

## Australia Day

Australia Day is celebrated annually on 26 January. This is the day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history.

On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. From our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – who have been here for more than 65,000 years – to those who have lived here for generations, to those who have come from all corners of the globe to call our country home.

The marking of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history and has changed over time: starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people.

More than half of all Australians participate in Australia Day attending events organised by State Governments, local councils, community groups or getting together with family and friends. In addition, over 16,000 new Australians become citizens on Australia Day.



## 6 Fun ways to embrace Australia Day with children:

1. Enjoy this music video: [Australian National Anthem with beautiful imagery](#)
2. Have a favourite Aussie colours or celebrity dress up Parade!
3. Free [Colour in pictures for Australia Day](#)
4. Art activity: [Aboriginal dot art](#)
5. Attend an [Australia Day event](#)
6. Enjoy these [10 Australia Day Games!](#)



### Resources:

<https://www.australiaday.org.au>