**Department of Health**
**2016 Calendar of Events**

This calendar has been compiled by the Communication Branch of the Australian Government Department of Health and is available on the internet on the Department of Health website

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.

| 2016 Dates | Event | Location | Organisation |
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| Month of February | REDFEB Heart Research Month | Worldwide | Heart Research Australia |
| 04 February | World Cancer Day | Worldwide | Union for International Cancer Control |
| 7-13 February | Feeding Tube Awareness Week | Nationwide | ausEE Inc |
| 14 February | Heart Research Day | Nationwide | Heart Research Australia |
| 26 February | Wear Red Day | Nationwide | Heart Research Australia |
| 09 March | National Day of Women Living with HIV Australia | Nationwide | National Association of People with HIV Australia |
| 10 March | World Kidney Day | Worldwide | Kidney Health Australia |
| 13-20 March | Coeliac Awareness Week | Nationwide | Coeliac Australia |
| 22 March | National Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day | Nationwide | Lynch Syndrome Australia |
| 7 April | World Health Day | Worldwide | World Health Organisation |
| 10-16 April | Healthy Hips Week for hip dysplasia awareness | Nationwide | Healthy Hips Australia Ltd |
| 11 April | Pause4Parkinson's/World Parkinson's Day | Nationwide | Shake It Up Australia |
| 17-26 April | Osteopathic Healthcare Week | Worldwide | Osteopathy Australia |
| 24-30 April | World Immunisation Week | Worldwide | World Health Organsiation |
| 25-29 April | Patient Experience Week | Nationwide | Health Consumers' Council (WA) Inc |
| Month of May | Thyroid Awareness Month | Worldwide | Thyroid Foundation |
| Month of May | 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis | Nationwide | Cystic Fibrosis Australia |
| 1-7 May | Australian Brain Cancer Action Week | Nationwide | Brain Tumour Alliance Australia Inc |
| 2 May | SUIT UP! For science! | Nationwide | The Centenary Institute |
| 3 May | World Asthma Day | Worldwide | National Asthma Council Australia |
| 9-15 May | Pneumonia Awareness Week | Nationwide | Lung Foundation Australia |
| 10 May | World Lupus Day | Worldwide | Lupus Foundation |
| 12 May | International ME/CFS Awareness Day | Worldwide | ME/CFS and Lyme Association of WA, Inc. |
| 15-21 May | Food Allergy Week | Nationwide | Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia |
| 16 May | Hae Day | Worldwide | HAE Australasia Ltd |
| 19 May | World IBD Day | Worldwide | The Gut Foundation<br>Crohn's & Colitis Australia |
| 20 May | World Autoimmune Arthritis Day | Worldwide | World Autoimmune Arthritis Day<br>International Foundation for Autoimmune Arthritis |
| 22 May | Kidney Health Week | Nationwide | Kidney Health Australia (The Australian |

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| | | | Kidney Foundation) |
| 22-28 May | Macular Degeneration Week | Nationwide | Macular Degeneration Foundation Australia |
| 22-28 May | National Palliative Care Week | Nationwide | Palliative Care Australia |
| 23-29 May | Exercise Right Week | Nationwide | Exercise & Sports Science Australia |
| 25 May | World MS Day | Worldwide | Multiple Sclerosis Australia |
| 31 May | World No Tobacco Day | Worldwide | World Health Organization |
| Month of June | Bowel Cancer Awareness Month | Nationwide | Bowel Cancer Australia |
| Month of June | CMV Awareness Month | Nationwide | Congenital CMV Association of Australia |
| Month of June | National Burns Awareness Month | Nationwide | Julian Burton Burns Trust |
| Month of June | Lipoedema Awareness Month | Worldwide | Lipoedema Support Society Inc. |
| 1-7 June | DES Awareness Week | Nationwide | DES Action |
| 5 June | MS Walk + Fun Run | Nationwide | Multiple Sclerosis Limited |
| 5 June | National Day of Real Play | Nationwide | Nature Play |
| 12-18 June | National Blood Donor Week | Nationwide | Australian Red Cross Blood Service |
| 22 June | Red Apple Day | Nationwide | Bowel Cancer Australia |
| 20-26 June | World Continence Week | Worldwide | Continence Foundation Australia |
| 4-10 July | Sleep Awareness Week | Nationwide | Sleep Foundation |
| 7 July | ASK-Y National Awareness Day | Nationwide | ASK-Y (Against the Silent Killer of the Young) |
| 10-16 July | National Diabetes Week | Nationwide | Diabetes Australia |
| 22 July | National Pyjama Day | Nationwide | The Pyjama Foundation |
| 25-31 July | National Pain Week | Nationwide | Chronic Pain Australia |
| 28 July | World Hepatitis Day | Worldwide | Hepatitis Australia |
| 30 July | Gastroschisis Awareness Day | Worldwide | Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation |
| 31 July – 07 Aug | DonateLife Week | Nationwide | Organ and Tissue Authority |
| 1-7 August | Healthy Bones Action Week | Nationwide | Dairy Australia |
| 1-7 August | World Breastfeeding Week | Worldwide | World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action |
| 1-8 August | Dental Health Week | Nationwide | Australian Dental Association |
| 7-13 August | National EOS Awareness Week | Nationwide | ausEE Inc |
| 5 August | Jeans for Genes Day | Nationwide | Jeans for Genes Australia |

