

2024 First Nations culturally and historically important dates

January

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| 1 Jan 1994 | <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> commenced |
| 25 Jan 2014 | Adam Goodes named Australian of the Year |
| 26 Jan 1838 | Waterloo Creek massacre (Kamilaroi people, NSW) |
| 26 Jan 1938 | William Cooper organises Day of Mourning |
| 26 Jan 1972 | Aboriginal Tent Embassy established in Canberra |
| 26 Jan 1988 | Bicentennial Protest – 40,000 march in Sydney |
| 26 Jan | Survival Day, Invasion Day, Australia Day, Yabun Festival |

February

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| 5 Feb 1972 | Tent Embassy Petition to Parliament |
| 12 Feb 1965 | Freedom Ride bus leaves Sydney |
| 13 Feb 2008 | National Apology to the Stolen Generations |
| 14 Feb 2004 | TJ Hickey dies sparking Redfern riots |
| 26 Feb 1968 | Lional Rose wins World Bantamweight Title |

March

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| 21 Mar | National Close the Gap Day (3rd Thursday of March) |
| 21 Mar | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination |
| 21 Mar 1829 | Aboriginal warrior Windradyne dies (Bathurst, NSW) |

April

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| 1 Apr 1897 | Aboriginal resistance leader Jandamarra killed (WA) |
| 15 Apr 1991 | Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody final report |
| 17 Apr 1816 | Appin Massacre of men, women and children (Dharawal people) |

May

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| 1 May 1838 | Slaughterhouse Creek massacre (Kamilaroi people) |
| 24 May 2020 | Destruction of Juukan Gorge rock shelters by Rio Tinto |
| 26 May 1997 | <i>Bringing them home</i> report tabled in Federal Parliament |
| 26 May | National Sorry Day |
| 26 May 2017 | Uluru Statement from the Heart issued |
| 27 May 1967 | Referendum |
| 27 May – 3 Jun | National Reconciliation Week |
| 28 May 2000 | Reconciliation Walk over Harbour Bridge (250,000 attend) |
| 29 May 1992 | Torres Strait Flag Islander launched |

June

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| 3 Jun | Mabo Day (High Court Mabo Decision 1992) |
| 5 Jun 1831 | Resistance warrior Tarenorerer (Walyer) dies (Tas) |
| 10 Jun 1838 | Myall Creek Massacre |
| 10 Jun 1957 | Palm Island Strike |
| 11 Jun 1975 | <i>Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)</i> enacted |
| 12 Jun 1988 | Burunga Statement presented to Prime Minister Hawke |

July

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| 1 Jul | The Coming of the Light festival (Torres Strait Islands) |
| 2 Jul 1971 | Evonne Goolagong-Cawley wins Wimbledon |
| 2-9 Jul 2024 | NAIDOC Week |
| 9 Jul 1971 | Aboriginal flag first flown in Adelaide |

August

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| 4 Aug | National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day |
| 9 Aug | International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples |
| 14 & 28 Aug 1963 | Yirrkala Bark Petitions presented to Parliament |
| 14 Aug – 18 Oct 1928 | Coniston Massacre on Warlpiri/Anmatyerr/Kaytetye lands |
| 15 Aug 1971 | Neville Bonner becomes first Aboriginal Member of Parliament |
| 16 Aug 1975 | Return of Gurindji land to the traditional owners (NT) |
| 23 Aug 1966 | Wave Hill Walk-Off (Gurindji Strike) |

September

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| 4 Sep | Indigenous Literacy Day 2024 |
| 13 Sep 2007 | Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People |
| 25 Sep 2000 | Cathy Freeman wins gold in 400m |
| 28 Sep 1983 | John Pat dies in custody, prompting campaign for 1987 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody |

October

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| 14 Oct 2023 | Voice to Parliament referendum |
| 26 Oct 1985 | Uluru-Kata Tjuta title deeds returned to the Anangu people |
| 28 Oct 1834 | Pinjarra Massacre (WA) |
| 31 Oct 1975 | Proclamation of the <i>Racial Discrimination Act</i> |

November

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| 19 Nov 2004 | Cameron Doomadgee dies in custody (Palm Island) |
| 28 Nov 2023 | Senator Pat Dodson ("Father of Reconciliation") retires from Parliament |

December

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| 1 Dec 1976 | Sir Douglas Ralph Nicholls appointed Governor of South Australia |
| 4 Dec 2000 | Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Final Report released |
| 10 Dec 1992 | Redfern Park Speech delivered by Prime Minister Paul Keating |
| 16 Dec 1976 | Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act passed |
| 23 Dec 1996 | High Court handed down <i>Wik Peoples v Queensland</i> decision |



Background art

Kalisha Buchanan has lived in Lismore, Ballina, Taree and Wollongong. Kalisha's artwork is titled "Self Centred" as she likes to 'describe who I am through my art.' It is a Dreamtime Story of the Seven Sisters. How every star we see at night became who they are. And how to travel to every star.