



Diversity and Inclusivity Calendar

Turning words into actions... visions into reality

We acknowledge that we are not happy to look at the past and teach history with a narrow perspective, rather that we embrace both sides of the story and that each have stories to share. We have the courage and mandate - responsibility to move forward and forge meaningful relationships that we will learn from.





June

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June)

This week is an ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and reflect on shared histories, contributions and achievements. It is held annually and is a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation: 27 May 1967 – the referendum date when more than 90 per cent of Australians voted to give the government power to make laws for Indigenous people and recognise them in the census.

Dates

3 June **Mabo Day**

5 June **World Environment Day (UN)**

5 June **Matsuri Festival (Japan), Parramatta**

9 – 20 June **Sydney Film Festival***

13 – 19 June **National Blood Donor Week***

20 June **Mini-Mos Community Fun Run and Fair, Mosman**

20 – 26 June **National Refugee Week**

25 June **Day of the Seafarer (UN)**

25 June – 11 July **Way Out West (WOW) Children's Festival, Casula Powerhouse***

26 June **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN)**
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN)

Milestones

3 June **Mabo Native Title High Court Decision 1992**

11 June **Commonwealth of Australia Racial Discrimination Act 1975**

The Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Indigenous people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights known as native title. Mabo Day celebrated the life of activist Eddie Koiki Mabo

26 June **Australia joined the United Nations 1945**



July

Coming of the Light Festival (1 July)

The Coming of the Light is celebrated by Torres Strait Islanders and commemorates the arrival of the London Missionary Society on Erub Island in the Torres Strait in 1871. It led to the adoption of Christianity through island communities during the late nineteenth century.

NAIDOC Week (4 - 11 July)

Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is held every year in early July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Dates

1 July **International Tartan Day**

4 – 11 July **NAIDOC Week***

10 July **International Brick and Rolling Pin Throwing Contest, Stroud**

23 July – 8 Aug **XXXII Summer Olympic Games, Tokyo**

30 July **National Tree Day for schools**

30 July **International Day of Friendship (UN)**

Milestones

17 July **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability ratified by Australia 2008**



August

Dates

1 August **National Tree Day**

2 – 6 August **Education Week – Public Schools NSW**

4 August - **National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (NAICD)**

6 – 28 August **Vivid Sydney**

9 August - **International Day of the World's Indigenous People**

12 August **International Youth Day (UN)**

13 – 15 August **Obon (Buddhist – Japan)**

14 – 22 August **National Science Week Food: Different by design**

21 August **Bedgerabong Show**

21 – 22 August **International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend**

21 – 27 August **Children's Book Week**

22 August **Macarthur Multicultural Children's Festival,
Koshigaya Park**

24 August – 5 September **XVI Summer Paralympic Games Tokyo**

29 August – 4 September **Legacy Week**

Milestones

1 August **First sitting of the New South Wales Legislative Council 1843**

1 August **Snowy Mountains Authority established 1949**

11 August **New South Wales constituted a Crown Colony 1824**

17 August **First NSW welfare institution, the Female Orphan School, opened 1801**

27 August **NSW Women's Franchise Act 1902**





September

Dates

1 September **First Parkash of Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh)**
Constitution Day – Slovak Republic Independence Day
– Uzbekistan

1 – 7 September **National Asthma Week**

1 – 30 September **Save the Koala Month**

3 September **National Foundation Day – San Marino**

3 – 10 September **National Sea Week**

4 – 11 September **History Week (NSW)**

5 September **Fathers' Day**

5 – 11 September **National Child Protection Week**

8 September **International Literacy Day (UN)**

9 September **R U OK? Day**

11 September – 10 October **Floriade*, Canberra**

12 September **City of Canterbury-Bankstown**
Children's Festival, Paul Keating Park

16 September **Proclamation of Independence Day –**
Mexico Independence Day
– Papua New Guinea

17 September **Australian Citizenship Day**
Citizenship Day was introduced in 2001. It is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate and value Australian citizenship, the peaceful, prosperous and inclusive society we share and to reflect on the role we play in building our nation and shaping our country's future as proud Australian citizens.

17 – 19 September **Clean up the World Weekend**

21 September **National Day – Armenia National Day**
– Belize Independence Day – Malta

24 September **Save the Koala Day**

Milestones

16 September **Television in Australia launched 1956**



October

Dates

1 October **International Day of Older Persons (UN)**

1 – 31 October **Global Dignity Month**

1 – 31 October **International School Libraries Month**

2 – 4 October **Manly Jazz Festival***

3 October **Boorowa Irish Woolfest: Running of the Sheep**

4 – 10 October **World Space Week (UN)**

6 – 13 October **Jemaiye /Feast of the Assembly (Yezidi)**

10 – 16 October **Anti-Poverty Week**

11 October **Norfolk Island Royal Show Day**

16 October **Ryde Granny Smith Festival**

18 – 24 October **National Water Week**

19 October **National Day – Niue**

23 – 31 October **Children's Week**

24 – 30 October **Disarmament Week (UN)**

29 October **Years 3 & 4 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Final***

29 October – 7 November **Festival of Fisher's Ghost, Campbelltown**

29 October – 7 November **Jacaranda Festival, Grafton**

31 October **Grandparents Day**

Milestones

11 October **Coat of Arms of New South Wales granted by Royal Warrant 1906**

26 October **Uluru handed back to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara people 1985**



November

Dates

1 November **Anniversary of the Revolution Day – Algeria**
Independence Day – Antigua and Barbuda

8 – 14 November **National Recycling Week**

11 November **Remembrance Day**

This day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am in memory of the millions who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

13 November **World Kindness Day**

13 November **Viva La Gong, Wollongong**

16 November **International Day for Tolerance**

The United Nations' annual International Day for Tolerance fosters mutual understanding among cultures and peoples. In 1996, the UN General Assembly invited its members to observe this day each year. This day affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures. Tolerance recognises the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others.

24 November – 24 December **Darling Harbour Christmas, Darling Harbour**

25 November **Thanksgiving Day – USA**

25 November **Statehood Day – Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Independence Day – Suriname

27 November **Matsuri Festival (Japan), Tumbalong Park**

Milestones

8 November **First Indigenous High Court Case 1934**

16 November **Australian Government apology to the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants 2009**

30 November **First performance of Advance Australia Fair 1878**





December

Dates

1 December **World AIDS Day**

2 December **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)**

5 December **Ocean Care Day International Volunteer Day (UN) World Soil Day (UN)**

17 – 20 December **Rozhiyen Khodan / Fasting (Yezidi)**

18 December **International Migrants Day (UN) Arabic Language Day (UN)**

31 December **New Year's Eve celebrations**

Milestones

10 December **Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly 1948**

21 December **Australia is named 1817**

