

Department of Health 2018 Calendar of Events

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Please note that all event requests should be related to major National health events and are subject to review prior to being listed on the calendar.

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To have an event considered for inclusion, or to update an entry, please complete the [calendar of events form](#).

2018 Dates	Event	Location	Organisation
Month of February	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	Nationwide	<u>Ovarian Cancer Australia</u>
Month of February	Don't Wait Until It's Too Late	Nationwide	<u>Bowel Cancer Australia</u>
4-10 February	Tube Feeding Awareness Week	Nationwide	ausEE.Inc
25 February – 03 March	World Hearing Day and Hearing Awareness Week in Australia	Nationwide	<u>Hearing Awareness Week</u>
11-18 March	Multiple Birth Awareness Week	Nationwide	<u>Australian Multiple Birth Association</u>
13-19 March	Brain Awareness Week	Worldwide	<u>Brain Foundation</u>
14 March	Swallowing Awareness Day	Nationwide	<u>Speech Pathology Australia</u>
20 March	World Oral Health Day	Worldwide	<u>Gold Coast Oral Health Service</u>
21 March	UN World Down Syndrome Day	Worldwide	<u>Down Syndrome Australia</u>
24 March	World Tuberculosis Day	Worldwide	<u>World Health Organisation</u>
26 March	Purple Day	Nationwide	<u>Epilepsy foundation</u>
Month of April	Fabry Awareness Month	Worldwide	<u>Fabry Australia</u>
7 April	World Health Day	Worldwide	<u>World Health Organisation</u>
8 April	Healthy Hips Day	Nationwide	Healthy Hips Australia Ltd.
11 April	World Parkinson's Day	Worldwide	<u>Parkinson's Australia</u>
13 April	FND Awareness Day	Worldwide	<u>FND Hope</u>

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15-21 April	Osteopathy Awareness Week	Worldwide	Osteopath Australia
16-22 April	National Advance Care Planning Week	Nationwide	Advance Care Planning Australia
22 April – 24 June	Memory Walk & Jog	Nationwide	https://www.dementia.org.au/
24-30 April	World Immunisation Week	Worldwide	World Health Organization
Month of May	Lung Health Awareness Month	Nationwide	Lung Foundation Australia
5-12 May	Motherless Daughters Awareness Week	Nationwide	Motherless Daughters Australia
8 May	National Amyloidosis Day	Worldwide	Adam Gardiner Fund INC.
10 May	World Lupus Day	Nationwide	Lupus Foundation
12 May	International ME/CFS Awareness Day	Worldwide	ME/CFS and Lyme Association of WA, Inc.
13-20 May	Pneumonia Awareness Week	Nationwide	Lung Foundation Australia
14-18 May	National Prevention of Prescription Medication Dependence Week	Nationwide	Script Wise
16 May	Hae Day	Worldwide	HAE Australasia Ltd
20-26 May	National Palliative Care Week	Nationwide	Palliative Care Australia
20-27 May	Schizophrenia Awareness Week	Nationwide	Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia
21-28 May	Exercise Right Week 2018	Nationwide	Exercise & Sports Science Australia

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30 May	World MS Day	Worldwide	MS Australia
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Worldwide	World Health Organisation
27 May – 2 June	Cancer Research Awareness Week	Worldwide	Cure Cancer Australia Foundation
Month of June	<u>Bowel Cancer Awareness Month</u>	Nationwide	Bowel Cancer Australia
Month of June	National Burns Awareness Month	Nationwide	Kidsafe Australia
2-8 June	Haemochromatosis Awareness Week	Nationwide	Haemochromatosis Australia
3 June	World Clubfoot Day	Worldwide	Ponseti International
11-17 June	2018 Infant Mental Health Awareness Week Australia	Nationwide	Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Inc
20 June	Red Apple Day	Nationwide	Bowel Cancer Australia
18-24 June	World Continence Week	Worldwide	Continence Foundation of Australia
7-14 July	ASK-Y Awareness Week	Nationwide	https://www.asky.squarespace.com
8-14 July	National Diabetes Week	Nationwide	Diabetes Australia
15-21 July	Wounds Awareness Week	Nationwide	Wounds Australia
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Worldwide	World Health Organisation
Month of August	Tradies National Health Month	Nationwide	Australian Physiotherapy Association
1-7 August	World Breastfeeding Week	Worldwide	World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action

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8 August	Top 8 Challenge Day	Nationwide	ausEE.Inc
8 August	Dying To Know Day	Nationwide	The GroundSwell Project
5-11 August	National EOS Awareness Week	Nationwide	ausEE.Inc
6–13 August	Dental Health Week	Nationwide	Australian Dental Association
19-25 August	Speech Pathology Week 2018	Nationwide	Speech Pathology Australia
20-25 August	Be Medicinewise Week	Nationwide	NPS Medicinewise
20-26 August	Natural Fertility Awareness Week	Nationwide	The Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia Ltdce
24-31 August	22q Awareness	Nationwide	VCFS 22q11 Foundation INC
Month of September	Prostate Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia
Month of September	International Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	http://www.anzgog.org.au
Month of September	Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness month	Worldwide	Kicking Hirschsprungs In the bum
Month of September	Therapy Dog Awareness Month	Nationwide	DELTA SOCIETY AUSTRALIA
3-10 September	Stroke Week	Nationwide	Stroke Foundation
9-15 September	Women's Health Week	Nationwide	Jean Hailes for Women's Health
13 September	World Sepsis Day	Worldwide	Australian Sepsis Network
14-21 September	Dystonia Awareness Week	Nationwide	https://www.dystonia.org.au/

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17-23 September	AF Awareness Week	Worldwide	http://www.hearts4heart.org.au
22-30 September	Veterans' Health Week	Nationwide	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Month of October	Shoctober - Defibrillator Awareness Month	Nationwide	Cardiac Arrest Survival Foundation
Month of October	Polio Awareness Month	Nationwide	Polio Australia
4 -11 October	National Amputee Awareness Week	Nationwide	Limbs 4 Life
1-7 October	Sleep Awareness Week	Nationwide	Sleep Health Foundation
10 October	World Mental Health Day	Worldwide	World Health Organisation
12 October	World Sight Day	Worldwide	Vision 2020 Australia
20 October	World Osteoporosis Day	Worldwide	Osteoporosis Australia
21 October	International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action	Worldwide	The LEAD Group Inc
21-27 October	Foot Health Week	Nationwide	Australian Podiatry Association
29 Oct to 4 Nov	Blue Knot Day	Nationwide	Blue Knot Foundation
Month of November	ALPHA-1 Awareness Month	Nationwide	Alpha-1 Association of Australia
Month of November	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	Pancreatic Cancer Alliance
Month of November	Epilepsy Awareness Month	Worldwide	Epilepsy WA
Month of November	CRPS Awareness Month	Worldwide	The Purple Bucket Foundation Inc.
2 November	Healthy Hips Day	Nationwide	Healthy Hips Australia Ltd

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4 November	World Parkinson's day	Worldwide	Parkinson's Australia
11-17 November	Perinatal Depression & Anxiety Awareness Week	Nationwide	PANDA - Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Australia
12-18 November	World Antibiotic Awareness Week	Worldwide	NPS MedicineWise
Month of December	<u>Decembeard</u>	Nationwide	<u>Bowel Cancer Australia</u>
1 December	World Aids Day	Worldwide	<u>World AIDS Day Australia</u>
12 December	National Wear Red Day	Nationwide	Heart Research Australia
18 – 24 December	National Skin Cancer Action Week	Nationwide	Cancer Council Australia