

## 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](#).

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

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| 15-21 April       | Osteopathy Awareness Week                                      | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Osteopath Australia</a>                     |
| 16-22 April       | <a href="#">National Advance Care Planning Week</a>            | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Advance Care Planning Australia</a>         |
| 24-30 April       | World Immunisation Week  | Worldwide       | <a href="#">World Health Organisation</a>               |
| Month of May      | Lung Health Awareness Month                                    | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Lung Foundation Australia</a>               |
| 5-12 May          | Motherless Daughters Awareness Week                            | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Motherless Daughters Australia</a>          |
| 8 May             | National Amyloidosis Day                                       | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Adam Gardiner Fund INC.</a>                 |
| 10 May            | World Lupus Day  | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Lupus Foundation</a>                        |
| 12 May            | International ME/CFS Awareness Day                             | Worldwide       | <a href="#">ME/CFS and Lyme Association of WA, Inc.</a> |
| 13-20 May         | Pneumonia Awareness Week                                       | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Lung Foundation Australia</a>               |
| 14-18 May         | National Prevention of Prescription Medication Dependence Week | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Script Wise</a>                             |
| 16 May            | Hae Day  | Worldwide       | <a href="#">HAE Australasia Ltd</a>                     |
| 20-26 May         | National Palliative Care Week                                  | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Palliative Care Australia</a>               |
| 20-27 May         | Schizophrenia Awareness Week                                   | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia</a>  |
| 21-28 May         | Exercise Right Week 2018                                       | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Exercise &amp; Sports Science Australia</a> |
| 30 May            | World MS Day   | Worldwide       | <a href="#">MS Australia</a>                            |
| 31 May            | World No Tobacco Day   | Worldwide       | <a href="#">World Health Organisation</a>               |

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| 27 May – 2 June   | Cancer Research Awareness Week                     | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Cure Cancer Australia Foundation</a>                    |
| Month of June     | <u>Bowel Cancer Awareness Month</u>                | Nationwide      | <u>Bowel Cancer Australia</u>                                       |
| 2-8 June          | Haemochromatosis Awareness Week                    | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Haemochromatosis Australia</a>                          |
| 11-17 June        | 2018 Infant Mental Health Awareness Week Australia | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Inc</a> |
| 20 June           | Red Apple Day                                      | Nationwide      | <u>Bowel Cancer Australia</u>                                       |
| 18-24 June        | World Continence Week                              | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Continence Foundation of Australia</a>                  |
| 8-14 July         | National Diabetes Week                             | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Diabetes Australia</a>                                  |
| 15-21 July        | Wounds Awareness Week                              | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Wounds Australia</a>                                    |
| 28 July           | World Hepatitis Day                                | Worldwide       | <u>World Health Organisation</u>                                    |
| 5- 11             | National EOS Awareness Week                        | Nationwide      | <a href="#">ausEE.Inc</a>   |
| 6–13 August       | Dental Health Week                                 | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Australian Dental Association</a>                       |
| 8 August          | Top 8 Challenge Day                                | Nationwide      | <a href="#">ausEE.Inc</a>   |
| 8 August          | Dying To Know Day                                  | Nationwide      | <u>The GroundSwell Project</u>                                      |
| 19-25 August      | Speech Pathology Week 2018                         | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Speech Pathology Australia</a>                          |
| 20-25 August      | Be Medicinewise Week                               | Nationwide      | <a href="#">NPS Medicinewise</a>                                    |
| 24-31 August      | 22q Awareness                                      | Nationwide      | <a href="#">VCFS 22q11 Foundation INC</a>                           |

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| Month of September | Prostate Cancer Awareness Month                        | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia</a>              |
| 3-10 September     | Stroke Week  | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Stroke Foundation</a>                                    |
| 9-15 September     | Women's Health Week                                    | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Jean Hailes for Women's Health</a>                       |
| 13 September       | World Sepsis Day                                       | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Australian Sepsis Network</a>                            |
| 22-30 September    | Veterans' Health Week                                  | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Department of Veterans' Affairs</a>                      |
| Month of October   | Shoctober - Defibrillator Awareness Month              | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Cardiac Arrest Survival Foundation</a>                   |
| Month of October   | Polio Awareness Month                                  | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Polio Australia</a>                                      |
| 1-7 October        | Sleep Awareness Week                                   | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Sleep Health Foundation</a>                              |
| 10 October         | World Mental Health Day                                | Worldwide       | <a href="#">World Health Organisation</a>                            |
| 20 October         | World Osteoporosis Day                                 | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Osteoporosis Australia</a>                               |
| 21 October         | International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action | Worldwide       | <a href="#">The LEAD Group Inc</a>                                   |
| Month of November  | ALPHA-1 Awareness Month                                | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Alpha-1 Association of Australia</a>                     |
| Month of November  | Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month                      | Worldwide       | <a href="#">Pancreatic Cancer Alliance</a>                           |
| 11-17 November     | Perinatal Depression & Anxiety Awareness Week          | Nationwide      | <a href="#">PANDA - Perinatal Anxiety &amp; Depression Australia</a> |
| 12-18 November     | <a href="#">World Antibiotic Awareness Week</a>        | Worldwide       | <a href="#">NPS MedicineWise</a>                                     |
| Month of December  | <a href="#">Decembeard</a>                             | Nationwide      | <a href="#">Bowel Cancer Australia</a>                               |

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| 1 December        | World Aids Day        | Worldwide       | <u><a href="#">World AIDS Day Australia</a></u> |
| 12 December       | National Wear Red Day | Nationwide      | <u><a href="#">Heart Research Australia</a></u> |