

FIRST NATIONS CALENDAR OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

JANUARY

Day of Mourning (Sunday before 26th January)

FEBRUARY

13 National Apology Day: Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations (2008)

MARCH

19 National Close the Gap Day (Indigenous Health)

APRIL

5 Bringing Them Home Report (1997) Sir Ronald Wilson

15 Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Report (1991)

MAY

21 - 28 5th Assembly resolves to proceed to develop a Covenant UAICC & UCA (1988)

26 National Sorry Day (National Day of Healing)

27 Anniversary of referendum to grant citizen rights to Indigenous Australians (1967)

Anniversary of the Uluru Statement from the Heart gifted to the Australian People (2017)

26 - 1 June 4th Assembly UCA establishes UAICC (1985).

27-3 June National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

1 Reconciliation Day

3 Mabo Day (1992)

11 **Barunga Statement PM Hawke promises Treaty (1998)**

JULY

1 **Federal Government adopts Woodward Report to hand back Aboriginal Reserves to First peoples (1974)**

12 **NAIDOC Week**

10 **7th Assembly Covenant signed UCA & UAICC (1994)**

8- 14 **15th Assembly recognises First Peoples as sovereign (2018)**

15 - 21 **12th Assembly of UCA adopts a new Constitutional preamble recognising First Peoples (2009)**

AUGUST

First Peoples met at Crystal Creek and agreed to form the National Black Congress. (August 1982)

At Galiwin'ku Elcho Is Arnhemland NT the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress held its inaugural meeting. (August 1983)

4 **National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day**

9 **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**

14 **Yirrkala Bark Petition recognised by Australian Parliament (1963)**

SEPTEMBER

The UCA formally apologises for its part in the "stolen generation" policy (September 1996)

13 **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

DECEMBER

21 **Native Title Bill passed by the Senate (1993)**

23 **Wik Decision (Native Title - 1996)**



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