

2018

CALENDAR OF CALD CELEBRATIONS IN VICTORIA

Being aware of these dates can contribute to make your workplace welcoming to CALD consumers and to develop your profile in CALD communities by connecting with events in your area.

For more specific month by month information, check the Harmony Day Calendar of Cultural and Religious Dates:

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/events/calendar/>

Local festivals are marked in **pink**

Month		Celebration	CALD community
JAN	6 Jan	Republic Day	India
	7 Jan	Orthodox Christmas	Ethiopia, Egypt, Greece, Russia
	18 Jan	Independence Day	Myanmar (Burma)
FEB	4 Feb	Independence Commemoration Day	Sri Lanka
	15 Feb	Tet (Vietnamese Lunar New Year)	Vietnam
	16 Feb	Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)	China & Chinese diaspora
	24 Feb	Geelong Pako Festa	Multicultural
	25 Feb	Whittlesea Colour Carnival (Holi and Colour Fun Run)	Multicultural
MARCH	2 March	Holi (Hindu Festival of Colours)	Hindu
	3 March	Wyndham Holi 2018	
	6 March	Independence Day	Ghana
	18 March	Carrum Downs Telugu, Kannada, Marathi New Year	Hindu
	18-25 March	Cultural Diversity Week. List of events can be found on https://culturaldiversityweek.vic.gov.au	Multicultural
	21 March	Nowruz (Persian New Year)	Afghanistan, Iran, Kurds
	21 March	Harmony Day (check for local Harmony Day events https://www.harmony.gov.au/events/)	Multicultural
	25 March	Independence Day	Greece
	30 March - 7 April	Pesach/Passover	Jewish
APRIL	1 Apr	Assyrian New Year (Kha b-Nisan)	Assyrian (Iraq, Syria)
	6-8 Apr	Orthodox Easter	Ethiopia, Egypt, Greece, Russia
	17 Apr	National Day	Syria
	27 Apr	Independence Day	Sierra Leone, Togo
	28 Apr	Vaisakhi celebrations, Federation Square	Sikh (India, mainly Punjab)
	30 Apr	Buddhist New Year	Buddhist

MAY	3 May	National Day	Poland
	7-13 May	National Volunteer Week	
	15 May	Ramadan (starts at sunset on 15 May)	Muslim
	20 May	Restoration of Independence	Timor-Leste
	24 May	Independence Day	Eritrea
JUNE	1 June	Independence Day	Samoa
	12 June	Independence Day	Philippines
	15 June	Eid al Fitr (end of Ramadan)	Muslim
	17-23 June	Refugee Week	Multicultural
	20 June	World Refugee Day	
	30 June	Independence Day	Congo DRC (Kinshasa)
JULY	1 July	National Day	Somali
	9 July	Independence Day	South Sudan
AUG	4 Aug	Constitution Day	Cook Islands
	15 Aug	National Day	India
	15 Aug	Independence Day	Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)
	17 Aug	Proclamation of Independence	Indonesia
	19 Aug	Independence Day	Afghanistan
	31 Aug	National Day	Malaysia
SEPT	10 Sep	Rosh Hashana	Jewish
	11 Sep	Ethiopian New Year	Ethiopia
	16 Sep	Independence Day	PNG
	19 Sep	Yom Kippur	Jewish
	21 Sep	Independence Day	Malta
OCT	1 Oct	National Day	Nigeria
	10 Oct	National Day	Fiji
	25 Oct	Drop the Jargon Day	
	29 Oct	National Day	Turkey
NOV	4 Nov	National Day	Tonga
	7 Nov	Diwali/Deepavali	India
	9 Nov	Independence Day	Cambodia
	22 Nov	Independence Day	Lebanon
DEC	17 Dec	National Day	Bhutan
	18 Dec	International Migrants Day	