

Stewarding Tips

The job of the steward is very straightforward, but key in fostering a calmer and more caring environment for children to play and socialise on their streets. We have found it's best to ask people directly to steward, rather than just sending out a general request.

Let's acknowledge that children are made "vulnerable" on streets largely due to the attitudes of drivers and the environments that moving traffic creates.

Most neighbours will be happy to park off street for the duration of your Playful Street, however where necessary, stewards are responsible for supervising entry/exit points for vehicles onto the street.

Two stewards should always be positioned at points of access to vehicles. When a vehicle approaches the street they should act as follows.

Signal to the driver to stop and explain to the driver that there is a Playful Street taking place.

- Let the driver know that a steward will walk in front of the vehicle as it moves through the playful street, to ensure the safety of the children on the street.
- Remember: before allowing vehicles to exit or enter, stewards will notify children and adults to move onto the footpath as there is a vehicle coming. This is often done through whistles to alert everyone on the street.
- Once everyone is off the street. One steward will walk in front of the car until it is safely off the street.
- The other steward will stay in position at the entry/exit point.
- Once both stewards are back in position, with no other vehicles seeking access/egress...Resume play!
- Be sure to talk to all stewards afterwards, so you can make your Playful Street even better for next time!

