

Engagement and Events 2023

20-26 March

[Harmony Week](#) celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

16 March

[National Close the Gap Day](#) (NCTGD) is a national day of action to pledge support for achieving Indigenous health equality by 2030.

26 May

[National Sorry Day](#), or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation between the Indigenous peoples and the settler population

27 May

Anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal people and include them in the census

27 May–3 June

[National Reconciliation Week](#) (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

3 June

[Mabo Day](#) is a time to commemorate the courageous efforts of Eddie Koiki Mabo to overturn the fiction of *terra nullius* (land belonging to no-one), the legal concept that Australia and the Torres Strait Islands were not owned by Indigenous peoples because they did not 'use' the land in ways Europeans believed constituted some kind of legal possession.

2-9 July

[NAIDOC Week](#) celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

4 August

[National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day](#) is a time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities and all Australians, celebrate the strengths and culture of our children. It is an opportunity for us to show our support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.

9 August

[International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It is celebrated around the world and marks the date of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.

10 December

[Human Rights Day](#) is the anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations (UN) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR sets out a certain set of rights that are the basic and minimum set of human rights for all citizens.

Please note this list does not contain all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander significant dates. Please feel free to let us know if you have additional dates to add to the list.

[First Nations Leadership](#) Charles Darwin University also host events to celebrate Indigenous academic achievement and commemorating the anniversaries of significant Indigenous struggles and victories.