



News of the week

# National Reconciliation Week: 27 May - 3 June 2024

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Monday 27 May is the start of National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Find out how you can be involved at the ACMA and eSafety.

## **2024 theme: 'Now more than ever'**

The theme for [National Reconciliation Week](#) (NRW) 2024 is 'Now More Than Ever'. It is a reminder to us that we need to continue to advocate for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Now more than ever, the work continues. In treaty making, in truth-telling, in understanding our history, in education, and in tackling racism.

We need connection. We need respect. We need action. And we need change.

## Significant dates

- **Sunday 26 May, National Sorry Day**  
[National Sorry Day](#) precedes NRW. On this day we remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, known as the Stolen Generation. This day reminds us that historical injustice remains an ongoing source of intergenerational trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and peoples.
- **Monday 27 May, 1967 referendum anniversary**  
The first day of NRW marks the anniversary of the [1967 referendum](#). Australians voted overwhelmingly to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the national census and allowed the Commonwealth Parliament to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, rather than individual states.
- **Monday 3 June, Mabo Day**  
The final day of NRW marks [Mabo Day](#), the anniversary of the [High Court's historic judgment](#) in the 1992 Mabo case. [Eddie Mabo](#) is celebrated for helping to overturn 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no-one) in a 10-year campaign through the courts.

## Participate in NRW at the ACMA and eSafety

### Walk on Country

ACMA and eSafety staff are invited to join one of the Walk on Country walking tours, hosted by land groups, in each of our locations.

These walks are intended to honour Indigenous culture, history, and perspectives while promoting understanding, respect, and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It's an opportunity to actively engage in the process of reconciliation, acknowledging past injustices and working towards a shared future based on mutual respect and understanding.

### How to register

You will need to get your managers approval to attend, including travel time. Book your place via the Learnhub links below:

- [Kulin Nation, Melbourne](#): 11am - 12pm, Tuesday 4 June, Royal Botanic Gardens
- [Eora Nation, Sydney](#): 10:30am - 12pm, Thursday 13 June, Barangaroo
- [Ngunnawal Country, Canberra](#) 11am - 12pm, Wednesday 29 May, National Arboretum

Get in quick to guarantee your spot!

### **Jawun Secondee Panel**

Join us for an all-staff Q&A panel event where [REDACTED], discusses the experiences of our [Jawun APS Secondment Program](#) secondees [REDACTED] on Tuesday 28 May at 2:30pm. Look out for your invite in your inbox!

### **MS Teams background**

You can show your support for NRW by using the official NRW MS Teams background. To upload the background: right click and save the image below, then in MS Teams, go into 'background and effects' and select the picture, then click 'apply'.



## Cultural training

Undertake any of the cultural training programs available on Learnhub:

- [SBS Inclusion Program – Cultural Diversity Course](#)
- [Core Cultural Learning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness](#)
- [Cultural Capability Hub | Australian Public Service Academy \(apsacademy.gov.au\)](#)

## Local events

There are events happening all over Australia to celebrate NRW. [Check out what's on in your area.](#)

## Ongoing engagement and opportunities

### Cultural leave

Did you know our First Nations employees can access cultural leave? Find out more in the [ACMA Enterprise Agreement 2024-2027](#).

### Reconciliation Action Plan

Last year the ACMA launched its inaugural [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (RAP). Find out more about this and other ways that you can incorporate and support reconciliation at the ACMA and eSafety at [Our Reconciliation Journey](#).

### Your ideas

The ACMA's awareness days and events are managed by a small team who might not have the lived experience or expertise to deliver culturally appropriate activities and events. Your input and ideas are welcome to ensure the diverse workforce of the ACMA and eSafety is included. Please contact [HR Assist](#) if you would like to be involved in upcoming awareness days or have ideas for fostering a more inclusive workplace.

You can also read more on [our new Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#).