



Calendar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural events 2011

National Sorry Day - 26 May

National Sorry Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to acknowledge the impact of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

National Reconciliation Week - 27 May - 3 June

Reconciliation Week is a time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation, and to think about turning around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mabo Day - 3 June

Mabo Day is a particularly significant day for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The day marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's judgement in the 1992 Mabo case.

Coming of the Light Festival - 1 July

The day Torres Strait Islanders both in the Strait and on mainland Australia commemorate, with religious and cultural ceremonies, the day in 1871 when the London Missionary Society first arrived in the Torres Strait.

Naidoc Week - 1st week in July

National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in various fields.

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day - 1 August

First observed in 1988 each year, this day is marked with a special theme each year.

International Day of the World's Indigenous People - 9 August

A day marked to recognise indigenous history, culture, language, rights and aspirations throughout the world. It is celebrated with activities highlighting indigenous Peoples and their culture.