

## Event and Celebration Ideas

### Official ceremonies

- Welcome to Country
- Flag Raising Ceremony
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Affirmation Ceremony
- Award Ceremony

Most Local Government organisations have a range of Australia Day Awards. The Australian of the Year and Order of Australia Awards are also announced on Australia Day. Your club, school, organisation could create its own Australia Day awards (e.g. Local Legends, Aussie of the Year).

### Community Activities

- Invite members of your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to participate
- Hold a photographic exhibition or competition
- Show some Australian short films or have a film making competition
- Create your own Australia Day postcards
- Hold a best dressed competition, display or fashion parade (hats, historic costumes, Australian designers)
- Have a gardening competition or floral displays
- Award a prize for the best decorated cake or greatest Aussie food platters
- Invite local talent to perform at an event (musicians, dancers, poets, story tellers) and hold an Australia Day themed concert
- Stage a debate along an "Australia Day" theme
- Include fun Australia-themed competitions in your event such as boomerang throwing, gumboot throwing, egg and spoon races, yarn-spinning, thong throws.
- There is a lot of Australia Day themed food to be included in a breakfast, morning or afternoon tea e.g. Big Aussie BBQ, damper, picnic, bush tucker tastings, lamingtons, pavlova, meat pies, sausage sizzle
- Heritage or local history tours, walks, talks or displays
- Sporting tournaments or Aussie sporting events, like backyard cricket rules or touch footy
- Hold a bush dance
- Displays by emergency services and other community based organisations
- Family Tree research opportunities and events
- Showcase your multicultural community - activities, music performances, food, workshops, voices.
- Create a time capsule
- Hold a treasure hunt
- Tree planting
- Demonstrations and displays– e.g. sheep shearing, whip cracking, vintage cars, things unique to your community.
- Sculptures – e.g. sand, vegetables, iconic landmarks

## Children's Activities

- Animal farms and displays – e.g. sheep shearing, sheep dog demonstrations
- Face painting
- Jumping castles
- Hold a pool party
- Kite flying in the park or on the beach
- Set up amusement rides
- Damper cooking classes
- Art and craft activities – e.g. lantern making, colour in Australia themed pictures, kite making
- Put on some short shows – e.g. puppet show, music, dance
- Hold a talent quest
- Have a colouring in competition (you can find some picture templates here)

## Youth Activities

- Battle of the Bands or Australian Idol type event
- Aussie sports tournament
- Essay competition, writing
- Paint a Mural wall, either temporary or permanent
- Hold a pool party
- Street theatre, music or dance performances
- Skateboarding or BMX displays
- Photography and film classes

## Activities for Seniors

- Hold an arts and crafts exhibition
- Australiana quiz
- Australia Day themed morning or afternoon teas, lunches or dinners
- Gardening or floral displays
- Photography or painting classes
- Australian music concerts, recitals, morning melodies

## Workplace Activities

- Register for 'Australia Day in the Office'
- Hold a morning tea, afternoon tea or BBQ
- Decorate the workplace with Australia Day flags and merchandise