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| 8 August | Dying To Know Day | Worldwide | The GroundSwell Project |
| 8 August | Top 8 Challenge Day | Nationwide | ausEE Inc |
| 8-14 August | Haemochromatosis Awareness Week | Nationwide | Haemochromatosis Australia |
| 15-21 August | Natural Fertility Awareness Week | Nationwide | The Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia Ltd |
| 21 August to 13 November | The Bloody Long Walk National Series | Nationwide | Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation |
| 22-28 August | VCFS 22q11.2 Awareness Week | Worldwide | VCFS 22q11 Foundation |
| 22-28 August | Be Medicinewise Week | Nationwide | NPS Medicine Wise |
| 26 August | Pink and White for 22q Day | Worldwide | VCFS 22q11 Foundation |
| Month of September | Dementia Awareness Month | Nationwide | Alzheimer's Australia |
| Month of September | Childhood Cancer Awareness Week | Worldwide | THETRUTH365-AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED |
| 1-7 September | National Asthma Awareness Week | Nationwide | Asthma Australia |
| 5-9 September | Women's Health Week | Nationwide | Jean Hailes for Women's Health |
| 5-11 September | Idiopathic Hypersomnia Awareness Week | Nationwide | Hypersomnolence Australia |
| 5-11 September | Be Well Week | Nationwide | Bowel Cancer Australia |
| 8 September | R U OK Day | Nationwide | RU OK |
| 9 September | Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day | Worldwide | NOFASD Australia |
| 10 September | World Suicide Prevention Day | Worldwide | World Health Organisation |
| Month of October | Shoctober (defibrillator awareness month) | Nationwide | Cardiac Arrest Survival Foundation |
| Month of October | Polio Awareness Month | Nationwide | Polio Australia |
| Month of October | Dwarfism Awareness Month | Worldwide | Short Statured People of Australia |
| 10 October | World Mental Health Day | Worldwide | World Health Organisation |

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| 15 October | Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day | Worldwide | Pregnancy Loss Australia |
| 20 October | World Osteoporosis Day | Worldwide | Osteoporosis Australia |
| 22-29 October | 10th International Brain Tumour Awareness Week | Worldwide | Brain Tumour Alliance Australia Inc |
| 23 October | SUDEP Awareness Day | Worldwide | SUDEP Action |
| 23-29 October | International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action | Worldwide | The Lead Education and Abatement Design (LEAD) Group Incorporated |
| Month of November | ALPHA-1 Awareness Month | Nationwide | Alpha-1 Association of Australia |
| 6-12 November | Australian Food Safety Week | Nationwide | Food Safety Information Council |
| 13-19 November | Perinatal Depression and Anxiety (PNDA) Awareness Week | Nationwide | PANDA – Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia |
| 14 November | World Diabetes Day | Worldwide | Diabetes Australia |
| 14-20 November | Antibiotic Awareness Week | Nationwide | NPS Medicine Wise |
| 16 November | World COPD Day | Worldwide | Lung Foundation Australia |
| 20-26 November | National Skin Cancer Action Week | Nationwide | Cancer Council Australia |
| Month of December | Decembeard | Nationwide | Bowel Cancer Australia |
| 1 December | World Aids Day | Worldwide | World AIDS Day Australia |