



Significant Dates

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National Apology Anniversary - 13 February

Marking the anniversary of the *Apology* in the House of Representatives on 13 February 2008 by former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. The Apology was for past laws, policies and practices that have impacted on Australia's First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generation. www.nsdcc.org.au

National Close the Gap Day - 15 March

This annual event is held to raise awareness of the Indigenous health crisis. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative located in Horsham run an annual event to highlight local information.

National Sorry Day - 26 May

National Sorry Day is an opportunity for all community to acknowledge the forcible removal of children from their families as a result of past policies and Acts.

from little things big things grow

National Reconciliation Week 27 May-3 June THEME: TBC

National Reconciliation Week is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to join the reconciliation movement and "walk the talk." **Reconciliation in Action** is a Wimmera group dedicated to a co-ordinated approach in supporting significant events such as NRW. NRW is an opportunity for non-indigenous people to show support and pride for our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities.

Mabo Day - 3 June

Mabo Day celebrates the 1992 High Court decision that ruled in favour of Eddie Koiki Mabo and other claimants that their people had occupied the island of Mer in the Torres Strait prior to the arrival of the British. This historic decision effectively recognised the existence of Native Title rights and rejected the concept of 'Terra Nullius.'

NAIDOC Week - 5-12 July THEME: Always Was, Always Will Be.

NAIDOC Week 2020 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. www.naidoc.org.au

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

NAIC Day aims to focus on themes related to Aboriginal children like poverty, education access and pride in culture, and recognises their strengths and culture.

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

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People aims to strengthen international awareness and cooperation for solutions to the problems faced by Aboriginal people in areas such as human rights, development, the environment, education and health.