, and out place of business to the integrity of our records. GNAU is concerned about the protection of online privacy for all our website users. We are particularly respectful of the privacy of our young users. We encourage parents to monitor their children's use of the Internet and to help us protect their privacy by instructing them never to provide personal information on this website or any other without permission. We will never attempt to extract unnecessary information from you, regardless of age.

Although the Privacy Act 1988 does not set a minimum age at which an individual can make decisions regarding his or her personal information, we believe that it would be in the best interests of a person under the age of 18 that we require consent from the minor as well as their parent or guardian regarding us collecting, holding and using the personal information of the minor. Accordingly, the parent or legal guardian of any person aged below 18 years of age is required to consent to the collection and use of their child/children's personal information if it is provided to us, and this requirement is additional to the provision of consent by the person aged below 18 years of age himself or herself.

## Scope and Purpose

This Privacy Policy describes the types of personal information that we may collect and hold, and how that information is used, and with whom the information is shared. It also sets out how you can contact us if you have any queries or concerns about your personal information. Regardless of how you provide us with your personal information we strive to honour your privacy preferences. By accessing or continuing to access our website, you are deemed to signify that you have read, understood and agreed to terms as set out in this Privacy Policy.

A parent or legal guardian of any child under 18 years of age can review his/her child's personal information, ask to have it deleted, and refuse to allow any further collection or use of the child's information. If the parent or legal guardian wishes to exercise this right, he/she should contact us via email at [goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au](mailto:goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au).

## **Guiding Principles**

An individual may choose to provide personal information when they participate in activities on the GNAU website, such as, but not limited to, sponsoring a child, making a donation, submitting a form, or joining an email list. The personal information GNAU may collect may include, but is not limited to, your name, postal address, postcode, telephone number, organisation name, email address, credit-card details, bank information, and/or billing information.

## **Use of Personal Information**

The personal information an individual provides to GNAU when using the website - such as name, postal address, email address, contact information, credit-card information, or other forms of information - will be strictly and confidentially kept and used to support their customer relationship with GNAU. It will also be used to facilitate sponsorship arrangements and to notify one of updated information.

GNAU recognises the trust with which an individual provides personal information, and except as stated in this Privacy Policy, such information will not be used or disclosed for any other purposes within your consent, except in exceptional cases when disclosure may be required by law or is necessary to protect the rights or property of GNAU or any member of the public, or to lessen a serious threat to an individual's health or safety.

GNAU does not send advertising or marketing information without obtaining prior consent, for example, the consent contained within this Privacy Policy. If you allow us, GNAU will use the personal information that you submit in an online form to place you on our mailing list for regular updates. If you do not wish to receive such information from GNAU, you will have the opportunity at any time to request removal from future mailings by contacting us. If allowed, GNAU will also use your e-mail address that you submit in an online form to place you on our email list. If you do not wish to receive emails at any time, you will have the option to be removed from the mailing list.

GNAU strongly adheres to anti-spam practices in its email outreach. All emails sent on our list have easy-to-follow unsubscribe instructions at the bottom of each email, and lists are never shared with any third parties.

## **Acquisition of Personal Information**

GNAU may contact an individual via phone, SMS (short message service), MMS (multimedia messaging service), IM (instant messaging), email, post, or any other form of electronic, emerging, digital, or conventional communications channels using the

information provided by you in order to contact you in respect of the primary purposes for collection of the personal information as stated above.

## **Protection**

GNAU takes information security very seriously. GNAU regularly reviews our information security procedures to ensure that your information is transferred, used, and stored responsibly and confidentially. GNAU's security measures include, but are not limited to, annual staff training on data handling; limiting the number of staff with access to your personal information; and electronic and physical security measures.

GNAU gives you the opportunity to opt-out of receiving additional information from us at any time. If you do not wish to receive mailings and/or emails from GNAU, you will have the opportunity at any time to request removal.

## **Credit-Card Security**

GNAU accepts donations for sponsorship, projects, and other activities online through a secure site. The credit-card charges are processed at our office. GNAU has taken the steps required to ensure that our server encrypts your credit-card information so that it may be safely transmitted over the Web and processed at our office. Your credit-card information will not be released by GNAU for any other purposes.

## **Protection Against Fraud**

GNAU will never ask you to provide accommodation for a child; send money to support an individual child without supervision by GNAU; or enter into direct personal correspondence with a child without supervision by GNAU.

## **Accessing Personal Information**

You have a right to access your personal information that may be held by us by contacting us via email at [goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au](mailto:goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au). We will take action on your request within a reasonable period of time. We may refuse to provide you with certain information where not permitted or required by law.

## **Changing and Deleting Personal Information**

You have a right to review and amend the information about you that may be recorded on our database by contacting us via email at [goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au](mailto:goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au). We will take action on your request within a reasonable period of time. In the same way, a request may be made to delete personal information, and all reasonable steps to delete the information will be made by us, except where it is required for legal reasons to withhold. Deletion of information may result in Good Neighbours Australia being unable to facilitate or provide its services or information (including any e-newsletters or blog updates) and/or upcoming event information. We are not responsible for removing your personal information from the lists of any third party who has previously been provided with your information in accordance with this policy.

## **Links to Other Websites**

In order to provide a more comprehensive, interactive, and educational site, this site contains links to other websites. We do our best to carefully choose those sites with which we link, but cannot take responsibility for the practices or content of these sites. We encourage you to review the privacy policies posted on any sites you may visit before providing personal information.

## **Storage and Security of Personal Information**

We will endeavour to take all reasonable steps to keep secure any personal information on our record and to keep this information accurate and up to date. The information is stored on secure servers which are protected in controlled facilities. When you provide credit-card information to make a donation, we use the industry standard for Internet security – Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology – to help protect the information you provide to us. Our employees and data processors are obliged to respect the confidentiality of any personal information held by Good Neighbours Australia. However, the security of communications over the Internet cannot be guaranteed, however we will do our best secure all your information that we hold or likely to hold. Good Neighbours Australia will not be held responsible for events arising from unauthorised access to personal information.

## **Procedure for Complaints**

If you have a complaint about our privacy practices, please send the details of your complaint via email at [goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au](mailto:goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au). Your complaint will be investigated internally and a response to your complaint will be provided in writing

within a reasonable period. We expect our procedures will deal fairly and promptly with your complaint. However, if you remain dissatisfied, you can also contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). Note that complaints must be made in writing using the information available at

[www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints](http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints) Contact details of OAIC are as follows:

Director of Compliance

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) GPO Box 5218

Sydney NSW 2001

Tel: 1300 363 992

Website: [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)

## Privacy Policy Changes

If our information practices change at some time in the future, we will post the policy changes to our website, so we encourage you to check this Privacy Policy from time to time. Your continued access to our website constitutes your acceptance of the changes.

If you are concerned about how your information is used, you should regularly review this Privacy Policy section of our website. Any changes to this policy will be posted prior to their implementation.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this privacy, contact Good Neighbours Australia:

Good Neighbours Australia Inc

Level 1, 5 George Street North Strathfield NSW 2137

Tel: +61 2 9993 0312

E-mail: [goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au](mailto:goodchange@goodneighbours.com.au)

## Review and Monitoring

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