

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

KEY MESSAGES

Australia Day is a time for all Australians to reflect, respect and celebrate.

We're all part of the story of Australia – from those whose ancestors walked on Country for tens of thousands of years to the newest Australian citizens.

On Australia Day, we reflect on the past, present and future. We listen and respect each other's stories, contributions and aspirations. And we celebrate being Australian together fair and free.

Australia Day 2022

Australia Day 2022 we once again reflect on being surrounded by friends, family and community.

It is a day to respect that the return of simple pleasures, once taken for granted, have been hard earned.

Australians are resilient – we roll up our sleeves, help others and unite to overcome any challenge.

Australia Day is when we celebrate the simple act of being together.

Our history

On Australia Day we reflect on our past.

We live on ancient Country, our history began more than 65,000 years ago. On Australia Day we reflect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture and how European settlement forever changed how they lived their lives.

And we celebrate thousands of generations of enduring culture, learning more about the Country we live on and listening to new perspectives on our history.

On Australia Day we celebrate being part of a proud, ancient, multicultural nation that values the contribution of each and every citizen.

Australia Day Ambassador Program

The Australia Day Ambassador Program is one of the longest running and most successful national Australia Day Programs sending high achieving Australians to over 300 community celebrations nationwide every Australia Day.

Ambassadors are past recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards, sportspeople, scientists, businesspeople, actors and community workers who provide inspiration and pride to Australia Day events and activities.

The 2022 Australia Day Community Events Grants program

To show its ongoing support for their work, the National Australia Day Council is providing up to \$7.5 million in grants to eligible councils and community organisations to host events on Australia Day 2022.

Australia Day event hosts can apply for up to \$20,000 to deliver events that use the National Australia Day Council's 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story.' branding.

Applicants that collaborate with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to incorporate activities that reflect and respect the history of local indigenous people and celebrate their culture will be eligible to apply for an additional \$10,000.

In 2021, the National Australia Day Council provided 416 grants totalling more than \$7 million, allowing Australians in every state and territory to get together and reflect, respect and celebrate.

COVID Safe events

In the weeks leading up to Australia Day all event hosts should remind themselves of any COVID Safe regulations in place in their state or territory.

It is essential that all Australia Day event hosts adhere to the local COVID Safe guidelines as they relate to the Australia Day event that they are planning.
