

Diversity Calendar 2010



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Event	Date	Description
February		
Chinese New Year	12-28 February	Celebrating the year of the tiger 2010. “Kung Hei Fat Choy”
March		
International Women’s Day	8 March	International Women’s Day celebrates the economic and social achievements of women past, present and future. Annually IWD is recognised all over the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements.
Harmony Day	21 March	Celebrated annually, Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. The key message of Harmony Day is that Everyone Belongs. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
Seniors Week [NSW & ACT]	21-28 March	Seniors Week is a special time of celebrations for seniors in all states and territories. It recognises the valuable contributions seniors all over Australia make to our community.
April		
National Youth Week	10 – 18 April	A week to celebrate the importance of our youth filled with activities and events to showcase their talents and issues.
May		
Mothers day	9 May	A day dedicated to the recognition of mother and their contributions to our families and communities.
National Families Week	15 – 21 May	A week to promote the diversity of our families, to celebrate our families and to heighten awareness about family issues in our communities.

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June

Men's Health Week 14 – 20 June Men's Health Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness of important male specific health issues. It celebrates the contribution men make to family, work and the community, but reminds us that men don't need to "tough it out" or "go it alone".

World Refugee Day 20 June Refugee Day provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

July

NAIDOC Week 4 -11 July NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Island Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

August

Breastfeeding Week 1 – 7 August World Breastfeeding Week is an initiative of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA). World Breastfeeding Week is the greatest outreach vehicle for the breastfeeding movement, being celebrated in over 120 countries.

September

Fathers Day 5 September A day dedicated to the recognition of fathers and their contributions to our families and communities.

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October

Seniors Week [VIC]	4 – 11 October	Seniors Week is a special time of celebrations for seniors in all states and territories. It recognises the valuable contributions seniors all over Australia make to our community.
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National Carers Week	TBA	A week in recognition of the crucial role of carers in our communities.
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World Mental Health Day	14 October	Mental Health Day is an opportunity to celebrate good mental health; it is also an opportunity to bring attention to the challenges of living with a mental illness.
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December

International Human Rights Day	10 December	This year will mark the 62 nd year since the adoption of a declaration of Universal Human Rights. It is an annual reminder to continue to embrace diversity and end discrimination and act to help people learn about their rights.
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