

REFLECT. RESPECT. CELEBRATE. – WE’RE ALL PART OF THE STORY

Key Messages

Overarching

- Australia Day is a time for all Australians to reflect, respect and celebrate.
- We’re all part of the story of Australia – from those whose ancestors walked on Country for tens of thousands of years to the newest Australian citizens.
- On Australia Day, we reflect on the past, present and future.
- On Australia Day, we listen and respect each other’s stories, contributions and aspirations.
- On Australia Day, we celebrate being Australian together fair and free

Australia Day 2022

- Australia Day 2022 we once again reflect on being surrounded by friends, family and community.
- It is a day to respect that the return of simple pleasures, once taken for granted, have been hard earned.
- Australians are resilient – we roll up our sleeves, help others and unite to overcome any challenge.
- Australia Day is when we celebrate the simple act of being together.

Our history

- On Australia Day we reflect on our past.
- We live on ancient Country, our history began more than 65,000 years ago.
- On Australia Day we reflect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture and how European settlement forever changed how they lived their lives.
- And we celebrate thousands of generations of enduring culture, learning more about the Country we live on and listening to new perspectives on our history.
- On Australia Day we celebrate being part of a proud, ancient, multicultural nation that values the contribution of each and every citizen.

January 26

- Australia Day is a time for all Australians to come together to reflect, respect and celebrate.
 - It is a day to respect that for many, Australia Day represents a difficult time – the interruption of more than 65,000 years of continuous culture and history.
 - Changing the date of Australia Day will not change that history – it is important that we reflect on our nation’s history, to learn from it and to celebrate our ancient history and exciting future.
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The Story of Australia

The Story of Australia features every day Australians reading the lines original poem,
The Story of Australia.

*The story of Australia
Is the story of me
It's the story of you
It's the story of we
In parts it is painful
In parts it is raw
In others it's beautiful
Inspiring great awe
It tells of many people
From far and wide
And those who've been here
Since the beginning of time
It brings us together
And tears us apart
We all have our views
So where do we start?
By listening to each other
And sharing our part.*
