

CHP Events Calendar 2017*

Important weeks and days Conferences (listed at end)

February

20 February

[World Day of Social Justice](#)

Organisation: United Nations

Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

March

8 March

[International Women's Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the contribution and achievements of all women. It is an opportunity to remember the barriers that women have broken through, and the accomplishments they have made despite barriers.

21 March

[Harmony Day](#)

Organisation: Department of Immigration and Citizenship

A day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

31 March

[Neighbour Day](#)

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community held on the last Sunday in March every year. Its aim is to encourage closer, friendlier relationships between neighbours and to strengthen communities.

Phone: 02 8006 0996

April

5-14 April

[National Youth Week](#)

Organisation: Joint Australian, State, Territory and Local Government initiative
National Youth Week is an annual, weeklong celebration of young people (12 to 25) throughout Australia. National Youth Week encourages youths to share ideas, attend events, discuss youth issues, showcase their talents and even have a bit of fun.

Phone: 1300 363 079



Email: nationalyouthweek@deewr.gov.au

9 April

[Youth Homelessness Matters Day \(YHMD\)](#)

Youth Homelessness Matters Day aims to raise awareness and public discussion about youth homelessness so that we can develop sustainable and innovative solutions for not only supporting the needs of homeless youth, but supporting the dreams of homeless youth.

Organisation: National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH)

Email: yhmd@yfoundations.org.au

May

12-18 May

[National Volunteer Week](#)

Organisation: Volunteering Australia
National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer.

15 May

[International Day of Families](#)

Organisation: United Nations
The International Day of Families is an opportunity to raise awareness of issues relating to families in the international community.

June

16-22 June

[Refugee Week](#)

Organisation: The Refugee Council Of Australia
Refugee Week is used to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive

contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

Email: admin@refugeecouncil.org.au

20 June

[World Refugee Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations
World Refugee Day is used to raise awareness of the difficult lives led by refugees.

July

2-9 July

[NAIDOC Week \(2017 Theme 'Our languages matter'\)](#)

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life.

11 July

[World Population Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations
World Population Day serves to both celebrate humanity itself, and to remind us that we need to look after each other and the planet we live on.

August

4-10 August

[Homelessness Week](#)

Organisation: Homelessness Australia
Homelessness Week is an annual awareness raising week to highlight the over 105,000 Australians who are homeless on any given night. Homelessness Australia provides information sheets and resources to support events all around Australia.

9 August

[International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This is a day used to celebrate and recognize the stories, cultures and unique identities of indigenous peoples around the world.

12 August

[International Youth Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Youth Day is a reminder that investment in the world's youth will provide a better future for all.

September

13-14 September

[Victorian Homelessness Conference](#)

NB. Full list of conference is on last page.

October

1 October

[International Day of Older Persons](#)

Organisation: United Nations

The International Day of Older Persons is a celebration of the older people in all societies, and a reminder to continue developing a society for all ages.

5-11 October

[Mental Health Week](#)

Mental Health Week is an annual national awareness event held in October every year. The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the wider community, to increase community awareness and education about mental health issues and to encourage participation in life enhancing lifestyles

10 October

[World Homelessness Day](#)

The concept of 'World Homeless Day' emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world. The purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness

10 October

[World Mental Health Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

World Mental Health Day aims to raise public awareness of mental health issues, and increase understanding of the strain they can place on the individual, their families, friends and communities.

16-22 October

[Anti Poverty Week](#)

Anti-Poverty Week aims to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

17 October

[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

Organisation: United Nations

The UN developed this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries, particularly in developing countries - a need that has become a development priority.

22-30 October

[Children's Week](#)

Organisation: Children's Week Council of Australia

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities.

November

24 Nov – 2 December

[Social Inclusion Week](#)

Created by Dr Jonathon Welch AM, Social Inclusion Week aims to help ensure all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society

25 November

[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This day is a reminder that violence against women should never occur. It is a reminder that the world must continue to eliminate instances of violence against anybody, particularly women.

25 November

[White Ribbon Day](#)

Organisation: White Ribbon Foundation (Australia)

The White Ribbon Campaign aims to raise awareness among Australian men and boys about the roles they can play to prevent violence against women. The campaign calls for men across Australia to speak out and take an oath swearing

never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Email: admin@whiteribbon.org.au

25 November – 10 December

[16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)

A time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

December

3 December

[International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

Organisation: United Nations

This day aims to promote a better understanding of disability issues with a focus on the rights of persons with disabilities and gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life of their communities.

10 December

[Human Rights Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

A day to celebrate the basic rights of all humans, and to remember that many people still have to fight for their human rights.

20 December

[International Human Solidarity Day](#)

Organisation: United Nations

International Human Solidarity Day was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005 as an initiative in the fight against poverty.

Conferences

13-15 February 2017

[National Indigenous Mental Health & Wellbeing Forum](#)

The mental health crisis among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia continues to get worse.

Location: Perth

14-15 February 2017

[National Working with men to tackle family violence](#)

Organisers: Criterion Conferences
Venue: Sydney Boulevard Hotel, 90 William Street, Sydney
Cost: from AUD \$1699

22- 24 February

[40th Annual Fundraising conference](#)

Organisation: Fundraising Institute Australia
Cost: from \$545

31 March

[Homelessness and housing solutions: An AHURI one-day conference](#)

The conference will present the latest AHURI evidence on the homelessness system in Australia, examples of housing solutions for formerly homeless people or those at risk of homelessness and a big picture examination of the support services required to create housing stability for low-income Australians.

Venue: [Brisbane Convention & Exhibition](#)
Registration: \$375 including GST

22-23 June

[Victorian Volunteering Conference](#)

Venue: Rydges Hotel, Melbourne
Organisers: Volunteering Victoria

13-14 September

[Victorian Homelessness Conference](#)

Organisers: Council to Homeless Persons

11-13 October 2017

[9th Australian rural & remote mental health symposium](#)

The 9th Australian Rural & Remote Mental Health Symposium is an initiative of [The Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association](#), a 'not-for-profit' organisation.

Venue: Commercial Club, 618 Dean St, Albury

October (date TBC)

[ACOSS National Conference](#)

Location: Melbourne

29 November – 1 December

[National Housing Conference: Building better lives](#)

Organisers: AHURI in partnership with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services

Venue: International Convention Centre, Sydney

With NSW leading the way in social housing policy reform, NHC 2017 the biggest AHURI conference ever, with more than 1000 delegates from across the country expected to join us in Australia's largest city.