

SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIA

Important Dates

There are a number of significant dates and events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Demonstrate cultural capability by marking these in your calendar to participate in throughout the year.

Survival Day - January 26

Anniversary of National Apology Day - February 13

Harmony Day - March 21

National Close the Gap Day - around 2 April

National Sorry Day - May 26

1967 Referendum - May 27

Learn More:

26 January is not a day to celebrate. It is a day of mourning; a day in which we recognise the survival of First Nations Peoples. We need a national day that brings all Australians together, not a day of division.

Did You Know...

Anniversary of National Apology Day and National Sorry Day are different days.

13 February 2008 marks the date on which then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologised, on behalf of the Federal Government, to the Stolen Generations.

National Sorry Day has been held since 1998 and remembers the Stolen Generations and their mistreatment.

National Reconciliation Week -
May 27 - June 03

Mabo Day - June 03

Coming of the Light - July 1

NAIDOC Week - first week of July

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day - August 4

UN International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples - August 9

What Does It Mean?

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'.

This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.