

# Culturally significant dates



<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>Anniversary of National Apology Day</b>	Acknowledges former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's public apology on behalf of the Federal Government to the Stolen Generations in 2008.
<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>National Close the Gap Day</b>	An event that highlights and works towards closing the life expectancy, child mortality, education and employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
<b>26 May</b>	<b>National Sorry Day</b>	Commemorates the anniversary of the landmark 'Bringing Them Home' report and remembers the injustice experienced by the Stolen Generations.
<b>27 May</b>	<b>1967 Referendum</b>	The date more than 90% of Australians voted to amend the constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as part of the population.
<b>27 May - 3 Jun</b>	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b>	A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and work towards achieving reconciliation through building respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
<b>3 Jun</b>	<b>Mabo Day</b>	A day to acknowledge Mer Island man Eddie Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of "terra nullius" - a decision that led to the Native Title Act.
<b>1 Jul</b>	<b>Coming of the Light</b>	A holiday for Torres Strait Islander peoples which celebrates their adoption of Christianity in the late nineteenth century.
<b>A week starting the first Sunday in July</b>	<b>NAIDOC Week</b>	An annual celebration of the history, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
<b>4 Aug</b>	<b>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day</b>	A day to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and the importance of family, culture and community for their future.
<b>9 Aug</b>	<b>International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples</b>	The day the UN encourages us to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous peoples.
<b>First Wednesday of September</b>	<b>Indigenous Literacy Day</b>	A day to celebrate culture, language and stories through literacy. Highlights the need for more literary resources in remote communities.
<b>13 Sep</b>	<b>Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People</b>	Adopted in 2007, this Declaration is the most comprehensive international framework for the human rights of Indigenous Peoples.