

# Important Dates and Cultural Events

The observance of significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dates and events should occur across all St Vincent de Paul Society facilities, and all members, staff and volunteers are encouraged to take part in these. Acknowledging and/or celebrating significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events creates valuable opportunities to interact and network with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and increase social connectedness.

The following is a list of important dates and cultural events:

Important Event	Date
Survival Day/Invasion Day (Australia Day)	January 26
The Apology to the Stolen Generations	February 13
National Close the Gap Day	March 21 (in 2019)
National Sorry Day	May 26
National Reconciliation week (Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum on May 27, and Mabo Day on June 3)	May 27– June 3
Coming of the Light (Torres Strait Islands)	July 1
NAIDOC week	July 3 - July 10
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day	August 4
International Day of World’s Indigenous Peoples	August 9
Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People	September 13

