

CHP Events Calendar 2018*

Important weeks and days (conferences listed at end)

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[Our community website](#)



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.

15 March

[Close the Gap Day](#)

National Close the Gap Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of closing the gaps in health, educational and life expectancy that exist between the indigenous and the non-indigenous communities in Australia.

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.

25 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.

Email: information@neighbourday.org

April

13 April – 22 April

[Victorian Youth Week](#) (formerly known as National Youth Week).

A weeklong celebration of young people (12 to 25), Youth Week encourages youths to share ideas, attend events, discuss youth issues, showcase their talents and even have a bit of fun.

15 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

21-27 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

17-23 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

8-15 July

[NAIDOC Week](#) (2018 Theme 'Because of her, we can!')

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 seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues and to remind us that we need to look after each other and the planet we live on.

August

6-12 August

[Homelessness Week](#)

Organisation: Homelessness Australia and Council to Homeless Persons

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

1-30 September

Foster Care Month (to be confirmed)

The primary aim of Foster Care Month is to raise the profile of fostering in the wider community by promoting the great work done by existing substitute care services in both the Government and non-Government sectors. The month also creates an opportunity to focus on the secondary aim of increasing recruitment by highlighting the ongoing need for the recruitment of appropriate foster care families

10 September

[World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

World Suicide Prevention Day is about bringing together communities, researchers, practitioners and politicians, clinicians and those in government, individuals with lived experience and those bereaved by suicide, to demonstrate a commitment to reducing the incidence of suicide in Australia, to raise awareness of this significant national challenge and to share information about ways to effectively take action as individuals and a community.

14 September

[R U OK? Day](#)

Are You Ok Day is an annual national day of action that aims to get Australians, right across the entire spectrum of society, connecting with friends and loved ones, by reaching out to anyone doing it tough and simply asking: "Are you ok?" talking about suicide with someone at risk actually reduces the chances of them taking their life. It is the one thing we can all do to make a real difference. R U OK ? Day is about prevention, preventing little problems turning into big problems

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.

1 October

[World Habitat Day](#)

Organisation: The United Nations

The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

2 October (date TBC)

[International Tenants Day](#)

Organisation: The council of the International Union of Tenants.

On this day throughout the world housing and tenancy issues are promoted and expounded. Issues such as rights for tenants, affordable rental, and tenant participation in all matters related to housing highlight the universality of tenancy.

8-14 October (date TBC)

[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.

14-20 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.

October (dateTBC)

[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

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.

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 Centre 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

[International 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

19-20 February

[5th National Elder Abuse Conference](#)

The 5th National Elder Abuse Conference will be hosted by Seniors Rights Service on the theme, Together making change. Focusing on elder abuse from legal, health, social and policy perspectives, the conference aims to bring together attendees who can work together to make change

Location: Sydney

21-23 February 201

[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

13-14 February 2017

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

Organisers: Criterion Conferences

Location: Sydney

7- 9 March

[FIA Conference 2018](#)

Organisation: Fundraising Institute of Australia

Location: Sydney

15-17 October 2017

[10th 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.

Location: Hobart

October (date TBC)

[ACOSS National Conference](#)

The ACOSS National Conference is the premier community sector event which brings together together key decision makers, practitioners, researchers and people on the front line of social policy and services.

Location: Melbourne



