

2025 First Nations culturally & historically important dates

January

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| 1 Jan 1994 | Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) 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 | Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations |
| 14 Feb 2004 | TJ Hickey dies sparking Redfern riots |
| 26 Feb 1968 | Lionel Rose wins World Bantamweight Title |

March

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| 20 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) |
| 5 Apr 1997 | Bringing them home report launched |
| 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) |
| 1 May 1946 | Anniversary of the Pilbara Strike |
| 24 May 2020 | Destruction of Juukan Gorge rock shelters by Rio Tinto |
| 26 May 1997 | Bringing them home report tabled in Federal Parliament |
| 26 May | National Sorry Day |
| 26 May 2017 | Uluru Statement of the Heart issued |
| 27 May 1967 | Referendum on Indigenous recognition in the Australian constitution |
| 27 May – 3 Jun | National Reconciliation Week |
| 28 May 2000 | Reconciliation Walk over Harbour Bridge (250,000 attend) |
| 29 May 1992 | Torres Strait Islander flag 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 | Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) enacted |
| 12 Jun 1988 | Burunga Statement presented to Prime Minister Bob 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 |
| 6-13 Jul | NAIDOC Week 2025 |
| 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 person in Parliament |
| 16 Aug 1975 | Return of Gurindji land to the traditional owners (NT) |
| 23 Aug 1966 | Wave Hill Walk-Off (Gurindji Strike) |
| 25 Aug 1994 | Prime Minister Paul Keating officially recognises South Sea Islanders as a distinct cultural group. |

September

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| 3 Sep | Indigenous Literacy Day |
| 13 Sep 2007 | Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People |
| 16 Sep 1963 | Indigenous activists and their allies persuaded the ACTU to adopt a policy supporting equal pay for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers |
| 25 Sep 2000 | Cathy Freeman wins gold in the 400m final at the Sydney Olympic Games. |

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 Racial Discrimination Act |

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 Wik Peoples v Queensland decision |



Artwork credit: **Women Dreaming**

This painting is about women hunting. They are hunting for bush foods. Women are hunting around the waterholes, so they can look for witchety grubs, bush berries, bush onions and bush plums. Painting: April Campbell Language: Anmatyerr Community: Ti Tree Date: 5/11/2018