

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES SIGNIFICANT DATES 2023



Bentleigh
Bentleigh East
Brighton East
Carnegie
Caulfield
Elsternwick
Gardenvale
Glen Huntly
McKinnon
Murrumbeena
Ormond
St Kilda East

26 JANUARY

On this date, Glen Eira City Council flies the flags at half-mast as a mark of acknowledgement, and show of support and respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders peoples.

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

17 MARCH

National Close the Gap Day raises awareness of the health needs and outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

www.oxfam.org.au



NATIONAL SORRY DAY

26 MAY

National Sorry Day provides the opportunity to reflect on the sad and painful experiences of the Stolen Generations and recognise the healing and power of saying sorry.

MABO DAY

3 JUNE

Mabo Day marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's judgement in 1992 which led to the passing of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The day is named after Eddie Koiki Mabo a Torres Strait Islander man who led a campaign for Indigenous land rights. He argued that Australia was not terra nullius (land that does not belong to anyone) at the time of European settlement as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had lived on the land and had a unique relationship with it for thousands of years. He argued that white settlers had no right to take the land without agreement or payment.

www.reconciliation.org.au

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

The day celebrates the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

www.aboriginalchildrensday.com.au

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 DECEMBER

International Human Rights Day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* in 1948 and celebrates the fundamental proposition that each one of us, everywhere, at all times is entitled to the full range of human rights. Search human rights day.

www.un.org

BOORAN RESERVE CULTURAL STORYBOARDS

Booran Reserve is a destination park located on the corner of Booran and Glenhuntly Roads, Glen Huntly. The entrance is marked by Aboriginal interpretive cultural storyboards that welcome visitors.

The Reserve has something for everyone — from water play spaces, to a range of stimulating play experiences and environments for all ages and abilities, complemented by picnic areas, open lawn and shaded seating areas.



THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL APOLOGY

13 FEBRUARY

The National Apology first held in 2008 says sorry for the past mistreatments to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples particularly relating to the Stolen Generations.

www.australia.gov.au Search apology to Australia's indigenous peoples.

HARMONY DAY

21 MARCH

Harmony Day celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia and the importance of inclusiveness, respect and sense of belonging for everyone.

www.harmony.gov.au

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

National Reconciliation Week encourages all Australians to learn about the shared histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It connects two significant dates and milestones in Australia's history and in the reconciliation journey; 27 May the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and 3 June — *Mabo Day*.



NAIDOC WEEK HELD IN JULY EACH YEAR

NAIDOC Week is a week that celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is celebrated widely within Indigenous communities and by all Australians and provides a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during *NAIDOC Week* and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

9 AUGUST

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was first proclaimed by the United Nations in 1994 and promotes the protection and rights of Indigenous peoples and celebrates their culture and achievements.

www.un.org

MALLANBOOL RESERVE INTERPRETIVE WALK



Mallanbool Reserve is a cultural and botanical park located on the corner of Leila and Murrumbeena Roads, Murrumbeena. Walkers can go on a journey to learn about the Aboriginal Kulin community who were the original inhabitants of the land. The cultural trail outlines the Kulin way of life of harvesting plants, fishing and hunting. The botanical element of the trail outlines the native plant life that was abundant prior to European settlement. A series of descriptive signs includes:

- Kulin — the people of the land;
- the arrival of ngamudji, the white settlers;
- women's business;
- land management; and
- the effects of european settlement.

For a copy of the signs or to download the Mallanbool Reserve short walks brochure, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Mallanbool-Reserve